

HELP ME GROW ADVISORY MEETING

DATE: Jan 14, 2025,

TIME: 10 AM

LOCATION: VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

Members in Attendance	Daphne Evans, Megan Hayes, Jennifer Fromme, Aguida Atkinson, Audrey Cooper, Jamie Naudain, Mary Moor, Vik Vishnubhakta, Jenny Grady, Susan Elizabeth Cordle, Keenon Mann, Daphne Romanelli, Erin Nescott, Maria Shroyer, Annie Norman, Sarah Williams, Debbie Finch, Trinette Redinger- Ramsey, Diane Frentzel, Amy Fox, Emily Thompson, Kristina Horton. Paulina Gyan (Facilitator)
Partners/Guest	Laura Gendreau, Stand By Me, United Way of Delaware
Agenda Item Welcome/Introductions	<i>Paulina Gyan</i> <i>Minutes was reviewed by members and approved by Mary Moor.</i>
Discussion Points	<p>Presentation: Stand By Me – Laura Gendreau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The first half of the meeting was the Stand by Me (SBM) overview. Laura focused on what credit is; the importance of savings; how to budget and then the need to start thinking about retirement. Attached is the PPT presentation for more details. The purpose of the presentation was to ensure HMG members had a better understanding of the SBM program to make referrals to their patients, customers, clients and families. <p>Updates:</p> <p>Data Collection & Analysis: Vikrum Vishubhakta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The DCA team is currently in the data collection phase, gathering the 2024 data. Vik has received granular and aggregate data from the HMG@211; received MCHAT including ASQ and CHADIS data. He plans to report on the HMG 2024 data at the March meeting.Also partnering with Erin Nescott to support the evaluation portion of the HMG Simulation <p>Family & Community Engagement – Daphne Evans Daphne had to leave the meeting to join another so could not share her updates. Below is prior information she had shared via the PPT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed Fall Online Sessions

- Planning Spring & Summer Sessions
- Open to new Partnerships

Centralized Access Point- HMG@211 – Debbie Finch

- HMG@211 staff participated in 45 outreach events for the calendar year. Staff surpassed their performance goal set at 10% by 50%. Home visiting referrals increased by 28% and approximately 4986 Ages and Stages screens were administered for the Birth to Three program.

Health Provider Outreach: Megan Hayes

- Currently working on continuous quality improvement with the Child Find team (early education and Special education) to address issues on FERPA and HIPAA in implementing the CHADIS referral platform.
- Supporting the continued expansion and transition of CHADIS within practices already utilizing the PEDS Online tool. Have had some interest from a couple of clinics such as Bay Health Pediatrics in Milford.
- Early Literacy – reaching out to partners such as the Food Bank and Readiness Teams. Working with the Food Bank to get books (under Reach Out and Read – ROR) for the WIC program to target families when they come in for re-enrolment. DEAAP will be reaching out to partners regarding their community outreach efforts.
- DEAAP annual conference is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9. Will feature Dr. Paul Offit from Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) More details to follow. Megan will send the save-the-date.

Help Me Grow Simulation:

- The HMG simulation will be held to fulfil the networking requirement for fidelity to the HMG model.
- The purpose is to engage child serving providers to have a lasting understanding of the HMG system, how it works and how it can assist families.
- The simulation is an adaptation of the “poverty simulation” initiative which shows the impact of poverty on families. The HMG simulation will rather expose participants to what the HMG system looks like and its activities.
- The event will be held at the Rt. 9 library on March 26. Currently creating a mailing list targeting child-serving providers. Paulina requested members to share any groups/programs they think would be interested in participating.

	<p>HMG Strategic Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are almost at the completion of the strategic planning process. Over the past year, we have had technical assistance from Kimberly Martini-Carvel, of the HMG National center. She has worked with us to identify our theory of change which resulted in a ‘partial’ action plan. • For our next meeting in March, the agenda will focus on completing the action plan to wrap up our strategic plan for the next 3-5 years. <p>HMG Virtual Forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A group of about 8 met to participate virtually in the HMG national forum on December 10th. • Our group participated in breakouts ranging from establishing a family advisory group, building sustainable coalition through shared goals, grassroots advocacy to data for more equity. Below is the link to access the breakout sessions. <p>https://helpmegrownational.org/resources/help-me-grow-national-forum-resources-materials-2024/</p>
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Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Any Other Business and Wrap Up	<p>Partner Updates/Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny Grady, of the Office of Early Childhood Intervention (OECI) informed members of the review and release of 3 resource documents, created in partnership with Learn-the-Signs Act Early and the Readiness Team. • Among the materials is a compendium on where developmental screening occurs across the state and another, targeting parents on the importance of developmental screening. • Diane Frentzel reported on kindergarten registration promotion to families and the fact that they have packets available. Her program is also planning a family outreach event on February 19 at Bally’s. • Maria Shroyer of the WIC program shared new food choices such as canned beans, new grain choices (Quinoa) among others. Maria spoke of staffing challenges the WIC program is experiencing even as

their enrolment increases. She provided (on the zoom chat) county specific emails as the best way to contact the program.

- **Annie Norman** spoke about the Division of Library's 2025 Summer Reading program and shared a sneak peek of their T-Shirt.
- **Erin Nescott** mentioned that the KIDS COUNT program is sourcing pictures for their anniversary so requested members to share photos they have with the program.

NEXT MEETING: May 13, 2025 at 10 am

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