

Family, Friends and Neighbors Steering Committee Call Notes June 13, 2006

Attendance: Jackie Thurnau, Sally Stovall, Vicki McCarty, Toni Porter, Susan Wilkins, Eva Marie Shivers, Elizabeth Iris Rivera, Jackie Thurnau, Justine Strickland

Thank Yous

- Dawn Ramsburg: For informing us about her presentation
- Meeting Committee: For doing such a wonderful job planning
- Eva Marie Shivers: For her work on the proposal

Committee Reports

- Meeting Committee (Rae Anderson and Justine Strickland)
 - Vicky, who is on the Program and Best Practice sub-subcommittee has contacted the people that were suggested
 - They will be meeting later this month
 - Sheltering Arms in Atlanta will provide its site for the meeting free of charge
 - The meeting will be held between 9am-4pm
 - Caterers will provide breakfast, snack and boxed lunch
 - The site is a couple of blocks from the convention center where NAEYC will be
 - Break outs? It is possible to do it. Depends on the logistics of the meeting.
- Research committee (Dawn Ramsburg and Eva Marie Shivers)
 - The research questions have been added to the survey
 - Develop a timeline for a proposal, which will focus on capacity-building for data collection and evaluation in programs for family, friend and neighbor caregivers
 - Informal interviews will be conducted
 - What kinds of data do you gather?
 - What types of data do you wish you were gathering?
 - How much staff do you have to collect data?
- Publications committee (Rena Rice and Donna Harris-Aikens)
 - They intend to work with the Program and Best Practices sub-subcommittee to ask programs that may present at the meeting to draft a 1000-word description of one aspect of their programs for the e-journal
 - Jackie suggested that they look at the program profiles prepared by Sparking Connections

Response to Kids Count essay release

- Placed licensed exempt Family, Friend and Neighbor care under home-based care
- Recommendations include making child care a higher priority; helping parents make good choices; improving technical assistance for programs for family, friend and neighbor caregivers; conducting more research on family, friend and neighbor care; enhancing efforts to integrate family, friend and neighbor care with classroom-based programs; increasing in reimbursement rates, and fostering leadership to enhance awareness at the state and local level

- Draft a letter in response to the recommendations now, read the release and then update the letter to be sent to local newspapers

The next call will be Thursday, July 13th at 2:00 p.m. EST.