*All New Haven children, birth through 8 are healthy, safe, thriving in nurturing families*

*and prepared to be successful lifelong learners.*

Priority # 3 Infants and Toddlers

August 12, 2015

Attending: Judy Eisenberg, Ebony Manning, Tirzah Kemp, Crystal Sessa, Elisabeth Teller, Christina Nelson, Janet Alfano, Gail Ford

* Review of updated survey – The survey was reviewed (via projection). There is a question for each tool (screening or assessment) to determine if the organization uses it. If the tool is used, follow up questions are asked, the same ones for each tool. Edits to be made are below:
  + Question 7 – ASQ should note that the question pertains to the ASQ and not the ASQSE
  + 7b - the first 4 options remain, add the response, “services provided by our organization*”.* Remove not sure and no action taken. The responses will be reordered. Add the question ,” if the screen or assessment results are within normal limits are the parents informed – yes/no”
  + 7c - re when children are being screened – add at intake/assessment; take out age is not determinant, add “screens/ assessments are done at intervals in program design”
  + 7d - “this screening”
  + 7e remove question

A disclaimed will be added in the introduction that this committee and the NHECC are not endorsing any particular tools, and that if any version of the tools identified is used, that the question of its use should be answered affirmatively. We should also be clear that we are looking only at 0 to 3 children’ families.

There was considerable discussion about 7f – re the qualification of the person administering screen and some felt that this question should be removed because the information does not speak directly to the purpose of the survey – to find out what child serving organizations and agencies are screen children 0 to 3 (and families) in New Haven, and what happens after the screen/assessment (in particular if an intervention or service is needed). The final decision will be made at the next meeting.

Janet asked for input on what each tool is, a screen or an assessment so they can be identified correctly on the survey. It was also decided that the general term that we will use is “tool” since it can refer to a screen or assessment. Some changes will be made regarding screens and assessments, for example, instead of MCHAT, we will us autism screen so that it incorporates other tools.

She will make the changes and send the link to the survey back out to the committee for feedback.

5. Next meeting – September 9 at the United Way at 3:00 pm

* + Draft agenda
    - Finalize the survey and plan to pilot it with committee members
    - Engaging pediatricians/Medicaid providers in the importance of screening/assessment– how to reach this community to encourage developmental screening and engaging parents
    - Review the spreadsheet of partners
    - Ebony will bring data that Zero to Three has reported on their state fact sheets for CT