

**EWCT Advisory Committee Meeting Notes  
November 16, 2017 1:00pm – 3:00pm  
March of Dimes, Glastonbury CT**

**In Attendance:** Jordana Frost, Marijane Carey, Marcie Cavacas, Melissa Touma, Mark Keenan, Jennifer Moran, Chantelle Archer, Susan Lane, Michal Klau Stevens; Daileann Hemmings, Marc Camardo, Marcie Cavacas, Kimberly Karanda, Deborah Buxton Morris, Jennifer Morin, Mark Keenan, Faith VosWinkel and Rita Foster, via phone.

Status on Project Activities:	Follow-Up Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natasha Ray and Ashley Clayton will be joining the Advisory Committee.</li> <li>• EWCT is partnering with DMHAS and offering DHMAS sponsored Women’s Specialty programs trainings on One Key Question.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Orientation session was held on May 5</li> <li>○ Implementation session was held on June 2</li> <li>○ A repeat of the PPSNE’s Human Sexuality, Sexual Health, Optimal Birth Spacing and Effective Contraceptive Counseling was held on August 25</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The next Every Woman CT sponsored training will be on trauma informed care.</li>   <li>• During the spring and summer months regional meetings, which offer opportunities to learn from direct service staff about their implementation efforts, were held in New Haven; the Willimantic area; Torrington, Hartford, and Branford. These meetings allowed staff to share and discuss with their colleagues their challenges and successes. Topics shared and discuss at regional meetings included:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There was a discussion around how helpful OKQ is for getting to topics during home visits that otherwise would be hard to initiate. It opens the door in a non-threatening and supportive manner. <i>(Branford)</i></li> <li>○ Home visitors discussed the challenge of working with undocumented women and their families <i>(Branford)</i></li> <li>○ An overview of how data is being collected by New Haven Healthy Start within the national Healthy Start data collection system was shared. <i>(New Haven)</i></li> <li>○ The feasibility of co-hosting with New Haven Healthy Start a Men’s Preconception Health conference is being explored. New Haven Healthy Start has funding to support this conference. The idea of engaging men in focus groups at the conference was mentioned. <i>(New Haven)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>On March 14 a training entitled Trauma-Informed Care Before, During and In-Between Pregnancies was held. It was attended by ~ 80 providers.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The University of Illinois’s PRAM’s questionnaire adopted a father/daughter element.</li> <li>▪ Planned Parenthood of Southern New England has also incorporated a question that asks men about parenting.</li> <li>▪ The Office of Early Childhood also has fatherhood programs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ The need to recognize and address the unique needs of military families, including the impact of deployment, returning from a tour of duty and adjusting to frequent relocations was acknowledged and discussed. <i>(Willimantic)</i></li> <li>○ Participants did a brainstorming session on how to engage other providers in the Southeast region. <i>(Willimantic)</i></li> <li>○ A home visitor shared that women they visit are interested in prenatal vitamins but they can’t afford them. It was mentioned that HUSKY covers prenatal vitamins for pregnant women. Perhaps coverage could be expanded to cover the pre/interconception time frame. <i>(Branford)</i></li> <li>○ Torrington received a grant from a local community foundation for an outreach coordinator for One Key Question. They developed a pre/post assessment tool to identify provider’s knowledge prior to training. Torrington gave permission to share their pre/post surveys. We can share with community leaders. <i>(Torrington)</i></li> <li>○ A local philanthropist is interested in how interventions can have more reach throughout the community. Discussed reaching out to one partner individually (i.e. alumni of African American sororities) and training them as peers to go out into the community and talk about One Key Question. <i>(Hartford)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In New Haven there is a program called Real Life Real Talk. It’s a program for parents through Planned Parenthood of Southern New England. In Hartford they are doing teen/peer education.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Other discussion points/issues addressed at the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We need to address the challenge that many OB/GYN offices are not structured to do screenings, including pregnancy intention. Lack of knowledge of community resources/programs discourages the asking of questions. This dilemma reinforces the important role of care coordinators. They help to guide practices and patients to the services they need but often difficult to find and access. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SIM would understand the need for care coordinators as they recognize and support CHWs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ The Naugatuck Valley Health District sponsors a local MCH Coalition. Members, particularly Griffin Hospital, are interested in working with EWCT.</li> <li>○ EWCT has struggled with how to measure success. There was mention of a Yale study that looked at the effectiveness of Planned Parenthood’s efforts to prevent unintended</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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<p>pregnancies. The study followed a cohort of patients and looked at least to most effective methods of contraception. The study looked at money saved by the state based on averted unintended pregnancies and averted abortions. There was mention of ad hoc evaluations within programs.</p>	
<p><b>Review/update of our 2018 work plan</b></p>	<p><b>Follow-Up Actions</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training opportunities: implicit bias, men’s health, and trauma informed care.</li> <li>• MCH Coalition’s legislative priorities for this session are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Paid Family Medical Leave</li> <li>○ A Universal Housing Maintenance Code</li> </ul> </li> <li>• At the 2017 APHA conference in Atlanta Marijane and Jordana presented EWCT as a collective impact initiative.</li> <li>• Will explore officially adding DSS and DCF to the EWCT Advisory Committee.</li> <li>• On December 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a Hartford screening of ZERO Weeks.</li> <li>• DPH received a SSDI federal grant that includes funding to evaluate OKQ over a five-year period. Evaluation is being done by Dr. Megan Smith at Yale. The first two and half years will focus on a process evaluation, followed in the remaining years of the grant with an outcome evaluation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PPSNE has EMR data that would be helpful toward the evaluation process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Attached is the PP presentation and report that Michal Klau Steven prepared on apps that can support EWCT’s work.</li> </ul>	

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