SE Core Autism Team Meeting  
Connections Initiative  
April 24, 2009  
11:00 – 1:00  
Children’s Corporate Center

Attendance: Nancy Dumas, Lynn Stansberry-Brusnahan, Mary Jean Green, Mary Graczyk-McMullen, Amy Masek, Meg Steimle, Emily Levine, Joel Lashley, Carrie Cianciola, Mary Cimbalnik, Dennis Joyce, Liz Kraniak, Tim Markle, Diane Bazylewicz, Deb Berrang, Jenny Stonemeier, Kirsten Cooper

Absent: Amy Leventhal, Dr. Mackenzie Harris

Introductions:

- **Nancy Dumas**: Coordinates intake for Children’s Long Term Support programs and Children’s Waivers for Milwaukee County. Assists families with process of getting on the Waiting list for intensive in-home therapy.
- **Lynn Stansberry-Brusnahan**: Parent of an 18 year old son with autism. President of ASSEW and on the board of ASW. Currently running for the board of ASA.
- **Mary Jean Green**: Program Administrator of CYSHCN for SE Regional Center.
- **Mary Graczyk-McMullen**: Experience as a Special Education Teacher with kids on the spectrum. 27 years of experience in the field. Works with DPI and universities.
- **Amy Masek**: Parent of a 16 year old son with Autism. Masters in Special Education. Works as Director of Outreach and Development for Wisconsin Early Autism Project to link WEAP to the greater autism community. On the board of ASW. Co-chairs Insurance Now.
- **Meg Steimle**: Background in Birth to Three. Parent of a son with a developmental disability. Currently Outreach Specialist for SE Regional Center of CYSHCN.
- **Emily Levine**: Parent of a 21 year old son with autism and an Auntie to a child with autism. Executive director of ASSEW. Provides trainings to many different groups in the community.
- **Joel Lashley**: Parent to a 23 year old son with autism. Trainer/consultant in crisis management and behavioral challenges for law enforcement and first responders.
- **Carrie Cianciola**: Director of Birth to Three and Play Project for Easter Seals of SE WI. Currently sitting on an internal Autism Committee to re-evaluate services provided to children with ASD at Easter Seals.
• Mary Cimbalnik – 20 years of experience in the Pewaukee School District. Currently the director of special education and plans to retire this year. Also part of the WI Council of Administrators of Special Services (WCASS).
• Dennis Joyce – Part of CESA 1, serving 45 school districts. 20 years of experience as emotionally disturbed special education high school teacher.
• Liz Kraniak – Supervisor for Milwaukee County, coordinates Birth to Three and long term waivers. Instructor at Milwaukee Technical College.
• Diane Bazylewicz – Social worker for Birth to Three in Jefferson County.
• Deb Berrang – One of two RDI Consultants in the area. Former Early Childhood Teacher.
• Jenny Stonemeier – Parent of a son who has been recently diagnosed with Aspergers. Prior to her current position was a music therapist for 12 years. MS in Child and Family Law working at WI FACETS.
• Kirsten Cooper – Autism Liaison for NE and SE Regional Centers of CYSHCN, Connections Initiative. Background in providing behavioral therapy for children with ASD.
• Tim Markle – Outreach Specialist for Connections Initiative, will be providing support to Regional Core Teams and Community Resource Mapping process. Background in counseling.

Levels of Collaboration Scale:

The scale defined 5 different levels of collaboration including; networking, cooperation, coordination, coalition and collaboration. Participants were asked to rate the level of interaction between their organization with other organizations listed.

Community Resource Mapping (CRM)

• Process of coordination and collaboration will be valuable
• Plan is to build on what is already out there, no need to reinvent the wheel
• Core Autism Team will decide how to collect information
• CRM will be focus of next meeting
• An electronic repository will be made to hold information that each region gathers

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<td>Sustainability: When the grant ends who will keep the resources current?</td>
<td>Valid concern that is being addressed</td>
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be included and who determines these? | Core Autism Teams to determine parameters
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Concerns that valid treatment options, such as RDI and Sensory Integration, might not be included because they are not evidence based practices yet | We will look at what is emerging as well as what is already termed evidence based.

**Primary Care Provider Training (PCP)**

- Regional Centers have been providing training and support for Developmental Screening using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)
- Connections Initiative will provide continued training to physicians on the MCHAT (Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers)

**Community Training**

- Content for first year of Connections will be a general ASD understanding
- Training team and content provided by Connections
- We will need to partner with a local community organization who can host event, say a few words of introduction and help advertise

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<td>Connections and ASSEW can partner to provide even more opportunities and to hit counties that have been difficult to reach</td>
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<td>Jefferson County could benefit from a training directed toward social workers, etc</td>
<td>Possible training opportunity for Year 1!</td>
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<td>Concerns about sustainability</td>
<td>Provide train the trainer events</td>
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<td>Concerns about ensuring all materials are culturally sensitive</td>
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**Who is Missing?**

- Need for a more culturally diverse group
  Ideas of who to involve:
  - Latino Autism Support Group
  - Families involved with ASSEW
  - St. Francis Children Center
Next Meeting

**June 5, 2009**  
10:00 - 12:00  
Children’s Hospital of WI  
Medical Staff Conference Room  
Topic: Community Resource Mapping

Prior to next Core Autism Team meeting please join us for:

Pediatric Grand Rounds - Complementary and Alternative Medicine for Autistic Disorders: What Pediatricians Need to Know  
Susan E. Levy, M.D.

8:30 – 9:30  
Children’s Hospital of WI  
Briggs and Stratton Auditorium