**Project description:**

Develop an “In-County” Certification Process for IFECMH

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**Notes from meeting on December 17, 2013:**

**Participants:** Meg Walkley, Sheri Whitt, Mary Ann Hansen and Beth Heavilin

Sheri shared with us that she has colleagues that may be able to help us move forward with the WET money. Sheri will connect with some of those people and get more information/insight for our group to move forward. Meg shared that there has been a delay in Mark Lovelace’s meeting with Phil Crandall. We still have it on our task list to talk with Wendy about that meeting. If the meeting with Mark and Phil is not going to happen we would like to have the opportunity to talk to Ronnie Swartz, First 5 Commissioner and Professor in the Social Work Department at HSU. He has a personal relationship with Jaquelyn who manages the WET money in this region.

Mary Ann Hansen followed up with HSU Extended Education and found out the following information:

* HSU can do CEU’s for nurses, MFT’s and LCSW’s, they need a course proposal and outline for each training. The cost of the CEU’s is $25.00 (1 CEU = 10 hours of training). HSU will send the certificates.
* HSU can offer units. A contract 1 unit costs $50.00 (1 Unit = 15 hours of training)

Meg mentioned that we have been getting our CEUs from the Department of Health and Human Services.

We talked about the future of the Fiscal Structure for the 0-8 Mental Health Collaborative. We contemplated whether the organization should stay housed under First 5, HCOE or if it should have its own non-profit status.

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| **Tasks:** | **Partner responsible:** | **Due date:** |
| **Talk with Wendy Rowan about the progression of the discussion about the WET money** | **Beth and Meg** | **Prior to next meeting** |
| **Each participant will explore funding options** | **All** | **ongoing** |
| **Website development sub-committee will be charged with creating a space on the website to post trainings and fulfillment of the competencies information, access to training calendar and information about local certification and CA Endorsement process** | **Mary Ann and Beth** |  |
| **A conversation will happen with Carl Hansen regarding options of offering trainings through extended education.** | **Mary Ann** | **Complete** |
| **Mentor a group of individuals interested in proceeding through the CA Endorsement to support their application process.** | **Beth, Meg and Mary Ann** |  |
| **Discuss Fiscal Structure and Budget** | **All participants** | **January meeting** |
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**Outcomes:**

1. **Explore the potential funding opportunities to move forward a Humboldt County Infant-Family Early Childhood Mental Health Certificate Program**
2. **Create a training plan that meets the needs of current professionals in Humboldt County (or Northwest Region) working with children and families and the student population that will become our future workforce.**
3. **Develop a strategy to increase “buy-in” from community agencies to dedicate staff time, funding and support for hiring specialists in IFECMH**
4. **Cultivate a cadre of trainers and work force of professionals knowledgeable in the CA Infant-Family Early Childhood Mental Health Endorsement competencies**
5. **A crosswalk will be created in partnership with CD, Psych, SW, Educ and School Psych from their current curriculum to the competencies at a BA level and a MA level**