

MDH Family Home Visiting Evaluation Work Group

Meeting Notes – Thursday, February 9, 2017, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Work Group Members Attending: **To be updated**

MDH Staff: Ginny Zawistowski, Bradly Watarai, Fred Radmer, Blair Olson, Sue Ewy

Updates from the FHV Evaluation Unit

- a. Version changes to MIECHV forms application and data collection forms - recently sent out to MIECHV forms application users (see presentation slides for more details)

Proposed FHV Evaluation Measures – Immunization Measure

- See presentation slides from 2/9/2017 for context/background information on immunization questions
- See Immunization Questions draft document for recommended question language and comments
- b. The work group expressed a strong preference for not using “per provider’s recommendation” in the question wording and instead using the CDC/MDH immunization guidelines as the standard; reasons for this included too much variation/lack of reliability in why providers weren’t giving immunizations per the schedule, and wanting to be able to compare this data to other immunization data (e.g. non-FHV data collected by MIIC)
- c. Group agreed that we aren’t asking if the shots were received “on time” but if they were received at all (at each data collection time point).
- d. MDH will look into sharing data with MIIC and what that would entail

Additional feedback from the work group included:

- Need to make clear which schedule we’re referring to (CDC = MDH or C&TC recommended schedule)
- Need to define when to count children as “overdue” for immunizations – for example, what if a home visitor sees a child just after they turn 6 months and they haven’t had well-child visit yet.
- Look at CDC schedule for definition of “on time”
- Would want to define ways to get this information – MIIC and from health care providers preferred, parent report less reliable

***Note that some clinic/hospital systems batch upload to MIIC – so when home visitors look in there, it may not have up-to-date info.*

- The forms guidance will list possible sources of this data, but the data source will not be part of data collection (the State does not need to know where the data is coming from)

Information Sharing and General Questions

Question: How often should we be looking at the FHV Evaluation Work Group SharePoint site?

Answer: Tuesday Topics is the preferred method of communication (based on work group feedback) and MDH will continue to send out Evaluation Work Group meeting agendas, notes, and documents via Tuesday Topics. There isn't an expectation of how often SP is visited by work group participants. It is there as a resource, where work group participants can find resources so they don't have to rely on email attachments.

Next meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2017,

NEW TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Golden Rule Building, Room 512A, and WebEx/Teleconference