

Home Visiting Advisory Committee Meeting

February 11th, 2021

Agenda

- Introductions
- Subcommittees
 - Data and Evaluation
 - Workforce Development
- Advocacy and Session Updates
- Systems and Policy Updates
- Membership Updates

Introductions

- Name
- Organization and Role
- Warm up the chat: *How are you doing today?*



Subcommittee Breakout

Logistics – Subcommittee Participation

Workforce

- Laurie Lippold
- Adrian Lopez
- Kristi Armstrong
- Paula Steinke
- Nita Lynn
- Melanie Maltry
- Courtney Jiles
- Laura Alfani
- Izumi Chihara
- Caroline Sedano

Data and Evaluation

- Ellen Silverman
- Marilyn VanOostrum
- Dila Perera
- Erica Hallock
- Gretchen Thaller
- Samantha Masters
- Rene Toolson
- Liv Woodstrom
- Kasondra Kugler

Subcommittee Share-out

Advocacy Updates

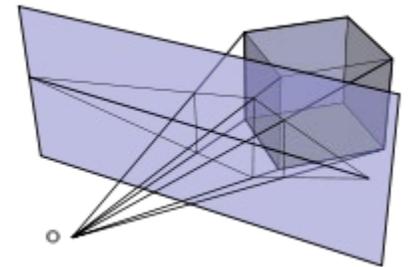
Erica Hallock, Start Early Washington

- Advocacy and Session
- Start Early Newsletter: Notes from Olympia

<https://startearly.org/where-we-work/washington/email/>

Systems Updates

Courtney Jiles, Laura Alfani, Liv Woodstrom



Policy and Systems Update and Discussion



Systems & Policy

- Core Competency Work Overview
- COVID-19
- Vaccine Distribution
- FFPSA
- HVSA Budget

Defining a Core Competency

Competencies are observable, behavioral acts that require a combination of knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to perform a major task or function in the work setting.

Note: The competencies developed will be for the roles of home visitor and supervisor and applicable across models and funders.

Five Ways to Strengthen the HV Workforce Using Core Competencies

(October 9, 2010: Rebecca Peters and Heather Sandstrom: <https://nhvrc.org/five-ways-use-core-competencies/>)

1. Home visitors can use core competencies for self assessment
2. Program managers can use core competencies to develop job descriptions, trainings, and career ladders.
3. Training organizations can use core competencies to design educational opportunities.
4. Institutes for higher education can use core competencies to design program curricula and related courses.
5. States can use core competencies to encourage the delivery of high-quality home visiting services across local agencies.

Where We Are At in the Process

- We have engaged a small advisory committee, consisting primarily of funders and systems partners.
- We are assessing the way forward in the process. Identifying how to use an equity lens in this work and how to center the voice of diverse providers, in a safe and respectful manner.
- Part of this process will be to engage and include direction from a wide array of home visiting providers

Questions for You

1. What do you think are the benefits in confirming core competencies?
2. What advice do you have as we embark on this work?
3. What would a successful process and implementation of competencies look like from your perspective?

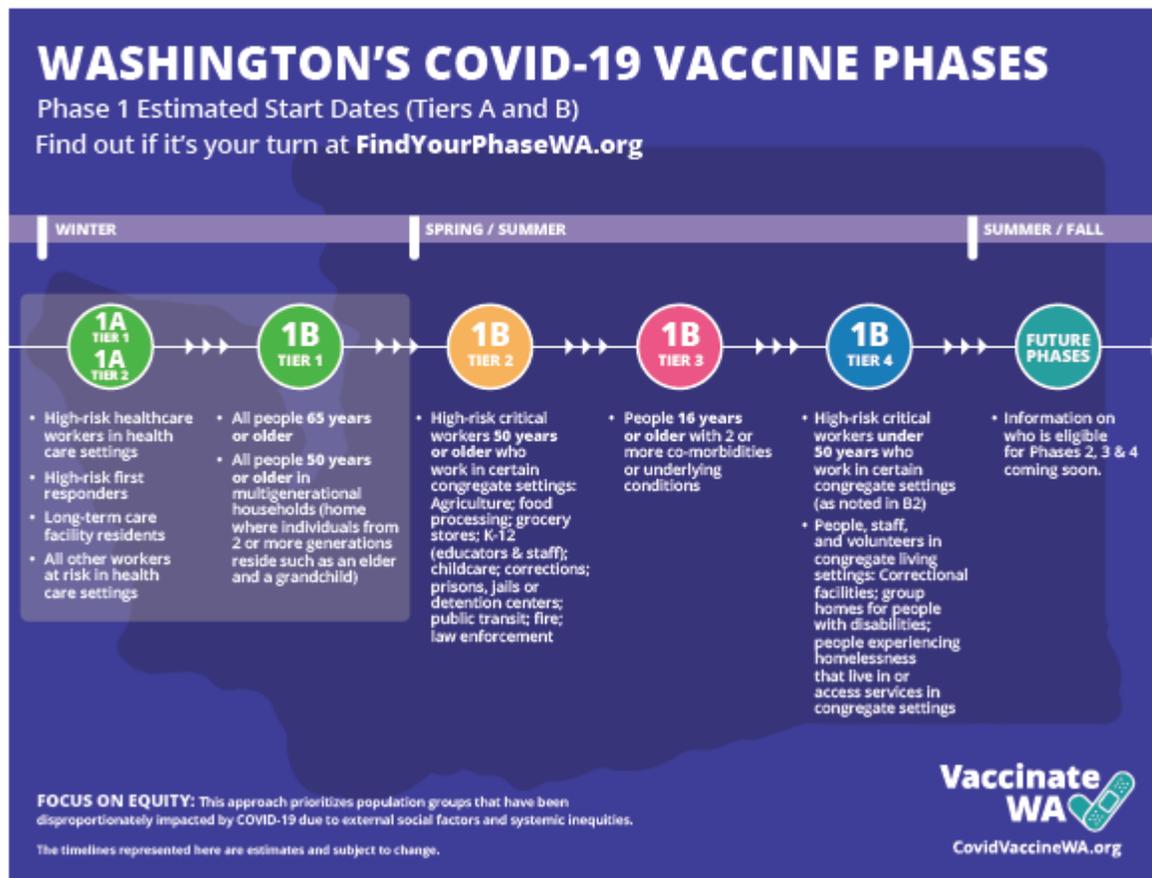
Policy and Systems Update: Finance and Sustainability - FFPSA

- Prevention Plan Approved: October 2020
- Initial Candidacy Groups: Family Voluntary Services and Family Assessment Response
- Implementation Planning:
 - Prevention Plan Design
 - Assessment and Health/Safety Planning
 - Contracting, Data and Evaluation
 - Implementation Fall 2021

Policy and Systems Update: Preschool Development Grant

- The PDG Needs Assessment was approved by HHS and will be posted to the DCYF website soon.
- Draft Early Learning Coordination Plan Goals and Strategies:
<https://dcyf.wa.gov/news/comments-needed-statewide-early-learning-coordination-plan>
- Survey closed on 1/31 – the PDG team is in the process of analyzing the data.

Policy and Systems Update: In-Home Services and COVID-19 Vaccine



<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/VaccinationPhasesInfographic.pdf>

[Vaccine News Update](#)

Policy and Systems Update: In-Home Services and COVID-19 Vaccine

Vaccine News Update – February 4th

- As of Feb. 1,773,346 people have received the COVID-19 vaccine
- Of this, more than 60% of the 1,160,850 doses delivered to providers and long-term care programs across the state.
- Averaging 27,902 vaccine doses/day (goal 45,000/day),
- Mass vaccine sites: as of Feb 4, more than 20,000 people have received a COVID-19 vaccine at one of the state's four sites
- Right now demand for vaccine greatly outpaces the amount of vaccine we have available.
 - First Dose: WA requested 358,000 first doses of vaccine. Our first-dose allocation was 107,125 doses
 - Second Dose: WA requested state allocation for second doses was 58,725, WA providers requested 14,000 more than that.

Those numbers can be found on the [DOH data dashboard](#) under the vaccines tab and they are updated three times per week.

Policy and Systems Update: In-Home Services and COVID-19 Vaccine

- Vaccine and Returning to Limited In-Person Services Guidance Provided on February 5, 2021 to HVSA Programs
- Alignment with Governor’s Roadmap to Recovery and Vaccine Distribution Plan

Guidance for Reinstating In-Home Visits in alignment with Governor’s Roadmap to Recovery

Phase 1	Phase 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual and remote services • <i>(In-home visits ceased)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual and remote services • Outdoor in-person visits may resume, weather and safety permitting • Resumption of in-person visits recommended only for home visitors fully vaccination and following 7-10 days after final vaccination and family consents to in-person visit.

Policy and Systems Update: In-Home Services and COVID-19 Vaccine

Home visitors are eligible to access the COVID-19 vaccine as part of Phase 1, Group B2 or Group B4. Because in-person visits do not allow for physical distancing, the risk for acquiring or transmitting COVID-19 remains high.

DCYF is not requiring home visitors get vaccinated.

- In the Phase Finder, home visitors fit into the category described as follows: “Staff who provide ***services that require sustained, direct, interactive, in-person contact with children and families*** will be eligible in this vaccination phase.” Currently the Phase Finder language describes only “Child Care”, however, it will be updated soon to reflect the language contained in this bullet.
- Eligible in B2: Home Visiting staff age 50 or over
- Eligible in B4: Home Visiting staff under the age of 50

Policy and Systems Update: In-Home Services and COVID-19 Vaccine

In limited capacity, when in-person home visits occur, though not required, when:

- The Region has moved into Phase 2 of the Governor's Road to Recovery Plan, and
- LIAs have established policies describing approach for vaccination and communication with families and establish protective measures for health and safety of families and home visitors.
- Priority should be given to those with acute needs and those families who have been unable to participate in virtual or remote visits.

Policy and Systems Discussion: In-Home Services and COVID-19 Vaccine

- For how long should virtual services be continued?
- Under what circumstances should virtual services be provided?
- What should we (DCYF, DOH, Start Early) be considering as virtual services continue?

Thank you!

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Membership Updates

- ELAC Representative: Melanie Maltry
- Introducing Caroline Sedano, new Perinatal Manager at DOH

Goals and Topics for SFY21

GOALS: Willingness to be FLEXIBLE and ADAPTABLE in a changing environment

Re-Occurring Topics for Every Meeting:

1. COVID-19
2. Equity integrated into our conversations
3. HVSA Budget
4. Legislative Session
5. Advocacy and Communication

Additional Topics to Explore:

1. Portfolio
2. Core Competencies
3. Program Sustainability and Community Planning
4. Recruitment and Membership

Thank You!

Next Meeting
Thursday, May 27th
10AM – 2PM