



2015 Alliance Activity Summary

Official New Alliance Members in 2015

- Early Childhood Council of Hillsborough County
- Washington Association for Infant Mental Health
- Australian Association for Infant Mental Health - Western Australia
- Iowa Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
- Massachusetts Association for Infant Mental Health
- New York State Association for Infant Mental Health

Training & Technical Assistance (Launch events plus monthly follow up calls)

January

- The Early Childhood Council of Hillsborough County, Florida: Nichole Paradis & Ashley McCormick

February

- Washington Association for Infant Mental Health: Sheryl Goldberg & Nichole Paradis

March

- Australian Association for Infant Mental Health - Western Australia: Deborah Weatherston
- West Virginia Association for Infant/Toddler Mental Health: Sheryl Goldberg
- Iowa Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health: Nichole Paradis & Sarah Crockett

April

- Rhode Island Association for Infant Mental Health: Deborah Weatherston, Margaret Holmberg (CT-AIMH), Kaitlin Mulcahy and Kathy Mulrooney (NJAIMH)

October

- Massachusetts Association for Infant Mental Health: Deborah Weatherston, Kaitlin Mulcahy (NJAIMH) & Grace Whitney (CT-AIMH)
- New York State Association for Infant Mental Health: Deborah Weatherston & Kaitlin Mulcahy (NJAIMH)

Support/Development of Potential New Alliance members

- Hawaii Association for Infant Mental Health
- Irish Association for Infant Mental Health
- Mississippi (IMH association name unknown)

- Missouri (IMH association name unknown)
- Ohio Association for Infant Mental Health
- Oregon Association for Infant Mental Health
- Pennsylvania Association for Infant Mental Health
- Australian Association for Infant Mental Health: Southern Australia
- Tennessee (IMH association name unknown)

Responses to Requests for Other Types of Training and/or Consultation

- West Virginia - Reflective Supervision, Conference: Fran Jozefowicz (MI)
- Hawaii - Reflective Supervision/Consultation Cohort & Conference: Sheryl Goldberg
- Chelsea Community Health Organization, Massachusetts in collaboration with HFA: Deborah Weatherston & Kate Whitaker (ITMHCA-Arizona)
- New Mexico - NAEYC, Home Visiting Conference and NMAIMH, Reflective Supervision Training: Deborah Weatherston
- Australian Association for Infant Mental Health – Southern Australia: Deborah Weatherston
- Connecticut Association for Infant Mental Health stakeholders meeting: Deborah Weatherston

Exam Development

- Ad Hoc Committee resulting in Talking Points for Describing the Endorsement® Exam document (now available on Wiggiio)
- Creation of new exam in March 2015
- New Quality Assurance Coordinator now manages:
 - Creation of new quantitative and qualitative questions/vignettes for future exams, soliciting for contributions across Alliance state associations and across disciplines & practice settings
 - Coordination of the revision of exam review scales
 - Coordination of an Exam Review Training of the Trainers

EASy

- Launched EASy 2.5
- Hosted webinar to demonstrate new EASy features
- Updated and distributed EASy Manual for Administrators
- Collecting suggestions for EASy 3.0 in 2016
- Creating video/webinar series for EASy applicants, advisors, reviewers, and administrators

On-Going Support and Quality Assurance

- Monthly Holder's calls
- Monthly Alliance/League Leadership calls
- Updating general Endorsement® Policy Manual (draft to be distributed at the retreat)

- Endorsement® Operations session (pre-retreat)
- Monthly Retreat Planning Committee calls
- Monthly RS/C Research Committee calls

Policy/Advocacy

- Three calls with ZERO TO THREE which led to:
 - Reviewing ECE Critical Competencies crosswalk to Infant Family Associate
 - Connecting with experts to provide testimony to Senate committee members
- Formation of Policy Committee, headed by Jordana Ash and Mary Warren

Alliance Planning Board Meetings

- February 2, 2015
- May 4, 2015
- June 22, 2015
- September 25, 2015
- November 8, 2015

Messaging

This workgroup of Nicole Schuren, Margaret Holmberg, and Nichole Paradis wrote the text for the Alliance section of MI-AIMH's new website: <http://mi-aimh.org/alliance/> A logo for the Alliance will be selected in November after reviewing over 100 submissions from approximately 35 designers.

By-laws

Sadie Funk, Mary Warren, and Fran Jozefowicz drafted by-laws. That draft was shared with attorneys at Plunkett Cooney. Deborah Weatherston, Nichole Paradis, and Cathy Liesman have met with the attorneys to revise that draft. Attorneys' draft was written in response to new regulations for non-profit corporations. The current draft will be reviewed by MI-AIMH Executive Committee on December 11 then by the Alliance Planning Board in February or March of 2016. Plunkett Cooney is also filing articles of Incorporation for the Alliance.

Core Functions/Organizational Chart

This workgroup, that includes Susan Dickstein, Barry Wright, and Joy Browne, is working to conceptualize the work of the Alliance and a visual representation of the structure. Two drafts have been submitted to date. We anticipate working on another draft on November 8.

Stakeholder Interviews

A leader from each Alliance member IMH association was interviewed to learn more about:

- Each association's priorities
- How the Alliance might support those priorities

- What should be the Alliance's most immediate priorities?
- Ideas for how money can be raised to support the Alliance

The top priorities identified, listed in order of priority:

- Sustainability/Funding/Development
- Expansion of Endorsement® Criteria through Five Years
- Support for Carrying Out Endorsement®/Quality Assurance
- Medicaid Reimbursement for Services 0-3
- Training/Workforce Development/Higher Education
- Building capacity for Reflective Supervision/Consultation (RS/C)
- Evaluation of IMH-E®
- Evaluation of RS/C
- Sensitivity to Cultural & Tribal Practices
- Collaborations

The Alliance Planning Board is working to create and re-design a committee and workgroup structure that can address these priorities.

Many thanks to the following leaders who conducted the 20 interviews:

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- Barbara Einsohn (First Three Years)
- Sadie Funk (First Three Years)
- Sheryl Goldberg (MI-AIMH)
- Shelley Mayse (KAIMH)
- Kaitlin Mulcahy (NJAIMH)
- Nichole Paradis (MI-AIMH)
- Nicole Schuren (ITMHCA)
- Mary Warren (ITMHCA)
- Deborah Weatherston (MI-AIMH)

Infant Mental Health Home Visiting (IMHHV)

Pilots to evaluate the effectiveness of the two-generation IMHHV model have launched in multiple sites in Michigan. Faculty from the University of Michigan, Kate Rosenblum, PhD and Maria Muzik, MD, are the co-principal investigators.

The *IMH Home Visiting* manual (3rd Edition of *Supporting Competencies, Reducing Risks*) is completed and available to purchase as a book or in DVD format.

<http://mi-aimh.org/store/imhmanual/>

Infant Mental Health Journal (IMHJ)

Beginning in January 2015, Paul Spicer, PhD became the Editor of the IMHJ. Therefore, the editorial offices moved to the campus of the University of Oklahoma. In 2015, IMHJ published a special issue on boys at risk. A conference to further discuss this topic is being co-sponsored by IMHJ in Santa Fe, New Mexico in

November. Work is being done now for a 2016 special issue on reflective supervision/consultation with key Alliance leaders as authors.