



FLOURISH St. Louis Cabinet Meeting Summary: January 2017

The FLOURISH St. Louis Cabinet convened on January 12, 2017.

Context

Executive Committee members, Nancy Mueller and ShaRhonda Thompson provided leadership for the meeting. The meeting goals were: to determine inter-relationship of FLOURISH committees and Action Teams, to understand results-based accountability and its application to Action Teams, and to engage with one of the MFH Grantees.

Shared Understanding

The Cabinet reviewed a proposal of the inter-relationship of FLOURISH committees and the Action Teams to determine the sequence of meetings and the role of Cabinet members on the Action Teams. The Cabinet also discussed the development of an Ad Hoc Communications Committee to determine the communication needs of FLOURISH going forward. The Cabinet will continue to refine these relationship at the next meeting.

Cabinet member Jennifer Brinkmann provided information about results-based accountability and its promise for FLOURISH Action Teams. Results Based Accountability is a simple framework that ties community level change with performance/program measurement. It levels the playing field by pulling the evaluation framework into plain language. It moves groups quickly from talk to action using the Turn the Curve Process. The Cabinet agreed to have Action Teams try to apply this framework to develop an action plan with staff support.

Cabinet member Lara Pennington from Queen of Peace gave an overview of the MFH grant activities related to reducing infant mortality. Queen of Peace provides comprehensive behavioral health services for women who are suffering from addiction Queen of Peace. The MFH grant provided an opportunity to add a parenting education component to their work with families. Queen of Peace was able to adopt a program developed by John Hopkins. This program was chosen for its content but also because it came with intense training and technical assistance from John Hopkins. In addition to sharing about the grant initiative, Ms. Pennington shared some of the common system level challenges that Queen of Peace clients experience: racism, accessible/high quality healthcare, housing, transportation, childcare and funding.

Reports from Standing Partnership were received regarding communications efforts.

Next Steps

The next meeting is February 9 from 3 – 5 p.m. at Generate Health's office.