ECRC June Working Group Meeting
June 29th 2021

Meeting Goals:
• To introduce Regional Council initiatives and alignment with ECRC
• To share proposed governance structure and solicit feedback
• To elevate any considerations, concerns, or gaps
• To discuss next steps in the development of the ECRC advisory council

Discussion Questions:
• What are your thoughts on combining the regional and ECRC councils?
• Does the proposed governance structure meet our desired outcomes?
• Family Council and/or Full Inclusion – pros and cons?
• What are the challenges you anticipate and what mitigation might you propose?
• Other concerns or considerations?

Feedback:
• From a researcher’s perspective It depends on the details of the rollout.
• ECRC Working Group members will all have to commit to this
• Important to engage families—we don’t do enough of that
• Need strengths-based approach that centers family expertise and provides preview of what is to come; ensure parents have the widest possible latitude to contribute
• Guardrails on participation—needs to create a safe, welcoming, authentic space
• This will take time to do right
• Family Council fantastic idea—COFI has helped build out this structure for other initiatives
• It is critical to value and center lived experience prioritized over education/credentials
• We must ensure geographic and cultural diversity—especially neighborhoods that are most often left out of the conversation
• Parent/caregiver compensation should be through stipend rather than per hour so parents know how much to expect each month. Compensation should include prep, meeting time and debrief
• Translation important to support diversity and full inclusion
• Training is essential not only for parent leaders but steering committee members, council members, etc. This requires funding, time and effort.
• It will be important to think about power dynamics with parents/providers—this will require full group discussion about power dynamics and history of racial equity
• On the list of stakeholders, maternal/Child health should include infant and early childhood mental health. Also, Can the list of ELs be more explicit?
• When we’re discussing family council vs. full inclusion, having a separate family council could be objectifying.
• Should it be a both/and so parents are at table where work is happening and decisions are being made? Underscores the importance of having families as full partners.
• Also need to ensure ECRC is inclusive but not limited to work of regional councils—some of the ECRC work will go beyond what the regional councils address.
• We may need a both/and approach—a separate family council and full inclusion at every level
• The key is ensuring parents have a safe space and truly feel at the table
• The Mayor’s Office is focused on culture change to shift power dynamics to value lived experience
• We may need to start with family council, but the ultimate goal is to have strong family voice at every level and table
• Recommendation that parents comprise 20% of steering committee
• Need to schedule meetings at times that are convenient for parents/caregivers.

Next Steps:
• We will be digging more deeply into governance structure and how to populate each group during the July meeting
• Expect an email shortly to volunteer to help define the family/community engagement strategy.
• Upcoming events:
  o Planning Meeting – TBD
  o Next Working Group Meeting: Governance Structure – 7/28
  o Launch of ECRC Council – 8/26