
Collaboration in Action:
Help Us Define a State Agenda for Children
with Special Health Care Needs

1:00-1:10 pm

Welcome & Introductions

Meg Comeau, Chair, MA Consortium for Children with Special Health Care Needs

1:10-1:30 pm

Executive Director's Report

Information

Deborah Allen, Executive Director, MA Consortium for Children with Special Health Care Needs

1:30-2:15 pm

"Speak Out" on Systems of Care for CSHCN & Their Families

Discussion

The Consortium's action agenda should reflect the most pressing issues for children with special health care needs, families and providers. What are **your** answers to the questions:

- How can this state do better in meeting children's needs *and* reducing the burdens of cost, stress, time and effort that fall on families and providers?
- Which programs, policies, services work well? Which fall short?

Moderator: Ron Benham, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

2:15-3:15 pm

Small Group Discussions

Discussion

What role can the Consortium play this year in addressing unmet needs? Help us formulate an agenda focusing on four topical areas:

- Screening (to assure early identification of special health care needs) and access to a medical home
- Meaningful family voices at all levels of the health care system
- Transition to independence and adult services
- User-friendly, community-based systems of care

3:15-3:30 pm

Massachusetts Policy Updates

Education

- Early Childhood: *Ron Benham, Massachusetts Department of Public Health*
- Health Care Reform: *Jennifer Chow, Health Care for All*

3:30-3:35 pm

***Save the Date*: Longwood Symphony Orchestra Concert for the Consortium - December 2, 2006**

Meg Comeau, Chair, MA Consortium for Children with Special Health Care Needs

★ Invitations available at registration table – please take some to share with colleagues and friends! ★

3:35-4:30 pm

Networking

Please stay and use this opportunity to connect with your colleagues.
