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- Governor's Budget and Phone Conference with BBAC (10 people on the call)
 - DPHHS: \$12 million in general fund dollars (\$6 million a year) for early education (to DPHHS, not OPI). Grants for programs to expand slightly or start. There are ways to leverage "Title" money to meld programs.
 - Dec. 1 – Mary Jane will meet with Siri to help with language for the bill
 - \$2.4 million for STARS – from general fund (for now).
 - Need to follow budget and legislation through committee process and advocate ahead of time with appropriate committees.
 - People on call asked for one-pager summaries to help with common messaging from all over the state.
 - Another phone call in December – final Gov. budget and we'll know who is on which committees
 - CPS caseloads will increase. Money requested will go to removal and termination. No one acknowledges adopted kids who go back into the system.
 - Can we advocate for CPS? How can we work to make this system supportive, rather than scary for parents?
 - What would the ask be?
 - HMHB (Sarah) will follow bills and give updates
 - Medicaid expansion OK for now (until 2019)

- Asides
 - Child care providers – licensed providers will decrease because of federal and state licensing requirements
 - There's no money for implementation
 - So many things are not going to work about this plan, and there are so many complications
 - They will go underground, and then they won't be able to take Best Beginnings scholarships
 - Head Start and STARS roads do not coincide; it's a double burden on providers
 - Head Start Day – Rally at Capitol
 - Feb 10 – can we make this a bigger rally?

- MAC Agenda
 - Trying to stress the importance of looking at funding the whole picture of early childhood, rather than piecemeal.
 - We need to talk about what the "system" and "whole picture" looks like.
 - Home visiting and other programs should be supported in all communities.
 - Concurrent eligibility – HS (always; work requirement – kids have to be in HS when parent is working, so swing shift parents don't qualify; working poor) and Best Beginnings scholarship (on-again, off-again)
 - Feb 22 – Rotunda event

- HMHB & MAC Relationship Update
 - Joined MAC. Good deal!

- Next Steps: for legislation
 - Breast Pumps
 - Emergency pump suppliers – WIC gets the pressure
 - Can rent high-grade pumps, closed system (very expensive)
 - **Weekly reminders**
 - **Website – pop-ups**
 - **Facebook – posts**
 - **Weekly emails with topics and advocacy ideas**
 - **Maternal mental health task force: Featured Focus? Dana Hillyard – connect to ACEs**
 - Peri- and post-partum depression
 - Zoe Barnard – include substance abuse, and folks might be interested
 - Grassroots might be more effective than trying to convince
 - Numbers
 - Costs
 - Research
 - Get all BBACs involved
- Action Plan aligned with Strategic Plan and CHIP