RAC members were updated and informed about LAUP’s:
- Two funding cycles
- Center-based programs
- Funding Sources
- LAUP Special Initiatives
- Master Plan Vision

RAC members were also updated on LAUP’s Administrative Data Collection system, specifically on child level data, data collection tools and tracking systems.

- RAC members discussed the main aspects of the Child Outcomes Study including design and measurement challenges, the POP demonstration study, and Outcome Variables.
- RAC members identified and volunteered to participate in workgroups sessions and provided detailed input on issues related to Child Outcome Measures, Administrative Data and Design of the Child Outcomes Study.
**Design, Analysis, & Methodology Session**

**SESSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**
- The group suggested the following:
  - A single study with stratified sampling design with PoP as a stratum;
  - A 2x3 design using funding round (early launch vs. second round) and geographic area (area of greatest need, PoP city, not area of greatest need).

**QUESTIONS:**
- How many of the early launch centers are located in the areas of greatest need that are NOT PoP cities?
- How possible is it to look at languages other than English and Spanish?

**FUTURE TASKS:**
- Identify other dimensions that would require sufficient power for subgroup analyses.
- Think about using early resources to follow trajectories in both English and Spanish
- Explore sampling strategies where:
  - Some information is collected on all children to study peer effects.
  - More than 2 data points
- Discuss identifying comparison groups
- Explore possibility of counterfactual in pilot

**Child Outcome Measures Session**

**SESSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**
- The group suggested the following:
  - General all purpose list of measures/constructs
  - Bilingual procedures for testing
  - Identifying principles and procedures

**QUESTIONS:**
- Can we coordinate the workgroup’s efforts with the design workgroup?

**FUTURE TASKS:**
- Members review constructs identified as well as other measures.
- Have a conference call to finalize constructs and measures suggestions and finalize principles/criteria.
- Provide feedback for Technical Memo draft

**Child/Family and Program Level Administrative Data**

**SESSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**
- The group identified three main purposes for collecting data on children and families:
  - To describe the LAUP population
  - To describe the assets and needs of the LAUP population
  - For evaluation purposes.
- Examined child/family level elements
- The group suggested the following:
  - Refer to the LAUSD for suggestions regarding the language groupings;
  - Include community and system level elements;
  - Ask about a child’s previous experience in child care, including the age the child first entered care and the type of previous child care settings for the child.

**FUTURE TASKS:**
- Finish child/family level data elements
- Explore some aspect of the home learning/cognitive environment
- Create some follow up questions for possible issues raised on the Parent Enrollment Form
- Provide input on:
  - Data elements at the program at the program level.
  - Data elements at the system, initiative, and support services levels.
  - The connections between the data elements
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