**Serving on Groups Drop In Call**

***Participants***: Vicky Hunting, Hands and Voices, Director of Data & Evaluation; Carrie Fisher, Research & Evaluation Project Manager at Institute for Community Health, background in Cultural Anthropology, part of external evaluation team for NCFPP; Diana Autin, Co-Director of SPAN and of the NCFPP; Ayo Bajomo, Executive Assistant on NCFPP

*Hands & Voices*: Vicky reported that Yiesel Rayon, Director of Latino Support, is working on preparing to do this training. She appreciates that the materials are in Spanish, working to roll this out to Latino leaders across the country. Any support that she needs? Still trying to get her feet wet, will meet some people who have been doing it at the conference. She loves that it’s available in Spanish, many times there is a barrier with the language. She is trying to figure out how to do it, get familiar with the materials. Mercedes Rosa would be happy to help, talk with her, etc.

Working a lot with database, trying to get all our contacts together for the new Leadership in Learning grant from MCHB. 13 staff in 8 states.

Family organizations are eager and willing and have been leaders for a long time, but sometimes it’s trickier for a state agency to embrace a non-profit organization. Helping the state agencies learn how that can be successful. Doing a needs assessment for our grant; some of the early feedback that we have gotten is that families don’t know about the opportunities to get involved, there is a communication issue.

***Evaluation Portion of the Meeting:***

*Vicky*: Why did you decide to do the retrospective pre-post survey with the pre and post at the same time? Does it influence people’s answers?

*Carrie*: If you do it this way, you can more accurately assess whether you have increased your knowledge or skills, etc. People often don’t know what they don’t know before they learn it. These questions are more about subjective experiences, asking participants to reflect on their experiences. There is research showing that this approach is more accurate.

Carrie walked through her slides.

Vicky discussed the needs assessment they are doing with NCHAM.