

Maryland SICC

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SICC General Meeting

June 6, 2019

1:00pm - 3:30pm

Minutes

Attendance: Valerie Ashton-Thomas, Anna Benshoff, Pamela Bush-Jones, Jennifer Harwood, Curtisha Hopkins, Brenda Hussey-Gardner, Cecilia Leger, Cyndi Lessner, Rachel London, Michelle McCoy, Sarah Nadiv, FloJean Speck, Christy Tirrell-Corbin, Peaches Wilson

Excused: Mike Berman, Cynthia Bouchard, Roikensha Craig, Marcella Franczkowski, Elizabeth Hall, Mary LaCasse, Elizabeth Snyder, David Starr, Anna Marie Wilms Floet,

Guests: Angela Gebhert, Mai Hall, Jerri Johnston-Stewart, Mary Manning-Falzarano, Terri Ridenour, Isabelle Von Kuhorn, Patricia Muldowney

Staff: Janette Guerra, Tiffany Hiob, Shelley Downs, Marsye Kaplan, Sharice Lane

I. **Welcome, Remarks & Introductions: Brenda Hussey-Gardner (1:00-1:05)**

Brenda needed to update the conference phone number for participants to have remote access. Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM.
Each member of SICC and Guests introduced themselves.

II. **Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: Brenda Hussey-Gardner (1:05-1:10)**

There were no corrections were to be made for the SICC/LICC joint meeting minutes in May 2019. Motion was made and granted to accept meeting minutes.

III. **Announcements & Public Comment: If you have an announcement or public comment, please notify Brenda Hussey-Gardner via email at bhussey@som.umaryland.edu (1:10-1:20)**

Lousie Corbin introduced The Maryland Early Childhood Leadership Program developed to create more leaders in early childhood. Applications are due June 21, 2019 and communication can be sent to meclp@umbc.com.

Cindy introduced "Media Literacy for Youth: Family Strategies" and provided a brief overview of the presentation to be hosted on June 6, 2017 from 1-3pm. The speaker is Lisa Guernsey. Flyer was sent to attendees prior to the meeting.

Brenda later emailed all announcements and PowerPoint presentations to the attendees upon member request.

IV. SICC Report (1:20-2:30)

○ **Member Spotlight Update: Brenda Hussey-Gardner**

Brenda inquired if the group wanted to continue Member Spotlight the upcoming year, in which the attendees agreed. Interested individuals will schedule one of the upcoming four general SICC meetings to be featured.

○ **ECMH Task Force: Sarah Nadiv**

Sarah provided a review of the ECMH task force, including a summary from the previous meeting around Silos, Screening, Stigma. The group broke off into smaller groups to discuss “silos” as barriers by answering the following questions: What are your recommendations to task force regarding silos? Any other activities or thoughts related to silos? Attendees made suggestions such as:

1. Increasing more collaboration/relationships between EI agencies and pediatrician offices:
2. Find opportunities to speak at state level American Academy of Pediatrics to take offices to their local offices:
 - a. Possible get into AAP (American Academy of Pediatricians) newsletter article “spotlighting” early intervention services
3. Cecilia inquired about collaborating with Maryland Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care (BHIPP). Could invite them to meeting and build relationship.

Sarah asked for a volunteer to lead the ECMH Task Force beginning in September 2019. Although an individual expressed interest, no one was named at this time. The ECMH Task Force will continue with later named leader and address issues as determined.

○ **Division of Early Childhood/Council for Exceptional Children: Brenda Hussey-Gardner**

Brenda presented the DEC position on LBW and preterm/diagnoses regarding eligibility for EI services regardless if delays have been identified yet. The group recommended a taskforce to make recommendations to MSDE to establish changes to COMAR to align with new DEC position. Brenda shared the DEC position announcement through email to attendees and members. A motion was granted to look into forming a task force investigating LBW eligibility for EI services.

V. Break (2:30-2:40)

VI. Division of Early Childhood Updates: Cyndi Lessner (2:40-2:50)

o PDG B-5 Activities Update:

Cyndi presented an updated on the PDG B-5 activities which included a community needs assessment throughout the first year. Hosted 18 town hall meetings and identified mental health support for children and families as primary concern, as well as access to child care. Sent surveys for needs assessment and received ~2000 responses (~600+ from parents; 900+ from providers; ~200 from other stakeholders). Next ECAC meeting will discuss early childhood mental health support for teachers and PDG B-5 Needs Assessment. Hosting a Family Engagement Summit (already over capacity 350+) discussing implicit bias and improving family engagement. This event will be livestreamed for remote access.

VII. DEI/SES Early Childhood Updates: Janette Guerra (2:50-3:00)

Janette provided an update on implementation of SEFEL Pyramid Model in early childhood program within four SSIP counties. Projected 7/1/2019 release for statewide personnel standards database with training webinar tentatively scheduled for late June 2019 release. Reviewed status and deadlines for CLIG, LAFF, LIR grants. She discussed the Master Coaches status. Brief overview of IEP workgroup and IFSP release date (July 15th; follow up in September).

Mai Hall briefed group on Baby Leaders pilot program's successes and plans for the upcoming year, based on funding and programming.

VIII. Primary Service Provider Approach Overview: Janette Guerra (3:00-3:20)

Janette shared articles and additional resources to the group regarding the Primary Services Provider (PSP) Approach to prepare for full presentation in September 2019.

IX. Wrap-Up & Adjournment (3:20-3:30)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.

SICC UPCOMING MEETINGS

Executive Meetings (1:00-2:00, Call)

August 1, 2019
October 31, 2019
January 9, 2020
March 5, 2020
May 7, 2020

General Meetings (1:00-3:30, CTE)

September 12, 2019
December 5, 2019
February 6, 2020
April 2, 2020

Joint Meeting (10:00-2:00, TBD)

June 4, 2020