

SICC General Meeting

September 12th, 2019

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Minutes

Attendance: Mike Berman, Cynthia Bouchard, Elizabeth Hall, Jennifer Harwood, Curtisha Hopkins, Brenda Hussey-Gardner, Mary LaCasse, Cecilia Leger, Cyndi Lessner, Rachel London, FloJean Speck, Anna Maria Wilms Floet, Peaches Wilson, Michele McCoy

Excused: Roikensha Craig, Marcella Franczkowski, Elizabeth Snyder, Pamela Bush-Jones, Christy Tirrell-Corbin, Valerie Ashton Thomas

Guests: Rene Averitt-Sanzone, Nicol Awadalla Bacon, Rachel Demma, Mai Hall, Audrey Leviton, Mary Manning-Falzarano, Kelly McCrady, Fernando Mena, Mary Mueller, Tatiana Owens, Cathy Scheiner, Erin Simmons, Gloria Valentine, Michelle Steelman, Jennifer Willis,

Staff: Janette Guerra, Shelley Downs, Marsye Kaplan, Sharice Lane, Pam Miller

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

- A. Dr. Hussey-Gardner called the meeting into order at 1:00 pm and welcomed all in-person and remote attendees.
- B. Attendees introduced themselves and identified if they were a SICC member or guest, as suggested by Dr. Hussey-Gardner.

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

- A. Dr. Hussey-Gardner asked attendees to review the meeting minutes from June 6, 2019.
- B. There were three errors to be edited. The motion was made and approved to accept June 2019's meeting minutes at 1:11pm.

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)**

- A. The Parent's Place of Maryland distributed a flyer to advertise Baby Leaders in Washington County.
- B. The Parent's Place also announced four part-time employment opportunities with the organization.

IV. **SICC Report: Brenda Hussey-Gardner (1:20-1:50)**

- A. Dr. Hussey-Gardner reviewed upcoming executive and joint meetings.
- B. Member Spotlight – Cyndi Lessner: All About Me Pop Quiz!
- C. Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Leadership Conference

1. Dr. Hussey-Gardner shared her experience at the OSEP Leadership conference this past summer. She informed attendees of OSEP's proposed change in making determinations for each state.
 2. Attendees received a packet containing handouts of this information and were informed they could complete a Survey Monkey feedback survey. Dr. Hussey-Gardner will summarize the survey data and return to OSEP by Monday, September 16, 2019. She further instructed all questions do not need to be answered. She reviewed the proposed determination criteria by OSEP. OSEP is looking for the family outcome data of a representative sample to make program improvements (handout in the packet); also included are two questions for preschool outcomes determinations, as well.
- D. Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MDAAP) Outreach
1. MSDE arranged to have a table at MDAAP Conference (9/14/19) to share information about the revised Physician's Guide informing physicians about the Infants and Toddlers Program and allowing them to visit the MD Online Referral website.
 2. Dr. Hussey-Gardner will ask if the MD Online Referral link can be added to the MDAAP website.
 3. MSDE is looking to provide a presentation on evidence-based practices (Winter/Spring 2020) to the MDAAP.
 - a. Dr. Wilmsfloet discussed an academic article examining the screening-referral gap; she also discussed moving forward with more screening for ACES, social-emotional health, measuring resiliency, and other mitigating factors.
 - b. Rene Averitt-Sanzone shared the quality improvement project Parent's Place of Maryland is engaged in with community pediatricians to improve physician referral throughout targeted communities.

V. SICC Taskforce Work: Brenda Hussey-Gardner & SICC members/guests (1:50-2:20)

- A. Dr. Hussey-Gardner reviewed goals to be achieved during the breakout time.
 1. Choose/confirm chair/co-chairs.
 2. Identify dates/times to meet in person or via conference call.
 3. Develop list of task force members with email addresses and phone numbers.
 4. Determine goal for this year.
 5. If time permits, determine first steps to meeting this goal.
- B. Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Taskforce 5 Minute Summary:
 1. Cynthia Lessner and Rachel Demma will co-chair the task force.

2. They will distribute a Survey Monkey to schedule the first upcoming meeting. The first meeting will use information from strategic planning for PDG B-5 grant application.
 3. The first goal is to review the findings of the needs assessment to help build early childhood mental health task force. The second goal is to share best practices across counties/jurisdictions, as well as, identify strengths and challenges to facilitate replication.
- C. Very Low Birth Weight (VLBW) Taskforce 5-minute summary:
1. Dr. Hussey-Gardner will chair the task force.
 2. She will send a Doodle poll to schedule the next meeting.
 3. The goal is to determine if they should move the DEC position statement forward recommending a change in COMAR changing the birth weight eligibility criteria from <1,200 grams to <1,500 grams. They will base this on the DEC position statement, consideration of best practices and available evidence-based research.
 4. The first step is for all task force members to carefully review the DEC position statement and to, if possible, identify the number of children born <1,200 and <1,500 grams in Maryland. Dr. Hussey-Gardner proposed adding a standing item on future SICC agendas for the task force chairs to report on their progress.

VI. Break (2:20-2:30)

VII. Division of Early Childhood (DEC) Updates: Cyndi Lessner (2:30-2:40)

- A. Rachel Demma presented on PDG B-5 Grant: Needs Assessment & Strategic Planning Overview.
1. Maryland had a yearlong planning grant and is looking to apply for an additional three more years of planning when the application is available. MSDE is partnering with MD Department of Health and MD Department of Human Services on this effort.
 2. Year 1 planning grant's deliverables include:
 - a. a systems-wide needs assessment to identify gaps and needs, and
 - b. developing a strategic plan to address those identified needs.
 3. DEC has collaborated with the following stakeholders: local families, WIDA Early Years, LENA Grow, MSDE Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services to expand Pyramid Model in SSIP counties, University of Maryland's Children Study Their World (CSW): A Curriculum for Four-Year-Old Children, and several other projects.
 4. Provided PDG B-5 Vision statement and highlighted key themes
 5. Gave a brief overview of the Needs Assessment Reports which can be found on <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/pgd-b-5-findings-and-reports>

- a. *Together Junto Needs Assessment: Early Care and Education in Maryland.*
 - b. *Voices from the Field: Stakeholder Perspectives on Maryland's Early Childhood Care and Education System* that review town halls.
 - c. Full reports will be released in September 2019 and will be available on MSDE DEC's website (as linked above).
3. PDG B-5 Strategic Planning
- a. Community Roundtables throughout September can be found at <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/community-roundtables>
 - b. Various Stakeholder Meeting Groups, including:
 - i. WIDA Statewide Steering Committee, and
 - ii. Pritzker/NGA B-3 Leadership Group.
 - c. Posting on MSDE website for comment will be made available early October.

VIII. Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services (DEI/SES) Early Childhood Updates: Pam Miller and Janette Guerra (2:40-3:00)

- A. Janette Guerra updated county leaders on the status of grant processes for discretionary funding around the state. She informed all the Notice of Grant Awards (NOGAs) will be awarded on 10/1/2019.
- B. Planning has begun for the statewide Professional Learning Institute (PLI) which will be held November 5th – 7th, 2019 in Ocean City, Maryland.
- C. Revision to Preschool portion of IEP is being considered. Announcements forthcoming regarding specific revisions.
- D. At the OSEP Leadership conference this summer, it was announced that data for 3- to 5-year-olds will be reported differently. Five-year-old kindergarteners will be excluded from data reporting. States have a choice to separate the data this year; but, next year it will be mandatory.
- E. Dr. Miller discussed the current State Determination for Part C.
 1. Maryland received a "Needs Assistance" determination for results based on Child Outcomes data.
 2. This year had same score as the previous year.
 3. Performance change score dropped 4-5% (summary statement 2, statistically significant decrease).
- F. SSIP updates
 1. Meeting regularly with evaluators.
 2. Working with SSIP evaluators and State Implementation Team to make changes to the evaluation plan
 3. The four SSIP counties agreed to present at statewide PLI in November 2019 about their SEFEL/Pyramid Model work.
- G. IFSP Updates
 1. 1,400 referrals (during the "quiet launch") of the online referral.

2. Updated Physician's Guide and posted a flyer on the MSDE/MITP website about the online referral system.
 3. Working on MITP brochure to be released at the PLI in November 2019.
 4. Quarterly Online IFSP User Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9/18/2019.
 5. IFSP update anticipated on 9/30/19: updated TAB on *Transfer/Release of Records* per local directors' requests.
 6. Handout copy of updated IFSP Self-Assessment Rating Tool draft and asked for feedback from local systems and SICC stakeholders.
- H. Personnel Standards
1. Guide posted on MSDE DEI/SES website and on Maryland Learning Link website.
 2. The database system went live 7/1/2019 to document local personnel who are currently trained in early childhood evidence-based practices.
 - a. Required for all Infants and Toddlers Programs' personnel.
 - b. Recommended for all preschool special education personnel.
- I. Family Surveys will be ready to be distributed next week.
- J. Pritzker Grant meeting:
1. How to address equity in the Local Infants and Toddlers programs.
 2. Parent's Place of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore City, Howard County, and Montgomery County have completed lots of work in equity.
 3. Dr. Miller proposed that the SICC consider a discussion around reviewing/making recommendations around "equity" for the MITP as part of an upcoming SICC agenda.
- IX. Primary Service Provider (PSP) Approach Presentation: Janette Guerra (3:00-3:20)**
- A. Janette Guerra gave an overview of the Primary Service Provider Approach and its use in Early Intervention.
 - B. Dr. Wilmsfloet inquired about addition of mental health professional to the minimal team composition.
 - C. Jen Harwood and Curtisha Hopkins shared their favorable insight on PSP in practice.
- X. Wrap-Up & Adjournment (3:20-3:30)**
- A. Dr. Hussey-Gardner moved to adjourn the meeting, which was accepted at 3:50pm.

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SICC UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

October 31, 2019

January 9, 2020

March 5, 2020

May 7, 2020

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

December 5, 2019

February 6, 2020

April 2, 2020

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

June 4, 2020