

SICC General Meeting November 10, 2016 Minutes

- Attendance:** Valerie Ashton-Thomas, Mike Berman, Marcella Franczkowski (by proxy), Curtisha Hopkins, Brenda Hussey-Gardner, Elizabeth Kelley, Mary LaCasse, Karen Larenas, Cecilia Leger, Mary Leppert, Sarah Nadiv, Natasha Ramberg, and Abila Tazanu-Legall.
- Excused:** Janine Aughenbaugh, Laura Barbee-Matthews, Cynthia Bouchard, Nancy Egan, Miji Kim, Rachel London, Shannon McRae, Karen Mull, and Elizabeth Snyder.
- Guests:** Wes Campbell, Marg Candelaria, Debbie Crosby, Laura DeWyngaert, Tresa Hanna, Debbie Langer, Meredith McCandless, Patty Morison, Heidi Ricci, Kendall Riegert, Lynette Rivera, FloJean Speck, Kim Spriggs, You Jung Seo, and Kathy Vu.
- Staff:** Janette Guerra, Pam Miller, Brian Morrison, and Nancy Vorobey.

- I. Welcome, Remarks & Introductions: Brenda Hussey-Gardner
Brenda called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Introductions were made in person and on the phone.
- II. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: Brenda Hussey-Gardner
September 1, 2016, minutes were reviewed. Natasha Ramberg motioned to approve as written. Group voted on and approved as presented. Any future corrections can be sent to Brenda Hussey-Gardner.
- III. Announcements & Public Comment
 - Medicaid program ensuring provision of EPSDT services for youth under age 21 in managed care, effective Jan. 1, 2017.
 - New SICC Bylaws were approved at the last meeting and are included in today's packets.
- IV. SICC Report: Brenda Hussey-Gardner
 - A. Nomination: Linnette Rivera
A biography for Linnette Rivera, with the MD Developmental Disabilities Administration, was presented. She is replacing Ann Blackfield. The group had no additional questions. Mary LaCasse made a motion to move the packet forward for membership. The

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group voted and passed the motion. Brenda will submit packet for approval.

V. SICC Family/Provider/Local Spotlight

Note: All families currently involved with the SICC have already presented. Brenda put out a request for families from LICCs to share their stories with the SICC. Please forward anyone interested to Brenda.

A. Provider: Mary Leppert

Mary is a neurodevelopmental pediatrician, one of less than 200 nation-wide. The field was only recognized as a sub specialty about 15 years ago. She attended the National University of Ireland, and completed her residency in a pediatric fellowship at SHU in developmental disabilities. She has no personal story that brought her to the field of developmental disabilities except that she was the daughter of a general surgeon who volunteered every Saturday at a home for people with developmental disabilities. She was intrigued with the population. In Ireland, one of her professors had a particular interest in neural tube defects. Admiration for the families and including them in everyday life led to a career. Mary has four children and learned a lot from them. She is now the director at KKI and co-director at the NICU at KKI. She is also adjunct faculty at SHU. Mary is most excited about a new project, Project ECHO, combining technology and clinical using case-based learning.

B. Local: Montgomery County, Natasha Ramberg

Natasha is the director of the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program (MCITP) with the Dept. of Health and Human Services. The MCITP is part of the Early Childhood Division, which also includes the ECMH, Child Link, Child Care Referral, and Childcare in Public Space programs. They share a mission and vision. The MCITP program structure includes DHHS, MCPS, and the Laurie Center and has five sites. In FY2016, they served 5,057 children and families. There were 3,085 referrals, which was an increase of 4.5% over the previous year. Of the families served, 44.7% spoke a language other than English, which includes 56 distinct languages in the district. The MCITP is a SSIP program and involved with implementing the evidence-based practices of the SSIP. For RBI, MCITP has 3 nationally certified, 4 state certified, and 24 local coaches. They also have 25 SEFEL coaches implementing reflective coaching with a focus on social-emotional development. They have an active Local Implementation Team and are also restructuring to have dedicated evaluation teams after

analyzing the data and seeing that about 20% of their referrals were not eligible for services. The MCITP has recently moved to a new space with five other programs in the Family Involvement Center and allows them to offer sessions for community access and be part of the Family Support Network.

VI. Division of Early Childhood Development: Liz Kelley

- Several clarifications of regulations involving childcare screening were presented:
 - The regulation will be effective July 1, 2017 and childcare providers are required to have screenings on file.
 - If a screening is received from another source and on file, it meets the intent of the regulation.
 - If there is a current IFSP/IEP on file, it meets the intent.
- Winding down RTT funds – final report will be sent the end of the year. MD EXCELS and KRA will continue. The first statewide KRA report is due next week and then there will be more to follow. Eight jurisdictions did census due to shortened window. Next year's later school start date will probably result in an even smaller administration window. There are lots of issues and concern about this year's process, including jurisdictions being late in uploading data and questions about representation of all populations. This is the 3rd year for KRA but there have been changes every year so not confident in data.

VII. Preview of Community Compass: Cecilia Leger

Cecilia provided an overview and explained that the website will have 3 portals: one for developmental information and two ways to enter and make referrals – one as a parent or community member and the other as a professional or medical provider. She walked through how to make a referral. Cecilia shared that MD will be the first in the country to have an online referral system “talk” with the online IFSP. A member of the group questioned where the developmental information came from and Cecilia said it was imported from the CDC Act Early website. They did a walkthrough to compare it to the ELA and Healthy Beginnings and found it to be in alignment.

Brian Morrison emphasized that the MITP will not share any information without parental consent. He also wanted to acknowledge that Debbie Badawi prioritized this community compass three years ago and braided funds to make it a reality.

VIII. MSDE Birth to Kindergarten Updates

A. Preschool Updates: Nancy Vorobey

- November 2nd PLI showcased FedTalks (modeled after TedTalks) with federal experts in each strand of the three imperatives of the Strategic Plan. In the Early Childhood strand, Sharon Walsh walked through federal policy statements and guidance, highlighting enhanced collaborations. A lot of new EC opportunities in the ESSA, which offers us a chance to work together to develop MD's plan. The powerpoint will be shared.

B. Part C Updates: Brian Morrison

- Proposed making this section "B-K Updates" instead of separating Part C and preschool updates.
- Brian reviewed the SSIP – It's a federally mandated initiative focusing on one type of outcome (family or child). MD's focus is on Outcome #1 – Positive social emotional skills and relationships. There are two new evidence-based strategies being implemented – SEFEL and RBI. All four SSIP jurisdictions completed all three SEFEL training modules and involved in monthly coaching, and UMD is beginning to schedule and train other jurisdictions. The 2nd RBI Institute was held August 2016, and participants are currently submitting videos for review and certification.
- Family Surveys or the MITP – submission date ends 11/11/16. Response to date is low, only about 19%, compared to >40% submission rate for the last several years. Some jurisdictions are still currently at 0%. Please ensure surveys are submitted.
- Marcella will provide an update on the ESSA and the Strategic Plan at the next SICC meeting.
- Child Outcomes – preliminary data is down. May be due to B-K process. Will request that OSEP accept new targets, based on new methodology in preschool.

IX. Every Student Succeeds Act Update: Marcella Franczkowski

Marcella was unable to attend today's SICC Meeting. She will share information at a future meeting.

X. Identifying Challenges & Creating Solutions for Improved Collaboration

between ECMH, EI and Preschool Special Education: Sarah Nadiv
ECMHC – What is the role, key factors? Need to understand roles based on models.

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- MSDE uses an on-call model. If concerns with a child in a classroom, teachers/program can access ECMHC.
- Headstart use an embedded model where mental health consultation is part of the program.
- A hybrid approach would have providers sometimes embedded in centers 2-3 days/week and available for on-call.

ECMHC -

- What is it? Building relationships, capacity building, indirect nature of intervention services, system navigation, culturally sensitive approach.
- What it isn't - Consultative stance, practices.
- What are the barriers? Finite resources (money & time). How do we build on strengths. Small work groups with ECMHCs interspersed with each group.
- Small Group Shares:
 - Challenges – quantity vs. quality, adequate staffing, accessibility, proximity, education of participants (providers and parents), understanding behavior, “repeat offenders” (same programs calling), understanding Developmentally Appropriate Practices, behaviors more extreme, more trauma, timing of calls to allow for implementation of change, inconsistent messaging.
 - Action – ITP calls ECMHC and vice-versa to consult & brainstorm together; more joint training and understanding
 - Successes – Parent and ECMHC rep on LICC, ITP training for child care providers, cross-system relationships
 - Resources – more, pilot in southern MD and braiding funds

XI. Adjournment

Upcoming meeting schedule reviewed. If schools are closed or early dismissal in Howard County, the SICC is cancelled.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Executive Meetings (1:00-3:00, MSDE)
December 1, 2016
February 2, 2017
April 6, 2017

General Meetings (1:00-4:00, CTE)
January 12, 2017
March 2, 2017
Joint Meeting (12:00-4:00, TBD)
May 4, 2017