

SC Interagency Coordinating Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2020  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Members Present:**

Heather Googe, *Chair*, SC Child Care Inclusion Collaborative  
Jennifer Buster, SC Department of Health and Human Services  
Scott Falcone, SC School for the Deaf and Blind  
Amy Holbert, Family Connection SC  
Jenny May (designee), SC Department of Education, Office of Special Education Services  
Linda Mirabal-Pace, SC Department of Education, McKinney-Vento

**Members Call In:**

Tara Carroll, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control  
Joyce Kimrey (designee) SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

**Guests Present:**

Stephanie Hicklin, SCDHHS  
Erin Laughter, SCDHHS  
Teri Todd, Bright Start  
Elaine Gentry, SCSDB  
Robert Hill, SCDOE  
Willie Stokes, About Play  
Jessica Mearns, Epworth EIC  
Angela Floyd, SCDHHS

**Call In:**

Hal Peters, SCDHHS  
Hope Campbell, Hands of Hope  
Ben Orner, DDSN  
Beth Odom, BCDSN  
Cherie Scoggins, BCDSN  
Naomi Barker, LEND Student Mentee  
Deidre Martin, Ahead Start

**Welcome and Introduction:**

Dr. Heather Googe opened the meeting at 10:05 am and invited members and guests to introduce themselves and share their affiliations.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

The agenda was approved as written. The minutes from the September 11, 2019 meeting were approved as corrected.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment

## BabyNet Director's Report

\*Please see attached report for detailed information.

### o Enrollment

- Expected enrollment compared to national average birth to 12 months (1/7/2020):
  - National average is 699
  - SC Part C is 653
- Expected enrollment compared to national average birth to 36 months(1/7/2020):
  - National average is 5996
  - SC Part C is 6540
- Child count by race totals(1/7/2020):
  - Black/African American = 601
  - White = 1167
  - Hispanic/Latino = 202
  - Asian = 20
  - American Indian/Alaska = 5
  - Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander = 5
  - Two or more races = 4540
- Child count by gender totals(1/7/2020):
  - Male = 4094
  - Female = 2446
- Average days to initial IFSP by SPOE district (7/1/2019 – 11/30/2019) see attached director's report. Charleston's numbers were high at the time the data was collected due to their SPOE office being down by 4 -5 staff
- Active children by phase and district (5/8/2019) see attached director's report
- Transition (7/1/2019 – 1/7/2020):
  - Average number of days between transition conference and third birthday = 108.1 days.
  - Number of Transition Conferences = 1588

### o APR

- APR Report due to OSEP, April 1, 2020
- FFY 2018 Data reported in 2020:
  - Indicator 1 – Timely Services: Target 100%/Data (DHHS Data Governance Office, DGO, calculating this data)
  - Indicator 2 – Natural Environment: (Target 98% /Data 98.22%)
  - Indicator 3 – Child Outcomes:
    - A1 – Target 80%/Data 74%
    - A2 – Target 60%/Data 49.4%
    - B1 - Target 82.10%/Data 78.99%
    - B2 – Target 55%/Data 45.57%
    - C1 – Target 82.10%/Data 76.70%
    - C2 – Target 58%/Data 48.51%
  - Indicator 4 – Family Outcomes:
    - A (Know their rights) Target 74%/Data 63.19%

- B (helped family communicate needs) Target 72%/Data 64.69%
      - C (develop & learn) Target 75%/Data 72.54%
    - Indicator 5 – Child Find (0-1): Target 92%/Data 98%
    - Indicator 6 – Child Find (0-3): Target 2.50%/Data 3.18%
    - Indicator 7 – 45 Days: Target 100%/Data (DGO calculating)
    - Indicator 8A – Transition on IFSP: Target 100%/Data 100%
    - Indicator 8B – Notification: Target 100%/Data 100%
    - Indicator 8C – Conference: Target 100%/Data 91%
    - Indicator 9 – Dispute Resolution: N/A
    - Indicator 10 – Mediation: N/A
    - Indicator 11 – SSIP: N/A
  - The ICC recommended keeping the 2019 targets the same as the 2018 targets.
- **SSIP (State Systemic Improvement Plan)**
  - Phase 3 will be submitted in April 2020.
  - Stakeholder meeting will be held in a couple of weeks to get feedback from the participants of the first RBI (Routines Based Interview) training. The second training will be held soon.
- **BRIDGES Integration:**
  - IFSP Regeneration
    - A new list of service codes was implemented in October 2019 and IFSP's had to be regenerated to reflect the new codes. Approximately 7,000 plus IFSP's were regenerated.
    - Payment of claims is live with some manual work still being done.
    - DHHS is focusing on sending out bulletins/alerts with more targeted information.
- **Billing**
  - Providers are still required to put notes in BRIDGES, then the system will adjudicate the claim and the claim will go out of BRIDGES to MMIS and adjudicate. Providers bill MCO's directly. TEFRA goes through BRIDGES. Providers should not be billing through the web tool. They need to put notes in BRIDGES for payment to adjudicate. The purpose of the BRIDGES Integration is so that everyone providing service to a child can have access to all information for that child.
  - Stephanie Hicklin is working on a narrated power point presentation to address the confusion on how claims are billed through BRIDGES.
  - Interim payment process will be decommissioned and then providers will be paid for small minute roll-up.
- **Policies and Procedures**
  - All policies and procedures are posted except for Dispute Resolution. BabyNet will be using the internal system that DHHS already uses for Dispute Resolution.
  - BabyNet will be conducting a training on policies and procedures and will continue adding job aides and other resources to the policy and procedure manual.

- **General Supervision**
  - BabyNet issued the first findings of non-compliance to OSEP on October 1, 2019. Lenora Burke's region presented no findings and the other regions are working on correcting their findings.

## **State Agency Updates**

- ❖ **McKinney Vento – Linda Mirabal-Pace**
  - Annual McKinney-Vento Conference will be held March 10-11, 2020 at Midlands Technical College, Columbia, SC.
  
- ❖ **OSES – Jenny May**
  - All Corrective Action Plans have been satisfied.
  - OSES has a pre-school focus group which adds more staff to help with the work load.
  - Looking at data by district so each district can see the expected number of children that will be transitioning in order to prepare for the next year.
  - The pre-school team at OSES is working to develop more universal supports
  - Currently writing annual report to be provided to the General Assembly and this report will be shared with the ICC.
  
- ❖ **SCDB – Scott Falcone**
  - No Update
  
- ❖ **Family Connection SC – Amy Holbert**
  - Hopes and Dreams Conference, February 25 – 26, 2020 at R2i2 and registration is open. Keynote is Dr. Lise Fox.
  
- ❖ **DDSN – Joyce Kimrey**
  - Counterpart meetings in all 4 regions will be held in February.
  
- ❖ **Heather Googe**
  - Membership
    - Continuing to try and seat the board. Several members' terms expire in June.
    - The committee will continue to support the lead agency and the families of SC.

### **Other Business:**

Future meeting dates will be set at the March 11 meeting. We will continue meeting on a quarterly schedule.

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.**