

SC Interagency Coordinating Council

Minutes

January 20, 2021

WebEx Meeting

Members Present:

Heather Googe, *Chair*, USC, South Carolina Child Care Inclusion Collaborative
Ben Orner, SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Linda Mirabal-Pace, SC Department of Education, McKinney-Vento
Amy Holbert, Family Connection SC
Tara Carroll, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
Jenny May (designee) SC Department of Education, Office of Special Education Services
Louise Johnson, SC Department of Mental Health
Pete Liggett, SC Department of Health and Human Services
Scott Falcone, SC School for the Deaf and Blind
Shannon Erickson, Legislator, SC House District 124
Gwynne Goodlett, SC Department of Social Services
Lakesha Fields, Parent
David Rotholz, USC, Center for Disability Resources
Amber Gillum, SC Department of Social Services (Early Care and Education)
Karen Larsen, Easterseals SC
Evelyn Grant, Head Start
Teri Todd, Bright Start
Laura McCraw, About Play, LLC
Robin Blackwood, Parent

Guests Present:

Jennifer Buster, SCDHHS	Birley Wright, McKinney-Vento
Stephanie Hicklin, SCDHHS	Denise Balansky, Easterseals SC
Erin Laughter, SCDHHS	Sonya Lebrun, Beaufort County Disabilities
Robin Morris, SCDHHS	Elaine Gentry, SCSDB
Hal Peters, SCDHHS	Rhonda Gibson, First Steps SPOE
Joyce Kimrey, SCDDSN	Deidre Martin, Ahead Start
Stacey Fuller, Aging with Flair	Christina Haight
Kathleen Lint, Aging with Flair	Suzanne English, Beyond EI, LLC
Deneen Middleton, Kid in Development	Jessica Mearns, Epworth EI
Conner Black	Audra Barnes
Kerri Wikel, TECS	Kathy Cornish, First Steps SPOE
Kayla VanBuskirk, Great Kids and Awesome Adults	

Welcome and Introduction:

Dr. Heather Googe welcomed everyone and invited members and guests to introduce themselves and share their affiliations.

Approval of Agenda:

The meeting agenda was accepted as presented.

Approval of Minutes:

The October meeting minutes were approved as written.

Public Comment:

No public comment

BabyNet Director's Report:

Jennifer Buster welcomed everyone and thanked them for participating in the meeting.

- Referrals
 - 9613 referrals for received from July 1, 2020 – January 19, 2021.
- Enrollment (1/19/2020)
 - FFY 2018: expectant enrollment, birth to 12 months, is 699 and SC is at 735.
 - FFY 2018: expectant enrollment, birth to 36 months, is 5996 and SC is at 6811.
- Child count by race (0-3)
 - White = 3659
 - Black/African American = 1945
 - Hispanic/Latino = 579
 - Asian = 74
 - American Indian/Alaska Native = 14
 - Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific = 13
 - Two or more races = 527
 - **Total = 6811**
- Child count by gender (0-3)
 - Male = 4254
 - Female = 2557
 - **Total = 6811**
- Providers are continuing to provide a hybrid service delivery model during COVID.
- Policy and Procedure Manual has been updated and public hearings will be posted soon.
- BRIDGES Integration project is in the final stages of completion and the new data system, Therap, has kicked off.
- Annual Performance Report (APR) targets were discussed.

State Agency Updates:

- **DSS** (Early Care and Education)
 - No update

- **Family Connection SC**
 - No update
- **DDSN**
 - Several new providers have been added.
- **SCSDB**
 - No update
- **DOE (OSES)**
 - Part B 619 was selected in the newest round of OSEP monitoring visits.
- **DHEC**
 - No update
- **Center for Disability Resources**
 - Kerri Wikel has joined CDR as the new Program Director.
- **DMH**
 - Continue to provide training for identified early childhood workers across the state.
- **Education of Homeless Children and Youth**
 - Birley Wright has joined Linda as the second staff member for the program.
- **DHHS**
 - No update
- **DOI**
 - No update

Membership Update

- Hal Peters with DHHS has been working to fill a few vacancies.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am.

Next Meeting:

March 31, 2021