

**South Carolina Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)**

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**Meeting Minutes**

**January 19, 2022**

**Members Present:**

Dr. Heather Googe, Chair, *University of South Carolina Child Care Inclusion Collaborative*  
Ms. Rosa Rivers, *South Carolina Department of Insurance (SCDOI)*  
Ms. Amy Holbert, *Parent Training and Information Center (Family Connection SC)*  
Ms. Linda Mirabal-Pace, *Education of Homeless Children and Youth, South Carolina Department of Education (SCSDE) (McKinney-Vento)*  
Ms. Amber Gillum, *Early Care and Education, South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS)*  
Ms. Gwynne Goodlett, *South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS)*  
Ms. Evelyn Patterson Grant, *a South Carolina Head Start Agency*  
Mr. Scott Falcone, *South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind (SCSDB)*  
Ms. Joyce Kimrey, *South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN)*  
Ms. Tara Carroll, *South Carolina Department of Environmental Control (SCDHEC)*  
Dr. David Rotholz, *Trainer of Personnel (University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Center for Disability Resources)*  
Ms. Teri Todd, *Provider of Early Intervention Services*  
Ms. Laura McCraw, *Provider of Early Intervention Services*  
Ms. Amanda Farwick, *Parent of a Toddler/Child with a Disability*  
Ms. Elizabeth Kinney, *Parent*  
Ms. Robin Blackwood, *Parent*  
Ms. Kimberly Seals, *SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC)*  
Ms. Melissa Griffin, *Provider*  
Ms. Jordan Desai, *South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS)*

**Guests Present:**

Jennifer Buster, *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C program director, South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS)*  
Stephanie Hicklin, *SCDHHS*  
Erin Laughter, *SCDHHS*  
Angela Floyd, *SCDHHS*  
Melody Lucas, *SCDHHS*  
Melissa Curtis, *SCDHHS*  
Kathleen Lint, *Aging with Flair*  
Sonya Lebrun, *Beaufort County Disabilities and Special Needs Board*  
Kerri Wikel, *Team for Early Childhood Solutions (TECS)*  
Denise Balansky, *Easterseals SC*  
Shannon Rutledge, *Smiling Faces Early Intervention, Marion-Dillon Disabilities and Special Needs Board*  
Elaine Gentry, *South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind (SCSDB)*  
Gail Shelley, *SCDHHS*  
Jennifer Strock, *SCDHHS*  
LaKeisha Wells, *Family Support Services*  
Alessia Mattera, *University of South Carolina student intern with BabyNet*

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Dr. Googe welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked participants to introduce themselves in the chat room.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Dr. David Rotholz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of the October 13, 2021 minutes are deferred until the next meeting, March 30, 2022.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment.

**BabyNet Director's Report:**

Jennifer Buster, BabyNet Director, presented her report to the committee. (Please see the attached report).

**APR/SPP/SSIP:**

Jennifer Buster and Stephanie Donald, IDEA Part C Operations Manager, presented the Part C Annual Performance Report/State Performance Plan and the State System Improvement Plan. (Please see the attached report).

**State Agency Updates:****Family Connection SC**

- Amy Holbert reported that over 800 families are receiving BabyNet services since July 1, 2021.
- Referrals are open for the Look Photography Event.  
<https://www.familyconnectionsc.org/look/participant/>
- Hopes and Dreams conference will be a hybrid event on April 6, 2022.

**CDR**

- 2022 Virtual Nurturing and Developing Minds Conference will be all held on Friday Feb 25, 2022. Follow link for more information: <https://www.instituteforchildsuccess.org/event/nurturing-developing-minds-2022-conference-strengthening-families/>
- The Center for Disability Resources became an independent center within the University of South Carolina School of Medicine on January 1, 2022.

**SCSDB**

- no updates

**SCDSS(Child Welfare)**

- Gwynne Goodlett reported they are one of the largest referral sources for BabyNet.

**SCDDSN**

- Joyce Kimrey reported that Dr. Michelle G. Fry has been named as the new Executive Director of SCDDSN.

Office of Special Education Services (OSES)

- Lisa Kershaw reported that OSES has submitted their preschool report to the legislature.

SCDOI

- no updates

SCDHEC

- Tara Carroll reported that First Sound is working with Beginnings SC to train various early childhood groups around the state to conduct hearing screenings. Contact Mary Reaves at [mary@beginningssc.org](mailto:mary@beginningssc.org) for more information.

SCDHHS

- no updates

Membership

- No updates

**Meeting adjourned at 11:26 am.**

**Next meeting, March 30, 2022.**