

SC Interagency Coordinating Council  
Minutes  
July 10, 2019

**Members Present:**

Heather Googe, USC, SC Child Care Inclusion Collaborative  
Jennifer Buster, SC Department of Health and Human Services  
Scott Falcone, SC School for the Deaf and Blind  
Louise Johnson, SC Department of Mental Health  
Linda Mirabal-Pace, SC Department of Education, McKinney - Vento  
LaShawn Bridges, (designee )SC Department of Education, Office of Special Education Services  
Tara Carroll, (call in) SC Department of Health and Environmental Control

**Guests Present:**

Erin Laughter, SCDHHS  
Teri Todd, Bright Start  
Elaine Gentry, SCSDB  
Stephanie Hicklin, SCDHHS  
Whitney Starling, Beyond Early Intervention  
Catrina Palmer, SCDHHS  
Angie Floyd, SCDHHS  
Laura McCraw, About Play  
Willie Stokes, About Play  
Jessica Mearns, Epworth EIC  
Kathleen Lint, Aging with Flair  
Julia Beaty, USCSOM  
Katie Wilson, Carolina Behavior and Beyond  
Adrianna McCullar, Carolina Behavior and Beyond  
Anne Conner-Schisler, Aging with Flair & Behaviors a Go-Go

**Call In:**

Jennifer Strock, SCDHHS  
Lisa Henry, USCSOM  
Deidre Martin, Ahead Start  
Joyce Kimrey, SC DDSN  
Beth Odom, Bright Beginnings  
Chelsey Norris, Easter Seals  
Anna Gillum, Oconee DDSN  
Andrea Lary, Therapy Consortium

**Welcome and Introduction:**

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

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

Meeting agenda was approved as read. The minutes from the May 8, 2019 meeting were approved as read.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment

**State Agency Updates:****SCSDB**

- The Early Intervention Program will be hosting SKI Hi Training at SCSDB for employees who provide direct services to kids who are deaf and hard of hearing.
- Some SCSDB staff attended INSITE (IN-home Sensory Impaired Training and Education) and VIISA (Vision In-Service in America) Training which was held in Minnesota. They will be receiving their endorsement (specialized for low vision and blindness). Everyone will be trained that provides direct services to kids birth to five.
- Starting Deaf Mentor program – 1<sup>st</sup> in the state. SCSDB has hired a professional that will begin in Sept. and work with the EI program along with the American Sign Language program. SCSDB plans to grow the mentor program into a program of instruction for children across the state of SC who are deaf and hard of hearing.

**Office of Special Education Services (OSES)**

- OSES supported the Pyramid Implementation Training that includes:
  - 3 day preschool strategy
  - 1 day linking language literacy social and emotional development
  - 2 days of practice-based coaching
  - 2 days of TPOT reliability
- Collaborating with Part C on several initiatives:
  - Child Find Task Force
  - Transition Best Practice Guide
- The theme for OSES 619 is Joy. Several projects include:
  - Coffee Break E-Meetings on the first Friday of every month from 10:00 am – 10:30 to discuss hot topics
  - Let's All Play Training
  - Purposeful and Powerful Play
  - Champions for Young Children
  - SCPI District Leadership Day

**McKinney-Vinto Homeless Act**

- No report

**Department of Mental Health**

- Helping clinicians through DMH move toward an endorsement for Infant Early Childhood Mental Health.
- Will hold the first training on Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch Up. This is designed for children who have been removed from the home and how to get them back to their biological family.
- Identified early childhood champions in all 16 mental health centers in the state.

## DDSN

- Going through a lot of Fiscal and Administrative changes with BabyNet and working to make transition easy with DHHS staff.

### BabyNet Director's Report

\*See attached report for more detailed information

- Referrals
  - Total referrals from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019
    - 14,156
- Enrollment
  - Total enrollment from July 1, 2018 – July 8, 2019 Birth to 12 months
    - 732 - USDOE expected enrollment
    - 719 - Part C actual enrollment
  - Total enrollment birth to 36 months
    - 5123 – USDOE expected enrollment
    - 6381 – Part C actual enrollment
- Child Count by Race (totals)
  - 3470 – White
  - 1879 - Black/African American
  - 659 - Hispanic/Latino
  - 60 – Asian
  - 12 - Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islands
  - 12 - American Indian/Alaska Native
  - 289 - 2 or more races
- Child count by gender (totals)
  - 4009 – Male
  - 2372 – Female
  - The average number of days to initial IFSP is decreasing (see chart)
  - Active children by phase and district, as of 7/8/2019, is 7329.
  - Total number of Transition Conferences, 7/1/18 – 6/30/19, is 2753.
  - RBI (Routines Based Interview Training) was held in Horry County May 28 – 31, 2019.
    - 98 participants from the Horry County District
    - Training was well received by the parents who attended the training
    - The entire state will be trained and practicing RBI by June 2021
- OSEP should notify the agency of their findings from their April visit within 120 days of their visit.
- BRIDGES Integration High Level Goals:
  - Identify potential BabyNet consumers that may not be enrolled in the BN program. Now that the program is within the Medicaid agency we can identify children who are Medicaid eligible that may also be BN eligible
  - Ensure Part C funds are used as payor of last resort
  - Make sure we are not paying duplicate claims
  - Make sure all service logs are entered into BRIDGES for all services rendered
  - Ensuring referrals are tracked properly to ensure timeliness of eligibility and ongoing services

- Original implementation date for BRIDGES Integration was July 1, 2019, but after testing the system some issues were identified and it was decided to push that to October 1, 2019.
- The DDSN trainings that were scheduled to take place were cancelled until the BRIDGES Integration process is finalized.
- DHHS received notification in June that the 2020 IDEA Part C Grant application was approved.

**DHEC (reported by Heather Googe due to Skype issues for Tara)**

- Currently working on their maternal and child health title 5 needs assessment if you have any suggestions please communicate with Tara. There will be a public comment coming up.

**Other Business:**

- PDG update: state was awarded the grant. Stakeholder group for strategic planning process let Heather know if you are interested in being on that committee.
- Heather attended Build Conference in New Orleans and received information that there will be a Funding Opportunity Announcement for years 2-4 of the Preschool Development Grant. This process will be more competitive than it was for our current funding. Fewer states will receive the continued funding.
- We will continue to have next year's meeting at SCSDB.
- Currently, we are meeting every other month. We are required to meet quarterly according to our bylaws. We will discuss the frequency of our meetings at our next ICC meeting.
- Registration still open for Champions for Young Children to be held on August 2 at R2i2.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am

The next meeting will be September 11, 2019, SCSDB