

SC Interagency Coordinating Council  
Minutes  
March 13, 2019

**Members Present:**

Heather Googe, USC, SC Child Care Inclusion Collaborative  
Jennifer Buster, SCDHHS  
Joyce Kimrey, (designee) SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs  
Jenny May, (designee) SC Department of Education, Office of Special Education Services  
Scott Falcone, SC School for the Deaf and Blind  
Mary Lynne Diggs, SC Head Start Collaboration Office  
Louise Johnson, SC Department of Mental Health  
Tara Carroll (Skype), SC Department of Health and Environmental Control

**Guests Present:**

Anne Connor – Schisler, Aging with Flair & Behaviors a Go-Go  
Kathleen Lint, Aging with Flair  
Mary Reaves, Beginnings SC  
Willie Stokes, About Play  
Erin Laughter, SCDHHS  
Teri Todd, Bright Start  
Elaine Gentry, SC SDB  
Stephanie Hicklin, SCDHHS  
Whitney Tipton, Carolina Behavior & Beyond  
Jazmin Hudgins, SC LEND  
Catrina Palmer, SCDHHS  
Angie Floyd, SCDHHS  
Jennifer Strock, SCDHHS via Skype

**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 Minutes:**

The January minutes were amended to add Elaine Gentry and Jennifer Buster in attendance at the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes were approved as amended.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment

**BabyNet Director's Report:**

See the Director's Report that is attached for more detailed information

- Referrals
  - Total referrals: 9776 from 7/1/2018 – 3/12/2019.
- Ongoing meetings with DSS and children in foster care and CAPTA children. monitoring to make sure referrals are being made appropriately.
- Enrollment
  - Expected enrollment birth to 12 months is 732.
  - Expected enrollment birth to 36 months is 5123.
- Child count by race totals
  - White = 3235
  - Black/African American = 1771
  - Hispanic/Latino = 599
  - Asian = 63
  - Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander = 13
  - American Indian/Alaska Native = 10
  - Two or more races = 276
- Child county by gender totals
  - Male = 3709
  - Female = 2258
- Average days to initial IFSP by SPOE
  - See chart in Director's report.
- Current active children by phase and district totals
  - Pending = 17
  - Referral = 1159
  - Evaluation = 46
  - Eligibility = 612
  - In progress total = 1834
  - IFSP total = 5967
  - Statewide total = 7801
- APR was submitted timely on Feb 1, 2019. Report is in review.
- Grant application and all policies and procedures related to the grant were posted on March 1, 2019. The public hearings are April 4 from 10 – 12 (face to face) and April 11 via webinar. Comments can be submitted online.
- Question from audience?
  - Anne C. Schisler asked if there is anywhere that shows what the policies and procedures were and what the proposed changes are. Jennifer stated that the policies and procedures are totally different from what they were in the past. Referrals, IFSP and assessment will show the most significant changes.
- Timeline
  - Stakeholders meeting held
  - DDSN provider training starts today and SCSSDB training will follow.
  - SSIP Phase II and General Supervision due April 1, 2019.
  - RBI (Routines Based Interview) training to be held in May, 2019.
  - OSEP will be here April 16 – 18, 2019.

- BRIDGES Integration
  - Merging BRIDGES with other data systems that exist at DHHS.
  - Online web form for referrals is nearing completion.

**SSIP Phase 2 Discussion:**

See the attached document for more detailed information

- SSIP is a multi-year plan that states will develop to improve results for children and with disabilities and their families.
  - look at our infrastructure and decide how we can use that in this plan.
  - Support EI system programs in implementing evidence-based practice – focus will mainly be on RBI (Routines Based Interview).
  - Improve outreach to health care providers so they will refer children earlier and educate them on how children become eligible.
- Coherent Improvement Strategies
  - Improve family outcome system then the response rate will increase, and families will have a better idea of how to help their children.
  - BabyNet personnel will use effective practices so the families can become more engaged in the identification of their resources to help their child develop and learn.
  - Make sure health care providers understand what BabyNet is so they can educate parents on how to get their child in the system earlier.
  - Provide families with information and resources using evidence-based practices and Part C system requirements so they will have a better understanding of the roles of BabyNet System Personnel to improve their involvement in the IFSP process.
- Next Steps
  - Continue to develop the Phase II Action Plan.
  - Reconvene Stakeholder group.
  - Present draft of SSIP report to SCICC.
  - Submit Phase II of the SSIP by 4/1/2019.

**State Agency Updates:**

- SC Department of Mental Health – Louise Johnson
  - Save the date for the Cultural and Linguistic Competency Conference, June 20 at Spirit Communications Park
  - Open to everyone
- SC Department of Education – Jenny May
  - looking at transition data around IEP before 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.
  - Number of exciting pieces around co-teaching and coaching. Federally required activities lend themselves nicely to part b 619 and part c connecting to meet our share of obligation to families and supporting teachers and providers.
  - Gearing up for Pyramid Model Implementation site training.
  - Getting ready for Summer Training Institute – info coming.

- Head Start – Mary Lynne Diggs
  - Head Start is a federal to local program and written into IDEA with a responsibility to Part C and Part B.
  - Head Start grantees have a responsibility within 45 days to screen children. According to federal law, a service must be received within 90 days.
  - Mandated in Head Start Act that they have a Part C and Part B agreement. The Part B agreement has been updated and the Part C agreement is pending due to BabyNet Lead Agency change.
  - Early Head Start childcare partnerships. Some private childcare providers have little to no knowledge of BabyNet process. Early Head Start childcare providers need technical assistance with the BabyNet process.
  - McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Conference at Midlands Technical College, March 14 – 15, 2019.
  
- SCSDB – Scott Falcone
  - Sending 5 professionals to Wisconsin to the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired to attend the VISA (Vision Inservice’s in America) and Insight (In Home Sensory Impaired Training and Education Program) Training.
  - Collaborating with the university in Utah and will bring Skyhigh training to SC for the early intervention training. Training will take place in July.
  - Deaf Mentor Program to launch by the end of the year.
  - Hiring a statewide deaf ASL coordinator that will work closely with the Deaf Mentor Program.
  - Charleston office officially open.
  
- DDSN – Joyce Kimrey
  - Holding a series of training with HHS starting today and then moving to other areas in the state.
  
- DHEC – Tara Carroll
  - No Update

Updates regarding membership and officers:

- Currently without a co-chair – this person has to be a parent of a child with disabilities.

Preschool Development Grant:

- Awarded 3.4 million dollars in December of 2018
  - Purpose of the grant is to improve services and support for infants, toddlers and preschoolers, birth to five process. BabyNet is included in this grant.
  - Main focus of year one of the grant is for states to complete a needs assessment and strategic plan to establish a mixed early childhood delivery system.
  - 5 related activities
    - Needs assessment

- Strategic plan
- Family engagement
- Sharing evidence-based practices
- Quality care
- Share recruitment application processes.
- Share professional development.
- 43 states received this funding.
- PDG Needs Assessment Meetings going on in March, April and May across the state.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Champions for Young Children Symposium to be held August 2 at the Richland 2 Innovation Center, theme is Meaningful Family Engagement Using the Protective Factors Framework.
- Registration to open in April.

Adjourn:

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Upcoming Meetings:

May 8, 2019

June 10, 2019