

SC Interagency Coordinating Council
Minutes
May 8, 2019

Members Present:

Jennifer Buster, BabyNet
Scott Falcone, SC School for the Deaf and Blind
Heather Googe, USC, SC Child Care Inclusion Collaborative
Joyce Kimrey (designee) SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Linda Mirabal-Pace, SC Department of Education
Kathryn Padgett (designee), Family Connection SC
Katie Wolfe, USC
Tara Carroll (call in) SC Department of Health and Environmental Control

Guests Present:

Erin Laughter, BabyNet State Office
Teri Todd, Bright Start
Elaine Gentry, SCSDB
Stephanie Hicklin, BabyNet State Office
Whitney Tipton, Carolina Behavior & Beyond
Catrina Palmer, BabyNet State Office
Angie Floyd, BabyNet State Office
Whitney Starling, Beyond EI
Laura McCraw, About Play
Willie Stokes, About Play

Call In:

Jennifer Strock, BabyNet State Office
Melissa Griffin
Karen Larson
Lisa Henry, TECS

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 March 13, 2019 minutes were approved as written.

Public Comment:

No public comment

BabyNet Director's Report:

- Jennifer Buster reported that she, DHHS Director, Josh Baker and Jeremy Faulkenburg held 4 face to face DDSN trainings across the state to talk with DDSN providers about the Medicaid enrollment process and what needed to happen to become an enrolled provider. They also were there to answer any questions regarding the upcoming BRIDGES (BabyNet Reporting and Intervention Data Gathering Electronic System) Integration. The meetings were well attended.
- First round of policies and procedures, as well as the grant application, were posted on March 1. Second round of procedures posted on April 1. A face to face public hearing was held on April 4

and a public hearing webinar was held on April 11. Comments from both meetings were recorded.

- Highlights from OSEP visit (April 16 – 18)
 - BabyNet was well supported agency wide with preparing for this visit, as well as numerous folks outside the agency that participated in the visit.
 - A presentation was held on following the life of a child in the BabyNet system. Hour long demos were held for the OSEP staff during their lunch period that showed a child being entered in BRIDGES at the referral process until the payment of claims is made.
 - OSEP met with contracted therapy providers, System Point of Entry staff and Central Referral Team staff.
 - Overall the OSEP team was thrilled with the systemic change happening with BabyNet and once the integration of systems is complete, South Carolina will be a model for other agencies nationwide.
 - BabyNet provided OSEP with updates on Indicators 1 and 7. Stephanie, Catrina and Jennifer have been working with the Data Governance Team to recreate canned reports in BRIDGES in order to show OSEP what their concerns are with these reports.
 - Areas that BabyNet needs to focus on are General Supervision and SSIP. It was recommended by OSEP for BabyNet to focus on Indicators 1 and 7 at this time.
 - 120 days from the OSEP visit, BabyNet will receive a letter with the team's recommendation for BabyNet.
 - Improvement of the overall image of the BabyNet program is positive.
 - OSEP provided clarification on the APR report (see attachment).
- BabyNet Referrals (see attached report for more detail)
 - Total referrals: 12,343 from 7/1/2018 –5/7/2019
 - Expected enrollment birth to 12 months is 732
 - Expected enrollment birth to 36 months is 5123
- Child Count by Race Totals:
 - White = 3428
 - Black/African American = 1873
 - Hispanic/Latino = 666
 - Asian = 58
 - Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander = 13
 - American Indian/Alaska Native = 11
 - Two or more races = 301
- Child Count by Gender Totals:
 - Male = 3975
 - Female = 2375
- RBI (Routines Based Interview) Training, May 28 – 31 for Horry District. The remaining districts will be trained over the next 2 years.

State Agency Updates:

- DDSN
 - no update

- Family Connection
 - central directory is being updated and will be live by the end of June

- SCSDB
 - no update

- Department of Education
 - reorganization taking place. Linda will keep the committee updated.

- DHEC
 - no update

- USC
 - 36 credit Master of Education in Applied Behavior Analysis starting in Fall 2019.

- SC Childcare Inclusion Collaborative –
 - registration is open for the Champions of Young Children Symposium, August 1 at R212.
 - PDG – needs assessment meetings have been going on across the state.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Adjourn:

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Next Meeting:

July 10, 2019