

SC Interagency Coordinating Council
Minutes
January 09, 2019

Members Present:

Joyce Kimrey, SC DDSN
Katie Wolfe, USC
Linda Mirabal-Pace, SCDE McKinney-Vento
Tara Carroll, SC DHEC
Amy Holbert, Family Connection SC
Louise Johnson, SC DMH
Mary Lynne Diggs, SC Head Start Collaboration Office
Noelle McInerney, SC DSS DECE
Jennifer Buster, BabyNet

Guests:

Mary Reaves, Beginnings SC
Emily Lang, Beginnings SC
Beth Bunge, Bright Start
Laura McCraw, About Play
Erin Laughter, BabyNet
Kelly Birmingham, SCSDB
Willie Stokes, About Play
Robert Hill, SCDE/SCSDB
Jennifer Strock, DHHS
Stephanie Hicklin, DHHS
Elaine Gentry, SCSDB

Welcome and Introduction:

Dr. Heather Googe opened the meeting at 10:11 am and invited members and guests to introduce themselves and share their affiliations.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

The November minutes and January agenda were approved as read.

Public Comment:

No public comment

BabyNet Director's Report

*Please see Director's Report that is attached for detailed information

- Positions
 - Data Manager – the position closed on 01.09.19 and was shared with many folks in order to reach good candidates.
 - Administrative Coordinator – the new administrative coordinator will start on 01.17.19. This person will be responsible for taking minutes for ICC meetings, preparing sign-in sheets and agenda for ICC meetings and being the liaison between

the Governor's office and the ICC regarding appointments. They will also have various other duties.

- Finance
 - The fiscal contract with Jasper was terminated and payment of invoices was brought in-house to SCDHHS. Invoices are coming in and are being processed within the week they come in. Since being in-house many ways to improve the billing and payment process as well as the data have been discussed. Just one of those ways is ensuring that service coordinators enter payor sources correctly.
- BRIDGES Integration
 - Testing among the systems has begun.
 - Initial conversations were held with DDSN and SCSDDB to discuss the changes with service coordination delivery.
 - Central Referral Team (CRT) does some of the initial process to help speed up the process. CRT has been receiving the referrals for Horry SPOE and started working on Richland SPOE on 01.02.19.
- Indicator 1 – Timely Services
 - This indicator means the % of infants/toddlers with IFSP's receiving EI services on their IFSP from BabyNet Service Providers in a timely manner. In SC, timely is considered within 30 days of a service being identified as a need on the IFSP.
 - This indicator is a compliance indicator, so we are expected to be at 100%.
 - In the past, providers were not held to the standard of entering service logs, but once everyone is required to use BRIDGES, the payor source will not matter. If the provider does not enter their service logs, they will not be paid.
 - The number should rise within the next 2-3 years.
- Indicator 2 – Services in the Natural Environment
 - Our target was 97.64% and our data was 97.82%
 - It was discussed that the target could be set at 99% since our data shows to be greater than the target, however many early intervention providers mentioned that in rural areas, such as Chester County, there are no Physical Therapy providers and in Lexington/Richland counties, it is difficult to find an Occupational Therapy provider.
 - Due to the provider availability issue, it was mentioned that our state could explore using telehealth or telemedicine as many other states are already using this.
- Indicator 3 – Child Outcomes
 - Outcome A – Positive social-emotional skills
 - Summary Statement 1 – didn't meet target (2018: 78; 2019: 78)
 - Summary Statement 2 – didn't meet target (2018: 52; 2019: 52)
 - Outcome B – Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills
 - Summary Statement 1 – didn't meet target (2018: 81; 2019: 81)
 - Summary Statement 2 – didn't meet target (2018: 49; 2019: 49)
 - Outcome C – Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs
 - Summary Statement 1 – didn't meet target (2018: 80; 2019: 80)
 - Summary Statement 2 – didn't meet target (2018: 51; 2019: 51)
- Indicator 4 – Family Outcomes
 - (a) Know their rights – didn't meet target (2018: 70; 2019: 70)
 - (b) Effectively communicate child's needs (2018: 70; 2019: 70)
 - **(c) Help their children develop and learn is going to be the focus of the SSIP. (2018: 70; 2019: 70)**

- Indicator 5 – Child Find
 - Birth to 1 – didn't meet target
- Indicator 6 – Child Find
 - Birth to 3 – met target
- Indicator 7 – Timeliness of IFSP (45 days) – didn't meet target
- Indicator 8 – Transition – met target
 - 8b – Transition Referral – met target
 - 8c – Transition Conference – didn't meet target. We are at 90.5%.
- Indicator 9 – Resolution Hearings – N/A
- Indicator 10 – Mediations – N/A
- Indicator 11 – SSIP – N/A
- Indicators with slippage are being addressed in the Corrective Action Plan.
- Improving child and family outcomes is part of the SSIP
- Changes in service delivery structure and BRIDGES integration will improve
- OSEP will be here some time in 2019.
- Act Early Flyer was distributed

State Agency Updates:

- ❖ Family Connections – Amy Holbert
 - Know as they Grow – helping families transition from Part C to Part B and from preschool to school. An open portal was launched. This is more of a child find activity. Once everything is approved, Amy will bring it to the ICC meeting.
 - Hopes and Dreams Conference is scheduled for February 26th - 27th at R212 Conference Center, 763 Fashion Drive, Columbia, SC.
 - Registration is up
 - Parent sponsorships for parents of children with special needs are available
- ❖ SCDDSN – Joyce Kimrey
 - The counterpart meetings around the state will begin this week.
 - There are 4 meetings in different areas of the state
 - 4-5 new EI providers with DDSN
- ❖ Head Start - Mary Lynne Diggs
 - Head Start Act requires a Part C agreement. Jennifer Buster will need to follow up to help on this agreement.
 - Changes are coming to the office of Head Start
 - There are 21 Early Head Start providers. 265 are part of the Part C system. 177 had IFSPs prior to enrolling. 75 had IFSPs after enrollment and 11 are not yet receiving services. Pregnant mothers can enroll as well.
 - SC has an annual partners fair of the health network. It gives managers the opportunity to talk with partnering agencies. This fair will be held April 2019.
- ❖ SC Department of Mental Health – Louise Johnson
 - The director will be retiring on Friday.

- Multidimensional family therapy; No matter where the child is, they can receive the same level of services.
- Health Integration Project
 - It will launch February 2nd; the school district will lead; nurse practitioner is on board and everything is going very well
- Culture & Linguistic Conference – focus on equity around children in early settings

- ❖ McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act – Linda Mirabal-Pace
 - Annual Conference is March 14th-15th

- ❖ Department of Social Services – Noelle
 - SC applied for Federal Preschool Development Grant to build Early Childhood Systems
 - \$3.3 million was granted
 - Administration for children and families
 - Workforce Registry
 - Identified an outside company to help look at cross-sector early childhood (birth-age 5)
 - We can find out who is out there and who is working with children
 - Hopefully, next month will be able to present on Early Childhood Workforce and data based on workforce survey.

- ❖ Other Business
 - Heather Googe received notification from the Governor’s office that there is a form that needs to be completed for those who are recommended as members of the ICC. This is the first time that this form has been mentioned. The goal is to have the ICC fully seated in 2019.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am. The next ICC meeting will be March 13, 2019.

Upcoming meetings include:

May 8, 2019

July 10, 2019