

SC Interagency Coordinating Council
Minutes
October 14, 2020
WebEx Meeting

Members Present:

Heather Googe, Chair
Ben Orner, SCDDSN
Linda Mirabel-Pace, Education of Homeless Children and Youth, SCDOE
Amy Holbert, Family Connection SC
Tara Carroll, SCDHEC
Jenny May (designee for Rebecca Davis), OSES, SCDOE
Louise Johnson, SCDMH
Pete Liggett, SCDHHS
Elaine Gentry (designee for Scott Falcone), SCSDB
Louise Johnson, SCDMH
Shannon Erickson, Legislator, SC House District 124
Gwynne Goodlett, SCDSS
Lakesha Fields, Parent
David Rotholz, USC, Center for Disability Resources
Amber Gillum, SCDSS (Early Care and Education)
Karen Larsen, Easterseals SC
Evelyn Grant, Head Start

Guests Present:

Jennifer Buster, SCDHHS	Sonya Lebrun,
Stephanie Hicklin, SCDHHS	Cherie Scoggins
Erin Laughter, SCDHHS	Nia Johnson, Global Therapy Associates
Robin Morris, SCDHHS	Diedre Martin, Ahead Start
Heather Blackwell, SCDHHS	Laura McCraw, About Play
Joyce Kimrey, SCDDSN	Terri Todd, Bright Start
Melody Lucas, SCDHHS	Katie Wilson, Carolina Behavior and Beyond
Kathleen Lint, Aging with Flair	Deneen Middleton
Angela Schmidt	Suzanne English, Beyond EI
Melissa Griffin, Easterseals SC	Alyssa Speake
Jessica Mearns, Epworth Early Intervention Center	Frances Stroman, Richland SPOE
Cecilia Hunt, Charleston Children's Therapy	Amanda Farwick

Welcome and Introduction:

Dr. Heather Googe welcomed everyone and invited members and guests to introduce themselves and share their affiliations.

Approval of Agenda:

The meeting agenda was accepted as written.

Public Comment:

No public comment

BabyNet Director's Report: (see attached report for more detailed information)

- Jennifer Buster welcomed everyone and thanked them for participating in the meeting.
- BabyNet Referrals
 - 5016 referrals for received from July 1, 2020 – October 12, 2020.
 - FFY 2018: expectant enrollment, birth to 12 months, is 699 and SC is at 743.
 - FFY 2018: expectant enrollment, birth to 36 months, is 5996 and SC is at 6599.
- Child count by race (0-3)
 - White = 3438
 - Black/African American = 1915
 - Hispanic/Latino = 577
 - Asian = 69
 - American Indian/Alaska Native = 18
 - Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific = 8
 - Two or more races = 572
 - **Total = 6597**
- Child count by gender (0-3)
 - Male = 4073
 - Female = 2524
 - **Total = 6597**
- 45-day process – all districts reporting under 45 days for eligibility determination.
- Providers are continuing to provide a blended service delivery model during COVID.
- Policies and Procedures have been updated and will be posted in the coming weeks.
- Training materials and modules related to the changes with policies and procedures will be employed in the next couple of months.
- BRIDGES Integration project is nearing an end and the new data system, THERAP, is in the kickoff phase.
- BabyNet and the Greenwood Genetics Center partnered and offered a training for service coordination providers regarding genetic testing.

Family Outcomes Measurement System

- Stephanie Hicklin reported that on September 1, 2020, a pilot group (Richland SPOE District) began using a new survey tool to gather data from BabyNet families. The online survey response rates have gone up significantly since the pilot began. The new survey will be implemented statewide beginning July 1, 2021.

State Agency Updates:

- **DSS** (Early Care and Education)
 - No updates

- **Family Connection SC**
 - Parent Part C Guide is available online and a Parent Part C to B Transition Guide is also available for parents and childcare providers.
 - Family Connection was awarded the PTI grant again for the next 5 years.
- **DDSN**
 - Student Solutions and Blossom Here were added as new EI providers.
- **SCSDB**
 - No updates
- **DOE (OSES)**
 - OSES is restructuring and there will be a team that focuses on early childhood as well as other teams that focus on other federally monitored indicators.
 - moving forward with the Preschool Development Grant
 - last year there was a 25% increase in the number of three-year old's who transitioned from Part C to Part B.
 - selected for 2 technical assistance efforts, one on child outcome summaries and the other on inclusion and inclusion indicators.
- **DHEC**
 - No updates
- **Center for Disability Resources**
 - Received a grant from the Administration on Community Living that is focused on pediatric to adult healthcare transition.
 - The new staff member at TECS will be introduced at the next ICC meeting. This person will serve as the project coordinator for CDR and their work with BabyNet.
- **Head Start**
 - No updates
- **DMH**
 - continue to provide training for identified early childhood workers across the state.
- **Education of Homeless Children and Youth**
 - No updates
- **DHHS**
 - Pediatric community concerned with the decline in well visits and vaccines during the pandemic.
 - Rate increase for pediatric daycare.
 - Member experience advisory committee being formed.

- **Membership Update**

- Hal Peters with DHHS has been working with the Governor's Office and BabyNet on getting state agency appointments finalized. Parent and provider seats should be finalized in the next couple of months. Hal reminded nominees to complete the application process once they have received their nomination letters.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Next Meeting:

January 20, 2021