

South Carolina Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)
Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2021

Members Present:

Dr. Heather Googe, Chair, *University of South Carolina Child Care Inclusion Collaborative*
Ms. Louise Johnson, *South Carolina Department of Mental Health (SCDMH)*
Ms. Rosa Rivers, *South Carolina Department of Insurance (SCDOI)*
Ms. Amy Holbert, *Parent Training and Information Center (Family Connection SC)*
Ms. Linda Mirabal-Pace, *Education of Homeless Children and Youth, South Carolina Department of Education (SCSDE) (McKinney-Vento)*
Ms. Amber Gillum, *Early Care and Education, South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS)*
Ms. Gwynne Goodlett, *South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS)*
Ms. Evelyn Patterson Grant, *a South Carolina Head Start Agency*
Ms. Elaine Gentry (designee for Mr. Scott Falcone), *South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind (SCSDB)*
Ms. Joyce Kimrey, *South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN)*
Ms. Tara Carroll, *South Carolina Department of Environmental Control (SCDHEC)*
Dr. David Rotholz, *Trainer of Personnel (University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Center for Disability Resources)*
Ms. Teri Todd, *Provider of Early Intervention Services*
Ms. Laura McCraw, *Provider of Early Intervention Services*

Guests Present:

Jennifer Buster, *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C (BabyNet) program director, South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS)*
Stephanie Hicklin, *SCDHHS*
Erin Laughter, *SCDHHS*
Hal Peters, *SCDHHS*
Angela Floyd, *SCDHHS*
Jordan Hix, *SCDHHS*
Rhonda Gibson, *South Carolina First Steps*
Melody Lucas, *SCDHHS*
Melissa Curtis, *SCDHHS*
Kathleen Lint, *Aging with Flair*
Sonya Lebrun, *Beaufort County Disabilities and Special Needs Board*
Jennifer Parris, *About Play, LLC*
Kerri Wikel, *Team for Early Childhood Solutions (TECS)*
Denise Balansky, *Easterseals SC*
Jessica Mearns, *Epworth Early Intervention*
Nuria Spencer, *SC Great Kids*

Welcome and Introductions:

Dr. Googe welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked participants to introduce themselves in the chat room.

Approval of Agenda:

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the January 20, 2021, meeting were approved as written.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

BabyNet Director's Report:

Jennifer Buster, BabyNet Director, presented her report to the committee (please see the full report attached).

Family Outcomes Measurement System:

Stephanie Hicklin, BabyNet, reported that the family outcomes survey will go live on July 1, 2021. Parents will access the survey online and complete the survey after their child receives six months of BabyNet services, and again after exiting the program.

State Agency Updates:

SCDMH

- Louise Johnson reported SCDMH is working on expanding mental health consultation for early childhood centers.

SCDDSN

- Joyce Kimrey reported that Ben Orner resigned from SCDDSN.

Office of Special Education Services (OSES)

- no report

SCDHEC

- Tara Carroll reported that staff is returning to the office from the pandemic. First Sound staff attended the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) conference in March.

McKinney-Vento

- no update

SCDOI

- no update

SCSDB

- no update

Early Care and Education (SCDSS)

- no update

SCDSS

- no update

TECS

- BRIDGES 101 and 102 trainings are expected to be online soon. RBI (Routines Based Interview) is moving forward again after having to halt trainings due to COVID.

A Head Start

- no updates

Family Connection SC

- Amy Holbert report that [FCSC's Family Connection SC's](#) online store is open where you can download free BabyNet parent friendly guides and transition guides (English and Spanish [versions](#)).
- The Autism Parent Navigator Program is accepting referrals for children newly diagnosed with autism between the ages of 2 and 8 years old.

Membership

- Hal Peters with SCDHHS reported that there are a few vacancies on ICC due to those members leaving their positions at their respective agencies and those positions are in the process of being filled.

Other Business:

Proposed meeting dates for FFY 2021-22:

- July 28, 2021
- October 13, 2021
- January 19, 2022
- March 30, 2022

The July 28, 2021, meeting schedule will include the regular business meeting from 9:00 – 10:00 am, followed by an ICC orientation from 10:00 am - noon.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.