

SC Interagency Coordinating Council  
Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2019  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Members Present:**

Heather Googe, *Chair*, USC, SC Child Care Inclusion Collaborative  
Jennifer Buster, SC Department of Health and Human Services  
Scott Falcone, SC School for the Deaf and Blind  
Amy Holbert, Family Connection SC  
Louise Johnson, SC Department of Mental Health  
Jenny May (designee), SC Department of Education, Office of Special Education Services  
Katie Wolfe, USC

**Members Call In:**

Tara Carroll, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control  
Noelle McInerney, SC Department of Social Services  
Joyce Kimrey, SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

**Guests Present:**

Stephanie Hicklin, SCDHHS  
Erin Laughter, SCDHHS  
Teri Todd, Bright Start  
Mary Reaves, Beginnings SC  
Laura McCraw, About Play  
Willie Stokes, About Play  
Jessica Mearns, Epworth EIC  
Suzanne English, Beyond EI  
Charles Jones, SCADB  
Angie Floyd, SCDHHS

**Call In:**

Jennifer Strock, SCDHHS  
Deidre Martin, Ahead Start  
Andrea Lary, Therapy Consortium  
Beth Odom, BSCSN  
Karen Larson, Easter Seals  
A. Carter, Family Connection SC  
Leslie McKenzie  
Noelle McInerney, DSS

**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 Agenda and Minutes:

The agenda was approved as written. The minutes from the July 10, 2019 meeting were approved as corrected.

## Public Comment:

No public comment

## BabyNet Director's Report

\*Please see attached report for detailed information.

- Jennifer Buster reported that on average BabyNet receives 45 referrals per day
- Expected enrollment compared to national average birth to 12 months:
  - National average is 732
  - SC Part C is 714
- Expected enrollment compared to national average birth to 36 months:
  - National average is 5123
  - SC Part C is 6435
- Child count by race totals:
  - Black/African American = 625
  - White = 1320
  - Hispanic/Latino = 203
  - Asian = 17
  - American Indian/Alaska = 2
  - Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander = 4
  - Two or more races = 4264
- Average days to initial IFSP by SPOE district (see attached director's report)
- Active children by phase and district (see attached director's report)
- Transition:
  - Average number of days between transition conference and third birthday = 115 days.
- Results from OSEP's DMS visit in April:
  - Pleased with the progress of the SSIP (State Systemic Improvement Plan). Phases 1 and 2 were submitted in a timely manner and Phase 3 is due in April 2020
  - Pleased with the progress of the BRIDGES Integration project
  - Pleased with Data Integrity reports
  - Somewhat concerned with the lack of progress on General Supervision. An interim supervision plan has been submitted and the findings of this plan will be submitted by October 1, 2019.
  - Somewhat concerned with the System of Payment Policy and Procedure. OSEP met with providers during their visit and there were concerns

about Health Savings Accounts. A revision of the policy was sent to OSEP and BabyNet is waiting to hear the results of the revision.

- BRIDGES Integration Update:
  - Information from MMIS is being pushed into the BRIDGES system daily.
  - Yahasoft is working on changes to some of the screens in BRIDGES and once the changes are tested, BabyNet will provide a webinar indicating the changes. When full implementation takes place, providers will receive detailed claims information they are requesting.
  - Jennifer has met with DDSN and will meet with SCSDB to hear what their reporting needs are and how their needs will be met in the future
- Managed Care Organizations
  - Entering the Continuity of Care period on October 1. Information has gone out on every weekly alert from DHHS. Please go to the SCDHHS website and sign up to receive alerts.
  - MCO Day September 12 to present, “A day in the life of a BabyNet provider”. The idea is to highlight the differences between their network and the BabyNet network.
  - Rates must be negotiated with each individual provider and the MCO’s.
- Billing
  - Providers are frustrated with how they are being paid since July 1. This interim billing process will be going away as soon as BRIDGES Integration is complete. BabyNet has brought in additional people to help with expediting payments as well as assisting with provider enrollment issues.
- Indicator 1: Timely Services (Stephanie Hicklin)
  - Service Coordinators must keep their managed service delay reports up to date. They need to assign a late reason code to determine what the reason is for the delay in service.
  - Once findings are submitted, OSEP will be able to see why there was a delay in service (i.e. family reason, etc.)

#### **State Agency Updates:**

##### **SCSDB**

- Scott Falcone reported that Linda Shaw is now on board as the Deaf Mentor Program Coordinator.

##### **OSSES**

- Jenny May reported that IDEA Part B 619 and Part C are working on their MOU (Memorandum of Understanding).

- OSES is holding a Child Find task force meeting centered around ages 3 – 5 sponsored by OSES to find children who are potentially eligible for services. All are invited to attend.
- There is a plan in place to prevent any disconnects in services from Part C to Part B 619.

#### **Department of Mental Health**

- Louise Johnsons reported that DMH is working to saturate the work force throughout the state with evidence - based practice serving young children. DMH now has 5 clinicians trained to do biobehavioral catch-up and looking at train the trainer models to have an immediate impact across the state. Several individuals have been identified to be trained in Brazelton Touchpoints and FAN.

#### **DDSN**

- No report

#### **Family Connection SC**

- Amy Holbert displayed Family Connection SC's new website that will be launched next week.

#### **DSS**

- Noelle McInerney reported on the PDG (Preschool Development Grant). Visit the DSS website for more information.
- New background check requirements for childcare providers. No longer able to provisionally hire childcare workers.
- Implementing Workforce Training
- Help Me Grow contract renewed with DSS.
- Noelle is retiring and will work with Heather Googe and Jennifer Buster to discuss her replacement.

#### **Other Business:**

Heather Googe made a motion to move the ICC meeting dates to a quarterly schedule so we will meet 4 times a year, per the bylaws. Scott Falcone seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.**