



# Meeting Minutes



Meeting	
<b>Date/Time</b>	April 14, 2023; 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
<b>Location</b>	MS State Department of Health – Osborne Auditorium
<b>Members</b>	<p><b>Members Present:</b> Carlen Hennington (C), Alberstein Pickett, Barbara Coatney, Candace Taylor, Chad Allgood, Eileen Beazley, Julie Parker, Janet Slaughter, Kara Butler, Karonica Crumedy, Keith Vuncannon, Leslie Junkin, Linda Shivers, Nita Thompson, Sarah Myers, Tina Routh, Valecia Davis (sub for Jillian Harper Peavy)</p> <p><b>Members not present:</b> Casey Prestwood, Doug Williams, Jenifer Tasma, Jennifer Wentworth, Karen “Kamme” Riddle, LaDewayne Harris, Leigh Campbell, Nicole Boyd, Ryan Blakeney</p>
<b>Additional Attendees</b>	Amy Franklin, Alice Dodds, Alisa Jackson, Angela Pinkston, Anissa Pace, Ashten Yost, Belvin Glass, Chelsea Panse Baron, Claudia Shedd, Darlene Ross, Debra Halbert, Dontrice Tyler, Elizabeth Dezell, Genevieve Youngblood, Gina Smith, Jeffrey Leffler, Jennifer Pace, Katie Cassidy, Katie Crosby, Kaye Carr, Karen Lewis, Kellie Smith, Lakeshia Unger, Latonya Lewis, Lauren Elliot, Laurie Craig, Lisa Bonds, Marty Chunn, McKinley Walsh, Melissa Cox, Miranda Richardson, Mobolaji Famuyide, Monika Lorinczova, Nakii Kincaid, Natasha Roberts, Renetha Faust – Robinson, Rolanda Mohead, Sara Jenkins, Sara Withrow, Sharon Burks, Stacy Callender, Tamiela Ramsey, Toni Hollingsworth, Traci Bryant, Viola Jones

Agenda	Notes	Action Items
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	C. Henington (C) opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. All SICC members and attendees were welcomed and participants provided brief introductions.	
<b>Review and Approved Minutes</b>	<p>Minutes from the January 13, 2023, meeting was reviewed. Minutes were approved as written.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: V. Davis, Second: L. Shivers</li> <li>• N. Thompson requested minutes be sent to members in a timely manner prior to meeting.</li> </ul>	Minutes will be submitted two weeks prior to the next meeting.
<b>Public Comments</b>	No public comments were shared.	
<b>SICC Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bylaws (C. Henington)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ C. Henington moved for the approval of bylaws. C. Allgood stated members had not seen the bylaws. C. Henington emailed members a copy of the bylaws and displayed the draft for review. As the revised sections were reviewed, it was determined the version provided was not the final revised document. C. Henington agreed to send</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	C. Henington will send the final draft version of the bylaws to all members.



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	<p>the updated version to the members. As there were questions regarding the revisions, there was a motion to table the discussion until all members could review the final draft.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Motion: V. Davis, Second: S. Myers</li><li>○ Motion passed.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Legislature Update</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>SB2167 – EI Task Force</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ S. Callender notified the SICC about the passage of SB2167 establishing the EI Task Force. She noted the Task Force will meet within 45 days of the passage of the bill. As the bill was signed by the Governor on April 17 the deadline is June 30. Members of the Task Force will review the EI Program and prepare a report of findings and recommendations. The report will be submitted to the Legislature by Dec. 1.</li><li>○ C. Henington reminded members that the SICC Committee sent a letter recommending composition – no members of Medicaid or Insurance will be part of this group.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>SB2485 – New Qualified Providers</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ S. Callender notified the SICC about the passage of SB2485 adding individuals with a degree in Human Development and Family Science or Child and Family Science with a concentration in child development and a teaching license from MDE with a 153 endorsement (Pre-Kindergarten to Kindergarten) to the list of qualified providers. S. Callender requested the SICC provide guidance on incorporating these new qualified providers.</li><li>○ A motion was made to form an Ad Hoc Committee to address the title, scope of work, and reimbursement rates for these new professionals.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Motion: J. Slaughter; Second: K. Crumedy</li><li>○ Motion passed</li></ul></li><li>○ It was determined the Ad Hoc Committee members would be made up of the members of the Personnel Preparation and Provider Concerns Committees.</li><li>○ The Ad Hoc Committee will submit their guidance to the EI State Office by May 31st to have time to put a plan in place by July 1, 2023.</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	<p>The Ad Hoc Committee will schedule a meeting and provide written guidance by May 31st.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EI Grant</b> (S. Callender)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ S. Callender shared the IDEA grant to be submitted in May. The proposed budget in the grant has a lower indirect rate than previous years based on the updated agency request.</li> <li>○ S. Callender noted an increase of \$2 Million additional funding for EI in the appropriations bill for the MSDH. These additional funds were requested to cover the increased costs associated with the increased provider rates and expanded provider types.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Training Updates</b> (S. Callender)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As training for EI Providers was limited due to COVID and many providers had difficulty participating in workshops, training modules are being developed and will be deployed via HealthStream in the next program year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No announcements were shared.</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.</li> </ul>	