



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MISSISSIPPI FIRST STEPS EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Meeting
April 21, 2017 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Table with 4 columns: Present, SICC Members Current/Proposed, Affiliation, Role. Lists various attendees and their roles.

Additional Attendees:

Anissa Pace, District IX Coordinator
Carey Bates, Quality Technical Assistant
Debra Koonce, Quality Technical Assistant
Dinah Bell, Quality Technical Assistant
Jeff Kresge, District VIII Coordinator
Kim Chancellor, District VI Coordinator
Linda Proctor, District V Coordinator
Liza VanNorman, District VII Coordinator
Marty Chunn, EHDI Hearing Consultant
Michelle Masterson, District I Coordinator

Miranda Richardson, EI Data Manager
Pam Dollar, MS PTI
Pamela Kendrick, EI Monitoring Coordinator
Paulita Childs-Edwards, District II Coordinator
Shaunda Boarden, Div of Medicaid (SUB)
Stacy Callender, Part C Coordinator
Tanya Churchill, Quality Technical Assistant
Valecia Davis, MSDH, EI Division Director
Valerie Smith-Silas, District III Coordinator

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MINUTES

Welcome/Introductions (S. Miller)

S. Miller, SICC Chair, opened the meeting at 9:15am. S. Miller welcomed all SICC members and attendees.

Review and Approval of Minutes (S. Miller)

The minutes from the February 17, 2017 meeting were reviewed. L. Shivers made a motion, seconded by S. Boarden, to approve the minutes.

Business (S. Miller)

- Appointments and orientation
 - S. Callender noted the appointee names had been submitted to the Governor and were still being reviewed. A SICC Member Orientation was tentatively set for July 14, 2017 with the SICC meeting to be held immediately afterwards. The orientation date is subject to change depending upon when the appointments become official.
- Mission and Bylaws Revision Committee report (S. Miller)
 - The committee reported they had not yet met but would soon. The committee will report at the next SICC meeting.
- Need for medical information
 - Division of Medicaid staff agreed to provide training on accessing the Provider Portal. Date/location for the training will be determined in consultation with the program staff.
- Public participation in SICC meetings
 - S. Miller recommended promoting the SICC meeting date and time to encourage public participation. S. Callender discussed EI webpage for future meetings. S. Callender stated SICC meeting information is currently posted on the State Public Meetings webpage, and the SICC has a new webpage on the EI site where agendas and minutes can be posted.
- S. Miller recognized District III for successful Part C to B transition practices, specifically with the Hollandale School District.

Program Updates (M. Richardson & S. Callender) – see presentation for details.

- District APR & Determinations
 - M. Richardson explained each indicator and the determination for each District EI Program. She further explained how District performance contributed to the overall State-identified Measurable Result (SiMR) [Target 64%].
 - S. Callender noted the program had experienced technical challenges with reporting Part C transition data to the State Dept. of Education. C. Taylor reported the challenges may be related to MDE transitioning to a new data system. S. Callender recommended revising/updating communication plans developed by local EI Programs and LEAs in 2015 to improve partnerships to support Part C to B transition.
 - Recognition of Districts:
 - The following District EI Programs were recognized for a determination of “Meets Requirements” – Districts I, II, VII, & IX
 - The following District EI Program was recognized for a determination of “Meets Requirements” for two consecutive years – District I

- The following District EI Program was recognized for moving from a determination of “Needs Assistance” to “Meets Requirements” – District II
 - The following District EI Program was recognized for moving from a determination of “Needs Intervention” to “Meets Requirements” – District IX
- S. Callender reported on a preliminary meeting between EI and Child Protective Services (CPS) to begin to develop an interagency agreement regarding children referred according to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)
- S. Callender explained and provided an update on the current State Systemic Improvement Plan currently being implemented.
 - Cohort I (Districts II, V, IX) have begun implementing Phase I of the Routines-Based Model (Robin McWilliam). Service Coordinators are being trained to develop Eco-maps, conduct the Routines-Based Interview, and develop functional goals with families. Phase II will involve Service Providers implementing home visiting and child care collaboration practices.
 - In rolling out the three-phase training to implement the Developmental Assessment of Young Children, second edition (DAYC-2) for all evaluations/assessments, the program found a need for additional training on basic evaluation practices. This has caused a delay in implementation.
 - S. Miller asked about the attrition rate over the three-phase training process. S. Callender reported several practice weakness were identified and that some providers self-selected to no longer conduct evaluations. However, training would continue to be offered and providers were encouraged to repeat training to attain certification in test administration.
 - Training in new progress monitoring tools (Individual Growth and Development Indicators [IGDI]) has been delayed due to a lengthy contract approval process with the University of Kansas; however, training will proceed in the coming year.
- S. Callender provided an update on the IDEA grant which has not yet been submitted, but is the routing process. The process was delayed as the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) provided allocation amounts late.
- S. Callender reported on staffing changes at the Central Office: Arnesha Keeler had left here position as Referral Coordinator and was replaced by Paula Jobe.

EHDI Updates (S. Callender) – see presentation for details.

- EHDI-M Advisory Committee Update to the SICC
 - S. Callender explained about the two funding sources for EHDI-M: HRSA and CDC:
 - HRSA – funds programmatic activities and quality improvements
 - CDC – funds EHDI-M data system and enhancements
 - S. Callender reported the EHDI program was awarded a grant from HRSA; however, due to limited spending authority, only 57.53% of the total award was made.
 - The full award would be \$250,000. The current award is \$143,825. When Congress passes a spending bill for the coming year allowing granting agencies new spending authority, a new award for the full amount is expected.
 - L. Shivers asked about the impact on staff. S. Callender reported that a budget modification was not required at the moment and that funds from early intervention could be used to make up the difference (temporarily) in funding staff who help

- identify infants and toddlers with hearing loss and make referrals to early intervention.
- S. Callender reported on the results of three regional EHDI-M stakeholder meetings held to conduct self-assessment of the local system and to identify needs:
 - The Northern Region identified needs related to timely diagnoses (by three months of age) and establishment of medical homes for children and families.
 - The Central and Southern Regions both identified needs related to training Service Coordinators to work with Deaf/Hard of Hearing (D/HH) populations. In addition, the Southern Region identified needs for training and supports for culturally and linguistically diverse populations.
 - Learning Communities will be established in each Region to address these needs. Participation is welcomed from all, including families, early intervention providers, care coordinators, and primary health care providers.

Public Comments

The next SICC Meeting date was scheduled for July 14, 2017.

K. Smith provided information about trainings provided by the Institute for Disability Studies and USM at Pearl River Community College for parents, special educators, and health care professionals. Training dates and times are available on the USM website. Trainings are free. MDE and Medicaid personnel will be available to answer questions as well.

P. Dollar provided information about additional upcoming training opportunities:

- Disability Mega Conference to be held May 13-14, 2017
- MS PTI & MSDMH sponsored Transition Conference to be held September 7, 2017
- Special Education Conference to be held October 2017 (specific date TBD).

Adjourn

The SICC Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. to enable SSIP Workgroup meetings.