



Meeting Minutes



Meeting	State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)	
Date/Time	April 11, 2025 / 9:30 a.m.	
Location	This meeting was held in-person and virtual on Teams	
Members	Members in attendance: 12 attendees, 18 voting members. A quorum was reached. Members Present: Eileen Beazley, Ryan Blakeney, Sharon Boarden, Kara Butler, Brittany Carter, Dr. Barbara Coatney, Jillian Harper-Peavy, Ashton Hotard, Julianna Lieb (to replace Becky Palculict), Sarah Myers, Dr. Julie Parker, Tina Routh, Barbara Saunders, Missy Saxton, Anita Townsend, Keith Vuncannon, Martha Anna Welch, Jennifer Wentworth, and Monica Wimberly Members not present: Chad Allgood, Nicole Boyd, Dr. Susan Buttross, Karonica Crumbley-Mikell, LaDewayne Harris, Leslie Junkin, Alberstien Johnson-Pickett, Sandra Kelly, Sarah Pendleton, LaTonya Pittman, Olivia Richardson, Kamme Riddle, Linda Shivers, Nita Thompson, Kimberly Wheaton, and Sarah Whiteside	
Additional Attendees	Erica Allen, Mandy Bradley, Melissa Cox, Valecia Davis, Monika Lorinczova, Anissa Pace, Miranda Richardson, LeSonji Simmons, Mandy Smith, Dr. AnnaLyn Whitt, Tonia Wilson-Warner, and Dr. Ashton Yost (also standing in for Karonica Crumbley-Mikell)	
Agenda	Notes	Action Items
Welcome and Roll Call	Sarah Myers opened the meeting at 9:33 am and completed the roll call. All SICC members and attendees were welcomed, quorum identified, and additional attendees were introduced.	
EI Update from MSDH	Dr. Annalyn Whitt, Director Part C Coordinator and MCH Block Grant Dr. Whitt discussed the reorganization within the Health Department and the focus on early intervention operations.	



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	Dr. Whitt introduced early intervention staff members and their roles, including Shirley Miller, Miranda Richardson, Erica Allen, Dr. Angela Weathersby, and Monika Lorinczova. Dr. Whitt discussed ongoing training and collaboration with ECTA and DaSy for refining data processes and policies, and weekly meetings with Miranda Richardson and Erica Allen. Highlight of the support and contributions from early intervention staff and regional coordinators.	
Review and Approval of the Agenda and Minutes	Minutes from the meeting on January 10, 2025 were reviewed and approved as written. Motion: Jennifer Wentworth Second: Kara Butler Passed	
EI Vision	Dr. Whitt presents the current vision statement of early intervention and seeks feedback for potential changes. Members discussed the principles of early intervention, including early identification, natural environment, family-centeredness, empowerment, coordination, and collaboration. Monica Wimberly placed an emphasis on the importance of family education and empowerment as part of the intervention model. Sarah Myers stated the median is coaching. Dr. Julie Parker discussed the nine recommended DEC practices and suggestions for alignment with National Standards: • Dr. Julie Parker emphasizes the importance of aligning principles with national standards like DEC Recommended Practices. • Discussion on ensuring that the chosen principles effectively define and support early intervention services. • Consideration of specific practices that should be included in the principles, such as family education and coaching.	



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	• Agreement on the need for clear and actionable principles that reflect the core values of early intervention. Dr. Whitt shared and discussed a Hybrid Implementation Model. There was a brief discussion around the topic of service providers in which Sarah Myers asked how do we obtain more service providers. Jennifer Wentworth briefly mentioned having a conflict-free targeted case management (TCM) and Julie Parker stated Alabama’s TCM model and expressed a great need for MS EI to implement a similar model. Dr. Whitt stated we currently do not have the funding to implement this idea.	
Task Force	Sarah Myers discussed the EI Task Force bullet points from the latest 2024 Task Force report.	
Bylaws Current Committees	Current Committee Workgroups are as followed: ✚ Executive Committee ✚ Public Awareness Committee ✚ Personnel Preparation Committee ✚ Transition Committee ✚ Provider Recruitment/Retention (Ad Hoc Committee) A motion was made to rename the current Ad Hoc committee with EI Implementation Committee (instead of EI Task Force) Motion: Monica Wimberly Second: Eileen Beazley Passed Dr. Whitt assigned the following EI staff members for support to the committee workgroups: ❖ Executive Committee – Erica Allen ❖ Public Awareness Committee - LeSonji Simmons ❖ Personnel Preparation Committee – Tonia Wilson-Warner ❖ Transition Committee – Monika Lorinczova ❖ Provider Recruitment/Retention (Ad Hoc Committee) – Erica Allen/Monika Lorinczova	



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Role of Committee Chairs	Sarah Myers briefly highlighted the roles of the committee chairs. New committee chairs may need to be appointed in the established committee workgroups.	
Provider Concerns	No discussion.	
Review of SICC Committee Roles	Sarah Myers reviewed committee roles from the bylaws including scheduled meetings and keeping minutes.	
SICC Business	The Executive Committee agreed to implement a MSDH agency spotlight each meeting to briefly discuss and bring public awareness of services offered at MSDH.	
Alabama EI Update Training	Dr. Annalyn Whitt Dr. Whitt gave a brief update on a meeting at Alabama Early Intervention program with Monica Wimberly to observe their processes with training.	
Announcement/ Public Comments	There was no announcements or public comments reported.	
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m. Motion: Eileen Beazley Second: Monica Wimberly Passed The next SICC meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2025 at MSDH.	