



Meeting Minutes



Meeting	State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)	
Date/Time	July 11, 2025 / 9:30 a.m.	
Location	This meeting was held in-person and virtual on Teams	
Members	Members in attendance: 11 attendees, 19 voting members. A quorum was reached. Members Present: Chad Allgood, Eileen Beazley, Sharon Boarden, Dr. Susan Buttross, Brittany Carter, Dr. Barbara Coatney, Karonica Crumbley-Mikell, Jillian Harper-Peavy, Ashton Hotard, Sandra Kelly, Julianna Lieb, Sarah Myers, Dr. Julie Parker, LaTonya Pittman, Barbara Saunders, Anita Townsend, Keith Vuncannon, Jennifer Wentworth, and Monica Wimberly Members not present: Ryan Blakeney, Nicole Boyd, Kara Butler, LaDewayne Harris, Leslie Junkin, Alberstien Johnson-Pickett, Sarah Pendleton, Olivia Richardson, Kamme Riddle, Tina Routh, Missy Saxton, Linda Shivers, Nita Thompson, Martha Anna Welch, and Kimberly Wheaton	
Additional Attendees	Erica Allen, Dr. Sheila Anthony, Dr. Tami Brooks, Melissa Cox, Valecia Davis, Jasmine Green, Krista Guynes, Monika Lorinczova, Miranda Richardson, Dr. Angela Weathersby, and Dr. Ashton Yost (also standing in for Karonica Crumbley-Mikell)	
Agenda	Notes	Action Items
Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions	Sarah Myers opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. and completed the roll call. All SICC members and attendees were welcomed, quorum identified, and additional attendees were introduced. Melissa Cox, EI Interim Part C Director, was introduced. Melissa Cox gave a brief update in leadership organization with Early Intervention. Dr. Susan Buttross asked a question regarding funding and billing.	



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	Keith Vucannon asked a question regarding the intake team versus service coordination: where will the evaluation be assigned out? Also, who will be responsible for getting the System of Payments (SoP) entered into MITI? Frequent insurance and doctor changes? Melissa Cox stated that none of those duties will change. Insurance and doctor changes will remain with service coordinators. Melissa added that targeted case management billing for SC is a priority for the program.	
Review and Approval of the Agenda	The agenda for the meeting on April 11, 2025 were reviewed and approved. Motion: Missy Saxon Second: Dr. Julie Parker Passed	
Review and Approval of Minutes	Minutes from the meeting on April 11, 2025 were reviewed and approved with corrections. Motion: Jennifer Wentworth Second: Dr. Julie Parker Passed	
OSEP DMS Findings Review	Melissa Cox discussed OSEP DMS findings, key components, and resolution steps completed and in progress. Staff will be working with our TAs to correct all DMS findings. Erica Allen will be updating Section 2 fiscal monitoring. Miranda Richardson will be updating Section 1 general supervision and forms. Monika Lorinczova will be updating dispute resolution and natural environments. Monica Wimberly will be conducting onboarding training and creating a long-term comprehensive plan including working with providers. Melissa Cox stated nine goals that she is working towards regarding families and children: Recommended Practices, Environment, Instruction, Interaction, Teaming, Collaboration, Assessments, Transitions, and Leadership.	



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	Chad Allgood stated that his office work with childcare providers and appreciate the talk of natural environments. He continued to state that there has been progress with the connection of early intervention with childcare providers, teachers and directors and would like to continue seeing these partnerships strengthened, specifically through the use of MECIC's resources. Dr. Tami Brooks stated that in her role as the agency's medical director, she will continue to create partnerships to fill in gaps. Dr. Susan Buttross briefly discussed the hard work from the task force and the work given. Sarah Myers asked a question regarding fiscal support particularly with the billing process and Medicaid. Miranda Richardson and Dr. Tami Brooks addressed her question stating that the fiscal manual will include monitoring processes for billing and Medicaid, as well as working with our fiscal TA team for assistance to address any problems.	
EHDI-MS Presentation	Dr. Ashten Yost shared an update on The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program. - A program overview of EHDI - 1-3-6 Goals: 1 month-screening, 3 months-evaluation, and 6 months-services	
Unfinished Business	Sarah Myers gave an update regarding subcommittees. Call for new membership nominations.	
Working Session: Action Planning	All attendees were assigned to four breakout rooms to discuss and address two questions: - What supports are needed to address OSEP findings and EI Task Force recommendations? - What communication tools/processes are essential to collaborate and advise more effectively? Dr. Tami Brooks discussed: Natural environment communications, workforce shortage, service provider and	



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	gradual retainment which goes back to appropriate compensation, salaries, and reimbursement for services, recruitment, and advocacy. Jennifer Wentworth discussed: The need for people and money, and prioritizing procurement task force recommended items. Chad Allgood discussed: Looking at the RFP, deliverables, were completed by the Task Force. Is it possible not to duplicate the work that the Task Force did? Walking through the Task Force recommendation would be beneficial. It's time to start thinking about solutions (not creating more recommendations) and how to collect data to prove that the solutions are working. Dr. Susan Buttross discussed: We looked at providers and why they were leaving. The data is there to point that some reasons were money, payment return, and internal support. Ashton Hotard briefly asked where the funding was going to come from? Dr. Tami Brooks shared that EI would be hiring the consulting firm to help address change recommendations. Request that the SICC be involved in the selection of the consulting firm. Motion: Monica Wimberly Second: Dr. Susan Buttross Passed	
Announcement/ Public Comments	Leslie Junkin made a public comment that one thing we do to get feedback from parents is to put out a social media blast that says if you've received services from our organization, we'd like to hear from you.	
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m. Motion: Dr. Julie Parker Second: Dr. Susan Buttross Passed	



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	The next SICC meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2025 at MSDH.	
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