



MISSISSIPPI FIRST STEPS EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

**State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Meeting
July 8, 2016 ● 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Present	SICC Board Members	Affiliation	Role
	Margaret Buttross-Brinegar	<i>USM, Children's Ctr. for Communication/Development</i>	Public Service Provider
	Susan Davis	<i>MDE, Office of Spec Educ.</i>	State Education Agency
X	Carlen Henington	<i>MSU, School Psychology</i>	Personnel Preparation
X	Shirley Miller (Chair)	<i>MDMH (Retired)</i>	Parent
X	Linda Shivers	<i>Independent Provider</i>	Independent Provider
	Babbette Skipper	<i>Independent Provider</i>	Independent Provider
	Holly Spivey	<i>Head Start Collaboration Office</i>	Head Start
X	Ronjanett Taylor	<i>IHL, Academic & Student Affairs</i>	Institute of Higher Learning
	Hollia Thompson	<i>The ARC</i>	Advocate
X	Nita Thompson	<i>MS Head Start Association</i>	Head Start
	David Wickens	<i>Parent</i>	Parent
	Mary K. Ulmer	<i>Division of Medicaid</i>	Medicaid/Insurance
X	Brittany Herrington	<i>MDE</i>	State Education Agency
X	Dorothy Young	<i>Division of Medicaid</i>	Medicaid/Insurance
	Ryan Blakeney	<i>MS Insurance Commission</i>	Medicaid/Insurance

Additional Attendees:

Early Intervention Staff	Additional Participants
Anissa Pace, <i>District IX Coordinator</i> Becky Abney, <i>MSDH, Training Coordinator</i> Chelsy Ables, <i>MSDH, EHDI-M Follow-up Coordinator</i> Debra Koonce, <i>Region 3 Quality Technical Assistant</i> Diamond Whitker, <i>MSDH EHDI-M Director</i> Dinah Bell, <i>MSDH Quality Technical Assistant</i> Mildred Johnson, <i>District III Service Coordinator</i> Miranda Richardson, <i>MSDH, EI Data Manager</i> Nikki Dezell, <i>District III Interim District Coordinator</i> Pamela Kendrick, <i>MSDH, EI Monitoring Coordinator</i> Paulita Edwards, <i>District II Coordinator</i> Stacy Callender, <i>MSDH, Part C Coordinator</i> Tanya Churchill, <i>Region 1 Quality Technical Assistant</i> Valecia Davis, <i>MSDH, EI, Division Director</i> Valerie Smith-Silas, <i>District III Coordinator</i>	Gwen Woodard, <i>Division of Medicaid</i>

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MINUTES

Welcome/Introductions (Shirley Miller)

Shirley Miller, SICC Chair, opened the meeting at 9:20 a.m., with a welcome and introductions of all attendees.

Review and Approval of Minutes (Shirley Miller)

The minutes from the May 13, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved. [Ronjanett Taylor (motion) and Gwen Woodard (second)]

Program Updates (Stacy Callender) –see presentation for detailed information.

- The following staff changes were noted:
 - Diamond Whitker was introduced as the new EHDI-M Director.
 - Val Smith is retiring as the District Coordinator for District III after 30 years of service. Elizabeth “Nikki” Dezell will be serving as the Interim District Coordinator until a permanent replacement is hired.
- The Part C FFY 2016 Grant was submitted after being posted for public comments. No comments were received. The proposed budget was reviewed.
- Mississippi’s FFY 2014 Determination was reviewed. The state was determined as *Meets Requirements* for the 4th consecutive year.
- The following information was provided about monitoring:
 - Monitoring of all state subgrantees for FFY2014 was completed in June 2015.
 - Monitoring of all state subgrantees for FFY2015 will begin this fall.
 - The staff explained the general supervision monitoring cycle for District FSEIPs. Each FSEIPs will be monitored annually. Each year six FSEIPs will complete a self-assessment tool and three FSEIPs will have onsite monitoring. Each FSEIP will be monitored onsite in a three-year rotation.
- Updates were provided on activities to implement the APR Indicator 11: State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP). A flow chart was provided to review activities.

Business (Shirley Miller)

○ **Appointments and Orientation**

Nomination forms were provided for potential appointees. Ms. Miller urged attendees to encourage families to participate. Attendees were reminded that funds are available to assist appointees with travel costs.

SICC & Ad Hoc Committees and SSIP Workgroups

The SICC Committee and SSIP Workgroup attendees participated in a review of Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSP) from Kansas, Connecticut, Delaware, and Virginia. Feedback was collected to inform the revision of the Mississippi IFSP.

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00p.m.