

Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council (VICC) Meeting
The Arc of Virginia
September 14, 2016
DRAFT Minutes

The September 14, 2016 Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting was called to order by Kelly Hill. There were sixteen (16) VICC members in attendance. Please see the attendance list following the minutes. The June 08, 2016 VICC minutes were approved with Kelly Hill making the motion to approve and Allan Phillips seconding the motion.

Agency Reports

The Arc of Virginia, New Path Program-Jamie Liban

The Arc of Virginia continues to connect families with local Part C services. Many of these calls are related to parents moving into the state and are calling to request assistance in navigating the system. The Arc of Virginia also continues to provide information to families about resources and services, such as Medicaid Waivers, EPSDT, Etc.

The Arc of Virginia's Director of Information and Referral, Lucy Cantrell, also discussed the technical assistance that has recently been requested by parents receiving early intervention services. Many families have reported that they are unable to find affordable child care that adequately meets their child's health care needs. In addition, many children seeking EDCD waiver are having difficulty accessing those services. The changes in child screening for EDCD initiated this past spring, appears to be resulting in fewer children qualifying.

The Arc of Virginia recently hosted its State Convention in Williamsburg, VA. More than 500 people participated in the event. The event featured national keynote speakers and featured a track dedicated to early childhood topics. The Arc of Virginia thanks Part C office, VCU TTTAC, VCPD, Augusta County Schools, Head Start University of North Carolina, Head Start and the families for children who receive early intervention services who presented at the event and helped to make it a success.

The DD Waiver Redesign went into effect on September 1, 2016. The Arc of Virginia has continued to host local/regional trainings on the Wavier Redesign initiative in order to help families understand the changes that are now in effect. We have also been fielding many calls from families who are trying to understand how they are affected. We have received many inquiries from families of young children who are concerned about their ability to access services under the new priority category system.

The Arc of Virginia provided a presentation to the Virginia Autism Advisory Council in August 2016. We discussed the New Path program, and current policy issues affecting families of children with Autism.

Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (VDBVI)-Caren Phipps

DBVI has partnered with DOE, VCU's Deaf-Blind Project and Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind Outreach services to provide training on "Sensing the Needs of Children Birth through Pre-K: The Basics of Assessments and Strategies for Young Children with Vision and Hearing Loss". The training

is for early childhood special educators, early intervention educators, and related service providers working with children birth to age 5. Each participant will attend two seminars and a webinar. The locations and dates are as follows: Abington Session 1 7/18/16 and Session 2 9/13/16; Staunton Session 1 7/19/16 and Session 2 9/14/16; Hampton Session 1 8/16/16 and Session 2 9/19/16; Fredericksburg Session 1 8/18/16 and Session 2 9/20/16.

DBVI participated in a Night Out for families with children with Special Needs at the Richmond Children's Museum location in Fredericksburg on Friday September 2, 2016.

DBVI participated in the Exceptional Family Fair on Saturday September 10, 2016 at the Children's Museum of Richmond.

DBVI is currently working with community partners to provide outreach services and engage families with children who are blind, vision impaired, and deafblind.

The 2016-17 Cooperative Agreements between DBVI and the 133 Local Education Authorities have gone out for signature of the Special Education Directors as well as notifications of the Agreement to the division Superintendents. The Agreements allow DBVI to provide services including alternative format educational materials, equipment, and low vision exams and low vision aids to children in the Commonwealth who are blind, vision impaired, and deafblind.

Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH) -No Report

VA Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services (DBHDS)-Heather Norton

The Waiver Redesign was implemented September 01, 2016. A HELP line has been established to assist in working through any existing issues. Weekly stakeholder calls will be held through the month of October.

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)-Dr. Dawn Hendricks

LEADS – Leadership in Effective and Developmentally-Appropriate Services in Early Childhood Special Education

- ECSE Administrators for each Local Education Agency
- Inaugural 2 day event held in August, 2016
- *Next live event is November 14, 2016 (one day)*
- Website being developed

Technical Assistance with the IDEA Data Center in Early Childhood (DaSy)

- Indicator 6 – Preschool Least Restrictive Environment
 - Conducted a survey and a focus group regarding Indicator 6 and data collection, analysis, and use
 - Developed instructional and Frequently Asked Questions documents (Currently gathering feedback from a focus group to ensure clarity)
 - Updating the webinar on the VDOE website
- Indicator 7 – Childhood Outcomes
 - Conducted a survey and a focus group regarding Indicator 7 and assessment and data collection, analysis, and use

Indicator 12

- Collaborated with Part C (Thank you Kyla Patterson and Sarah Moore) to provide a breakout session on the Part C to B Transition
- Collaborated with Part C to deliver a 2 part series on the Part C to B transition. Talks on Tuesday (September 6 and October 4)
- Developed a Negotiable / Non-negotiable document regarding C and B regulations
- Editing the Questions and Answers Document

Early Childhood Network

- Comprised of 12 professionals from 5 Training and Technical Assistance Centers located throughout Virginia with extensive knowledge/experience in early childhood
- Also comprised of partner agencies which includes Early Intervention (Cori Hill and Deana Buck)
- Working on the Scope of Work (3 year plan)
 - Create a system of partnerships with leaders in early childhood special education in order to build and sustain capacity of quality early childhood programs
 - Promote collection and use of valid, reliable, and accurate data for Indicators 6 and 7
 - Promote the use of quality curriculum-based assessment practices
 - Explore how preschool VTSS will be implemented and connect to K-12 VTSS to provide a full continuum of supports

Faculty Institute

- September 29 and 30 in Charlottesville
- Between 60-70 higher education faculty (four year and two year, representing ECSE and EC)

VPI+ (Virginia Preschool Initiative)

- Collaborating to provide professional development and increase inclusion and improve practices

Creating Connections to Shining Stars

- Planning underway and a hotel contract drafted for summer 2017
- More information will be provided once the hotel contract is solidified

Technical Assistance with the Early Childhood Personnel Center (ECPC)

- Focus is to increase inclusion of children with disabilities

Virginia Department of Education-Project HOPE-Virginia-Dr. Patricia Popp

As previously mentioned, the homeless education program known as McKinney-Vento, was reauthorized as Title IX, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act. The McKinney-Vento provisions are effective as of October 1, 2016. The U. S. Department of Education issued non-regulator guidance in July

Both the new law and guidance have an increased emphasis on early childhood programs for children experiencing homelessness. Local liaisons should identify children under age 5 and should be coordinating with Part C and early childhood programs in the school and community, include Head Start and Title I funded preK programs. Children who are homeless and attending preschool programs now have the right to remain in the school of origin should there be a residential move and transportation would be required if staying in the school is determined to be in the child's best interest. "Preschool" is not defined in the law nor in the guidance. Data collection directions state preschool

data is collected for students enrolled in programs administered by the SEA or LEA (local school division).

New Head Start regulations just released this month include greater access for children experiencing homelessness. Patricia Popp and Aleta Lawson will need time to review the new information and discuss Virginia implementation.

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) –Dr. Bethany Geldmaker-Please see the attached handout for the full report.

- Flu Vaccine Recommendations for 2016-2017
 - The American Academy of Pediatrics does not recommend the nasal spray vaccine this flu season.
 - It is recommended that all children ages 6 months and older receive a seasonal flu shot.
- Zika Virus Infection: Virginia
 - People in Virginia can become infected with the Zika virus through the bite of an infected mosquito in an area where the virus is circulating.
 - Zika can be transmitted from person to person through prenatal transmission, sexual relations and blood transfusions.
 - Zika Virus infections have been confirmed in infants with microcephaly and in fetal losses in women infected during pregnancy. Studies have shown that Zika can cause other brain abnormalities, vision problems and joint deformities in babies.

Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)-Adrienne Fegans

Ms. Adrienne Fegans began serving as the VICC representative from the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS). She reported that she will be overseeing the Maternal and Child Health Division, including Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT). Ms. Fegans will also be the contact for early intervention issues related to Medicaid.

Virginia Department of Social Services-No Report

Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia-Bonnie Grifa- Please see the attached handout for the full report.

- Aligning Policy and Practice: Mental Health Assessment and Treatment for Infants, Young Children and Families
 - Team of five (5) will be traveling to Minnesota for a 2-day convening.
- Project S.E.E.D. VA
 - Approved for another one (1) year renewal with Virginia Department of Social Services.
- Virginia Association for Infant Mental Health Endorsement
 - Twenty-two (22) new endorsees were selected for the next endorsement cycle.
 - Nineteen (19) Reflective Supervision Scholarships are available.
- 2017 Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Institute will be held March 22, 2017 at Kings Mill in Williamsburg.
- A Pyramid Model State Leadership Team was developed in December 2015 to coordinate efforts among agencies at the state and local level.
- A meeting was held June 15, 2016 with Voices for Virginia’s Children to discuss vision, challenges and partnering.

State Corporation Commission (CSS), Bureau of Insurance-James Young

The Bureau of Insurance received no consumer reports of insurance providers not following the Virginia Code as related to early intervention.

Part C Update- Catherine Hancock

Positive feedback was received from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) regarding Virginia's Part C State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP). Virginia is recognized by OSEP as a "leader and trendsetter". Phase III of the SSIP is in process. The focus of Phase III is implementation and evaluation of the SSIP. A component of improvement for Virginia's Part C System is to improve the existing data system. Technical assistance is being provided by DaSy, a national technical assistance center, towards that goal.

Public Comment: Erin Austin presented Public Comment on behalf of the Council Coordinators Association (CoCoA). The following is verbatim from her written report.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak. My name is Erin Austin and I am the local system manager for the ITC of Richmond. I am speaking today on behalf of the CoCoA Steering Committee. CoCoA is the local system manager association, and the steering committee includes two local system managers from each of the six regions of the state.

We would like to thank the Part C office for collaborating with the Department of Education. Their collaboration included a conference workshop in August for Part B personnel, a Talks on Tuesday webinar last week, and another Talks on Tuesday webinar planned for October. This collaboration has increased awareness and generated new conversation at the local level to help us all ensure a smooth transition from Part C to Part B.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

Child Find Trends-Allan Phillips-Please see the attached charts.

Allan Phillips shared information about Child Find Trends for Part C children ages birth to three. Numbers continue to increase. The following discussion occurred:

- How does the increase effect local systems?
- Challenges exist in staffing, having sufficient funds and in meeting required timelines.
- The General Assembly provided additional state funds in SFY 2016 and a 5% increase for SFY 2017 and will be for SFY 2018.
- In 2015, approximately 40% of the Part C children transitioned to Part B.
- There is a shortage of early childhood providers.
- Some newly graduated educators have expressed that they do not feel prepared to go into homes.
- Virginia Department of Education has provided some funding for tuition assistance to Radford and Lynchburg Universities.
- Appreciation was expressed to providers including service coordinators.

Virginia NICU Early Intervention Collaborative- Betsy Cole Archer and Abraham Segres-The power point presentation can be accessed at <http://www.infantva.org/wkg-VICC.htm>.

Ms. Betsy Cole Archer and Mr. Abraham Segres presented information on the Virginia NICU Early Intervention Collaborative. The Virginia Board for People with Disabilities has awarded the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Associations' Virginia Hospital Research & Education Foundation (VHREF) federal grant funding to increase access to early intervention for infants in Virginia's hospitals. The VHREF will be partnering with the Center for Healthcare Excellence (The Center). The areas of focus include NICU referrals and follow-up; policy review and enhancement; education through staff competencies and training models; and collaboration with Virginia NICU facilities for sharing best practices. The goal is to recruit for participation 20 of the 25 eligible NICU hospitals in Virginia. The Center will be engaging Virginia hospital staff, including nurses, social workers, and any personnel that aid in discharging patients and the community support agencies that coordinate care as needed for the children and families.

Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) - Tammy Whitlock-The power point presentation can be accessed at <http://www.infantva.org/wkg-VICC.htm>.

- Due to the Virginia General Assembly mandate and Medicaid reform initiatives, the Department of Medical Assistance Services is moving forward in transitioning individuals from fee-for-service delivery models into managed care.
- The program will be called Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus (CCC Plus).
- The vision is to implement a coordinated system of care that builds on lessons learned and focuses on improved quality, access and efficiency.
- The delivery model will include medical services, behavioral health services and long-term services and supports.
- The managed care program will serve 212,750 individuals with complex care needs.
- This change will impact children who either receive the Elderly or Disabled Consumer Directed (EDCD) Waiver or the Technology Assisted Waiver.
- A competitive procurement process is in place in order to identify the managed care organizations (MCOs).
- CCC Plus will be launched across the state by regions. Tidewater will be the first region with the date being July 01, 2017.
- All regions will be launched by January 2018.
- Each region will have a minimum of two MCOs from which to select.
- Once the health plans have been selected, training will be provided. Early intervention will be included in the training and will be part of the team.
- Town Hall meetings will be held across the state. Please contact Tammy Whitlock to arrange for a meeting in a specific location.

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome-Maureen Greer- The power point presentation can be accessed at <http://www.infantva.org/wkg-VICC.htm>. (Notes come directly from the presentation.)

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) is a drug withdrawal syndrome that presents in newborns after birth when transfer of harmful substances from the mother to the fetus abruptly stops at the time of

delivery. NAS and maternal opioid use is on the rise. Every twenty-five (25) minutes, a baby is born suffering from opioid withdrawal.

What does this mean for Part C? We are looking at a new population which includes eligibility criteria; the mother/baby dyad; and family dynamics. The types of services will be impacted and will include the medical home. Provider Training and system capacity will also be issues.

Thirteen states are currently addressing the NAS issue. They are addressing eligibility criteria; are forming workgroups to discuss system implications; and are clarifying guidance for providers.

NAS will not only have a health impact but a resource impact. We are still learning about the long-term effects on children as well as the impact on Part C.

Professional Development-Please see the attached Professional Development update handout presented by Deana Buck.

Open Forum-No topics were presented for discussion.

VICC Business

- Joy Spencer has expressed a willingness to accept the nomination of Vice-Chair of the VICC. Kelly Hill made a motion to accept Joy in that role. Kristen Jamison seconded the motion. The membership unanimously agreed.
- The Governor has reappointed the following individuals to serve on the VICC: Kristine Caalim, Bonnie Grifa, Delegate Daun Hester, and Kate McCauley. A vacancy exists for a parent representative.
- Jamie Liban from the Arc of Virginia presented the draft of the VICC Orientation Packet. The development of the packet was a collaboration between the Arc of Virginia, VICC and the Part C Office. The purpose of the VICC Orientation packet is to educate new members in the role of the VICC and to provide information for others who may be interested in the VICC. Members have submitted revisions that will be incorporated. The final packet will be posted on the Arc website, the Part C website and local system websites. The Arc of Virginia will appoint an individual to keep the packet updated.

Action Items

- Karen will send VA NICU EI Collaborative power point to members.
- Catherine will send the Local Systems' contact list to Betsy Cole Archer.
- Karen will send the power point presentation on Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome to the members.
- Karen will include the power point presentation from Tammy Whitlock on Managed Long Term Services and Supports with the VICC minutes.

Agenda Items

- State Systemic Improvement Plan Follow-up
- MLTSS and Possible Subcommittee
- Agency Reports
- Virginia and How the State is Addressing Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the VICC will be held December 14, 2016 at The Arc of Virginia at 2147 Staples Mill Road, Richmond, VA 23230.

VICC Members Present:

Cathy Cook
Adrienne Fegans
Dr. Bethany Geldmaker
Bonnie Grifa
Dr. Dawn Hendricks
Kelly Hill
Sarah Hulcher for Delegate Hester
Dr. Kristen Jamison
Kate McCauley
Heather Norton
Allan Phillips
Caren Phipps
Dr. Patricia Popp
Catherine Rey
Lynn Wolfe
James Young

VICC Members Absent:

Kristine Callim
Wyvonnice Harsley
Leslie Hutcheson Prince
Aleta Lawson
Angela Leonard
Jeannie Odachowski
Joy Spencer
Kerry White
Sandra Woodward

Family Representative Present:

Jamie Liban

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