

Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council (VICC) Meeting
The Arc of Virginia
March 8, 2017
FINAL Minutes

The March 8, 2017 Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting was called to order by Joy Spencer. There were fifteen (15) VICC members in attendance. Please see the attendance list following the minutes.

The newest member of the VICC, Dr. Kendall Lee, Local System Manager Representative, was introduced and welcomed.

The December 14, 2016 VICC minutes were then approved with Lynn Wolfe making the motion to approve and Bonnie Grifa seconding the motion.

Part C Update- Catherine Hancock

The following update is a written report provided by Catherine Hancock.

1. Submitted the State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) in February
2. Working with VHHA on the NICU project to improve relationships between NICUs and Early Intervention
3. Reviewing mid-year fiscal reports
4. The State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) is due to OSEP by April 3rd. The SSIP report is undergoing Department review right now, and we will post it to the SSIP section of our website once we submit it to OSEP.
 - All 4 State Leadership Teams met to review progress on their section of the SSIP and any evaluation data available. Based on that information, all teams decided the SSIP was on track and made no additional changes to the plan as we move into year 2 of implementation.
 - Major SSIP projects continuing into the coming year include: MEISR pilot, development of fidelity assessment process, data system enhancements
 - Watch the SSIP section of our monthly Update for information on new activities as they get underway this year and for opportunities to participate on stakeholder and review groups.
5. Medicaid Managed Care- Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus
 - Working with DMAS and health plans
 - Stakeholder meeting held on February 23rd, more will be scheduled
 - About 700 children included but about 300 won't be included until January 2018
 - VICC committee submitted questions
 - Many protections built into the contract
 - References current federal and state code and regulations
 - Physician certification remains the same
 - Current rates are the minimum
 - Cannot add prior-authorization, the IFSP determines medical necessity, including amount, duration and scope

NICU Early Intervention Collaborative

Please find attached the power point presentation presented by Wanda Clevenger on the Virginia NICU EI Collaborative.

Parent Perspective

There was a discussion about parent perspective regarding coming home from the NICU and beginning early intervention services.

Public Comment and VICC Discussion of Public Comment

No Public Comment was submitted.

Integrated Training Collaborative

Please see the attached Professional Development update handout presented by Cori Hill.

AGENCY REPORTS

The Arc of Virginia, New Path Program -Jamie Liban

Virginia launched its new Developmental Disabilities (DD) Medicaid Waiver Program on September 1, 2016. The redesigned DD Waiver Program is in a period of transition as it implements many system changes. The Family and Individual Supports Waiver, the former “DD or IFDDS Waiver” is one of the three redesigned Developmental Disability Waivers. It has new eligibility requirements, services, reimbursement rates and other changes. There were close to 500 additional waiver slots given by the General Assembly. 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.

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

The Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (VDBVI) has provided training in Fairfax for about 50 Infant Intervention Specialists, including a Physical Therapist, an Occupational Therapist, Teachers, Practitioners, Clinicians and a Speech and Language Pathologist. Services are in transition because the Fairfax County Public Schools no longer contract with their EI providers. The VDBVI is working with the Infant Intervention program to train in sensory related issues and cortical vision impairment. Lastly, the VDBVI is getting calls from families because children are being removed from early childcare programs due to behavioral issues.

Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH) –Eric Raff

Mr. Eric Raff provided a handout with the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing’s agency report. Please see the attached handout.

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

The number of students identified by schools during the 2015-16 school year was 18,577, a 3.9 percent increase over the previous year. The number of students has been hovering around 18,000 for the last 5 years. We are not seeing the large increases associated with the economic crises that were evident after 2007-08. Approximately 560 children ages 3-5, not kindergarten were identified as enrolled in our school divisions' public preschool programs. In addition, our McKinney-Vento subgrants reported serving 380 infants and toddlers (birth – 2). We don't have a consistent way to capture this information unless a child is ENROLLED in the school division, so those served by other preschool programs or assisted by the schools without enrollment are not well-tracked.

We are in the process of developing our McKinney-Vento state plan to comply with the ESSA requirements. This is part of a consolidated state plan that includes Title I and other federal programs. It is due in September, and there will be a period for public comment. There is a section that addresses reaching young children, including those served by Early Intervention.

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) –Dr. Bethany Geldmaker

Dr. Geldmaker announced that it is still flu season. Annually over 200,000 people in the United States are hospitalized because of the flu. People at highest risk for flu-related complications include children younger than 5 years (especially those younger than 2 years old), adults 65 years of age and older, pregnant women, and people who have certain medical conditions such as asthma, heart disease, chronic lung disease, kidney disease, or weakened immune systems due to disease or medication. The norovirus is still alive and well. The norovirus disease can be prevented in a number of ways, including:

- hand washing after using the restroom, changing diapers, sneezing, coughing, and before and after preparing food;
- disinfecting contaminated surfaces with household chlorine bleach-based cleaners;
- washing clothing and linens if they become soiled;
- washing fruits and vegetables thoroughly before eating;
- avoiding food or water from sources that may be contaminated;
- cooking seafood completely.

There is a nationwide effort to combat the Zika virus. The Zika virus is a cause of microcephaly and other severe birth defects. This finding does not mean, however, that all women who have Zika virus infection during pregnancy will have babies with health problems. Microcephaly means a baby or child has a smaller than normal brain and head. Other problems in fetuses and infants infected with

Zika virus before birth include eye and hearing defects and impaired growth. In a small number of infected people, there have also been reports of neurologic syndromes, such as Guillain-Barré Syndrome. Studies are underway to learn more about health conditions associated with Zika virus and the effects of Zika virus infection during pregnancy.

Lastly, Dr. Geldmaker stated that mumps have been spreading across the globe. About one in five persons infected with mumps virus do not have any signs or symptoms of illness. The most common signs and symptoms of mumps include fever, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, and swelling and tenderness of one or more salivary glands under the ears or jaw on one or both sides of the face (parotitis). Immunization of as many children as possible is the best way to prevent mumps cases and outbreaks. Two doses of mumps vaccine are recommended for all children. This is generally given as measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine. The first dose of MMR should be given at 12-15 months of age and the second dose before a child enters kindergarten (4-6 years of age). Persons of any age who are unsure of their mumps disease history and/or mumps vaccination history should be vaccinated. Two doses of mumps vaccine are recommended for adults at high-risk for mumps exposure including healthcare personnel, international travelers and college students.

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

Adrienne Fegans informed the VICC that the CCC plus plans have been awarded. The plans will be awarded to Aetna Better Health of Virginia, Anthem HealthKeepers Plus, Magellan Complete Care of Virginia, Optima Health, United Healthcare and Virginia Premier Health Plan.

The Medallion 4.0 Managed Care Program Request for Proposals (RFP) will be released this spring and will go live August of 2018. Lastly, on August 1, 2017, the Notice of Intent to award for the non-emergency transportation vendor will be posted.

Virginia Department of Social Services - Aleta Lawson

The Head Start Collaboration office is preparing for their largest conference ever. The Annual Training Conference is the VAHSA's signature event, held each spring. It draws 100s of Head Start staff, families and community supporters. This year the Annual Conference will be held at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center.

Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia - Bonnie Grifa

Bonnie Grifa informed the VICC that Project S.E.E.D continues to offer trainings that work very well for Early Intervention. Please see the attached handout for the Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia report.

State Corporation Commission (CSS), Bureau of Insurance

No Report

VICC Members Open Forum

It was suggested that a speaker presents the VICC with Information regarding the Affordable Care Act. There was also a brief discussion about the Affordable Care Act legislation changes.

Action Items

- Include Wanda Clevenger on the June VICC Meeting Agenda.
- Send out Bonnie Grifa's information to the members.
- Invite speaker to discuss the Affordable Care Act.

June Meeting Agenda Items

- Affordable Care Act Open Discussion
- Affordable Care Act Legislation Changes Open Discussion
- CCC Plus

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the VICC will be held June 14, 2017 at The Arc of Virginia at 2147 Staples Mill Road, Richmond, VA 23230.

VICC Members Present:

Zipporah Levi-Shackleford
Adrienne Fegans
Dr. Bethany Geldmaker
Bonnie Grifa
James Young
Kristine Caalim
Lynn Wolfe
Dr. Patricia Popp
Sarah Hulcher for Delegate Hester
Dr. Kendall Lee
Aleta Lawson
Caren Phipps
Eric Raff
Angela Leonard
Joy Spencer

VICC Members Absent:

Kelly Hill
Wyvonne Harsley
Sandra Woodward
Dr. Dawn Hendricks
Dr. Kristen Jamison
Kate McCauley
Heather Norton
Sandra Woodward
Jeannie Odachowski
Cathy Cook
Kerry White

Family Representative Present:

Jamie Liban