

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

The December 14, 2016 Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting was called to order by Kelly Hill. There were eighteen (18) VICC members in attendance. Please see the attendance list following the minutes.

The newest members of the VICC, Mr. Eric Raff from the Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Ms. Zipporah Levi-Shackleford who is a parent representative, were introduced and welcomed. A certificate of appreciation and thanks for his many years of service to the VICC and early intervention was presented in honor of Mr. Allan Phillips. Allan has resigned from the VICC and has accepted a position in Washington, DC related to early intervention.

The September 14, 2016 VICC minutes were then approved with Catherine Cook making the motion to approve and Dr. Patricia Popp seconding the motion.

**AGENCY REPORTS**

**The Arc of Virginia, New Path Program -Jamie Liban**

Jamie Liban introduced Tracy Edmonds to the VICC. Tracy Edmonds is the new Family Support Coordinator. Tracy has been collaborating with Parent reps from the VICC and working directly with early intervention families providing family support and training. The Arc of Virginia is in the process of putting together a focus group consisting of early intervention families to explore the types of supports and services they are looking for.

The Arc of Virginia's Director of Information and Referral, Lucy Cantrell, informed the VICC that they have been very busy with The DD Waiver Redesign. The DD Waiver Redesign became effective 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.

**Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (VDBVI)-Tracy Deluca**

The DBVI has been trying over the last year to strengthen their efforts with Early Intervention and realized that through the agency, they mostly focused on the transition age of teenagers. As a result of the focus on transition age teenagers, some of their early intervention efforts were not strong, so the agency went back to the role of Education Coordinator. DBVI is also doing outreach with early intervention agencies as well as outreach efforts across the state with some sensory awareness and how that connects with vision.

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

Eric Raff reported that they are a small department of nine staff at the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH). They mostly focus on interpreting needs, telecommunication needs and assistive technology for the deaf and hard of hearing. Mr. Raff's long-term goal is more focused on support for parents of deaf and hard of hearing children; perhaps developing a mentoring program where by deaf adults can be role models and work with deaf and hard of hearing children. There is currently a group of deaf adults who are pushing a bill through legislation for language acquisition and equality to be sure that deaf children are kindergarten ready. Please see the attached flyer regarding the group.

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

Catherine Hancock presented the following brief report on behalf of Heather Norton.

The centers for Medicare and Medicaid have approved the state-wide plan that they have for residential and employment services for Developmental Services.

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

The VDOE is reporting data from last year for their child count. The VDOE also continues to work with Part C on Indicator 12 and collaborated with Part C to deliver Talks on Tuesday's two-part series on the Part C to B transition. Attached is a power point presentation with more information on the Early Childhood Special Education Child Count.

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

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. Project HOPE will be the first agency in the bill having to implement the changes in the law. Dr. Popp has been training the homeless liaisons around the state. Both the new law and guidance have an increased emphasis on early childhood programs for children experiencing homelessness. One of the new pieces that are explicit in the law for homeless students is the mention of interaction and coordination with Early Intervention.

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

Dr. Geldmaker recommended that everyone get a flu vaccine, adults and all children ages six months and older. The American Academy of Pediatrics does not recommend the nasal spray vaccine this flu season for children. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the nasal spray vaccine did not protect against certain strains of the flu virus that were most prominent the past three seasons. The nasal spray vaccine effectiveness among children 2 through 17 years old was 3 percent in 2015-16, compared with 63 percent for the injected vaccine.

The Virginia Department of Health is mostly doing surveillance on individuals who tested positively for the Zika Virus. Because of the cold weather, mosquitos do not breed as effectively. Pregnant women are advised to consider postponing travel to Zika-affected areas. If such travel cannot be avoided, they should take precautions to minimize exposure to mosquitoes, including using insect repellents, wearing long sleeves, long pants, and socks, and sleeping in rooms with screened windows or air conditioning.

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

Ms. Adrienne Fegans is 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. Ms. Fegans introduced one of the new hires in the agency, Svetlana Kochany. Svetlana is new to DMAS and previously worked for VDH for eight plus years. Svetlana has a medical degree and worked as a Psychiatrist for children with Learning Disabilities and Autism at a Children's Hospital in Russia. Svetlana will be working in The Maternal and Child Health Division as a Program and Policy Analyst. The team also consists of Barbara Smith, Latonya Hairston, and Sheila Smith.

## Virginia Department of Social Services - Aleta Lawson

Aleta Lawson and her colleagues from the Division of Childcare and Early Childhood Development at Social Services has been busy working on compliance for the new Child Care Partnership Expansion Grants (CCPEG) regulations. One of the biggest pieces of the CCPEG has been developing the training for the childcare subsidy vendors. This has been a huge effort and it is now complete.

The Head Start Collaboration office is a federally funded program. The new head start regulations were issued on September 1, 2016. It has been over 40 years since there regulations have been revised; they went from 1,400 regulations down to about half of that. The biggest change from the previous practice is that preschool and early head start programs now require a full day and a full academic year for students.

## Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia - Bonnie Grifa

Bonnie Grifa shared information on the upcoming 2017 Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Institute that will be held March 22, 2017 at the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Virginia. Registration begins February 01, 2017. Additionally, please see the attached handout for the Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia report.

## State Corporation Commission (CSS), Bureau of Insurance -No Report

### Part C Update- Catherine Hancock

#### **Early Intervention Transition to Medicaid Managed Care**

The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is preparing for a new Medicaid managed care system for long term care and waiver services. Infants and toddlers that have a waiver slot will have their Part C services paid through the new Managed Long Term Supports and Services (MLTSS) program. The program may also be referred to as the Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus program. The transition will begin in July 2017 and will be implemented by regions.

DMAS is leading the implementation of the project. In November, Catherine Hancock, and Alison Standring, the Local System Manager in the Rappahannock Area, presented information to health plan representatives. The presentation included the federal and state Part C code and regulations, how the program is structured now, and the research based benefits of the program.

The meeting was informal. The health plans were pleased to hear about the questions and concerns that were identified by early intervention stakeholders and stated they were willing to work out any issues. Details of the transition to managed care have not been worked out but the health plan representatives now have an understanding about early intervention and how it is structured. There will be additional meetings to develop the program. These meetings are expected to begin in February.

The health plans requested a list of early intervention providers and of early intervention services so they can start the enrollment process with providers. DMAS agreed to submit that information to the plans. As information is available, it will be shared in the Update.

## **Public Comment and VICC Discussion of Public Comment**

No Public Comment was submitted.

## **Family Survey and the “Parent Perspective”-David Mills**

### **Family Survey**

For this year:

- Surveys will continue to be mailed for each child in Early Intervention. Families with multiple children in Early Intervention will receive multiple surveys. In years past, most families have chosen to respond for each child.
- If a family moves without a forwarding address, there will be no additional follow up. As we reduce the time between submission of addresses and mailing of the survey, we expect this scenario will happen less frequently.
- There will be an option to complete the family survey online.
- A provider may allow the family member to use his/her computer to complete the survey as long as measures are taken to ensure that the family will not have access to protected health information on that computer. Also, the provider must not be in the room while the survey is completed.

For next year:

- The survey will be translated into Farsi, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Arabic, & Urdu and will be available in hard copy and online.

Here are the timelines related to this year’s Family Survey:

12/1/2016 Child count

1/20/2017 Family contact information to DBHDS

2/8/17 Data submitted by DBHDS to ODU

Flyers begin being mailed out: 2/17-2/20

Wave 1 of survey begin mailing out: 3/6

Wave 2 of the survey begin mailing out: 4/7

Calls begin (to localities with <15 completes): 5/8

### **Parent Perspective**

A new agenda item was added entitled the “Parent Perspective”. A topic will be introduced at each VICC meeting and members will be asked to share related to a parent’s view. The purpose is to provide opportunities for family members to share their thoughts and ideas related to early intervention, increase family participation, and to improve early intervention services based on valuable family input. David Mills introduced the first topic of the Family Survey. Input was requested related to how to better engage parents in completing the survey, identifying barriers and challenges that exist and identify ways to address the barriers and challenges; and sharing ideas on how to increase the response rates for the Family Survey.

## **Annual Performance Report/State Performance Plan (APR/SPP) and State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)**

Kyla Patterson shared information with the members on both the APR/SPP and SSIP. Please see the attached materials.

## **Integrated Training Collaborative**

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

### **Open Forum**

No topics were presented for discussion.

### **VICC Business**

- VICC Vacancies/Reappointments
  - A vacancy exists for a Local System Manager. Interested individuals are to apply through the Governor's Appointment Secretary.
- VICC Nominating Committee Members
  - Members will be Jeannie Odachowski, Zipporah Levi-Shackleford and Cathy Cook.
- CCC Plus Transition Subcommittee
  - Members will be Lynn Wolfe, Kelly Hill, Catherine Hancock, Dr. Kristen Jamison, Jamie Liban and Tracy Edmonds.

### **Action Items**

- Catherine will begin to gather information for Child Find Data Trends

### **March Agenda Items**

- State Systemic Improvement Plan Follow-up
- CCC Plus Program
- Agency Reports

The meeting was adjourned.

**The next meeting of the VICC will be held March 8, 2017 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  
Dr. Kristen Jamison  
Dr. Patricia Popp  
Yolanda Tennyson  
Wyvonne Harsley  
Jeannie Odachowski  
Sandra Woodward  
Kerry White  
Joy Spencer  
Zipporah Levi-Shackleford  
Tracy Deluca  
Eric Raff  
Aleta Lawson

#### **VICC Members Absent:**

Kristine Callim  
Wyvonne Harsley  
Leslie Hutcheson Prince  
James Young  
Angela Leonard  
Sarah Hulcher for Delegate Hester  
Kate McCauley  
Heather Norton  
Allan Phillips  
Catherine Rey  
Lynn Wolfe

#### **Family Representative Present:**

Jamie Liban