

Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council (VICC) Meeting
The Arc of Virginia
September 11, 2013
Final Minutes

The September 11, 2013 Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting was called to order by Lissa Power-deFur. The role was called by Karen Durst. There were nineteen (19) VICC members in attendance. Please see the attendance list following the minutes. The June 12, 2013 VICC minutes were corrected and approved with Lissa Power-deFur making the motion to approve and Phyllis Mondak seconding the motion. The motion to approve the minutes were followed by a moment of silence to pay respect to the lives lost on September 11, 2001.

Agency Reports

The Arc of Virginia, New Path Program

The following Arc of Virginia update was given by Debra Holloway. The following italicized report is verbatim from a written report that was provided.

VICC Family Report

The Arc of Virginia staff continues to provide technical assistance for families this quarter including assisting families with services including transition and request about waiver information. We continue to participate in committees and workgroups including Virginia Autism Council, VCPD, ECHMH Board, ITC, and COPA.

The Arc of Virginia continues to be excited about and spreading the word about “New Path” The support Network for Families in Early Intervention.” New Path is a program of The Arc of Virginia designed to help parents and families navigate the Early Intervention System. We have a monthly newsletter and New Path section of The Arc of Virginia site. (New Path tab at www.thearcofva.org) Full of resources and information for families! We continue to provide information and referral to families who have children receiving early intervention services. Families are looking for support during transition out of early intervention services, Medicaid Waiver access and guidance, they have had questions about coaching and the amount and quality of services their child is receiving. The Arc of Virginia has also provided trainings for families; we held a face –to face training “Getting Started. What Families with Young Children with Disabilities Need to Know.” We held webinars on Medicaid Waiver Supports. The New Path staff attended and shared information and resources at the Creating Connections Shining Stars conference in July and we hosted our annual convention this year at the Hilton, in Short Pump August 8th through the 10th. We were pleased regarding our high quality of topics and speakers. Sessions include Inclusive Playgroups, Navigating the Service System, an introduction of New Path, Inclusion, Coaching in Early Intervention, and Carol Schall presenting Positive

Behavior Supports to name some! Our Inspirational keynote speakers included Jenny Hatch and Tim Harris a young man with Down syndrome that has opened his own restaurant. We had over 500 attendees and hope you will consider attending next year. Upcoming activities include October 3rd at 1:00 a webinar using iPads to promote learning, Inclusive Playgroups in November. We also have face-to-face trainings “Getting Started. What Families with Young Children with Disabilities Need to Know.” October 22nd at The Arc of Northern Virginia, and October 10th in Charlottesville, look for a date to be scheduled soon in Hampton. We have also been spreading the word with families regarding early intervention advocacy and funding, sharing the information and encouraging individuals to express their concerns through contacting the Governor.

Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (VDBVI)

Glen Slonneger reported that the current Education Coordinator for the city of Roanoke has submitted a two week notice to vacate the position. There is also a vacancy in Norfolk for a Rehab Technology Specialist. Glen is thankful to have John McCue come back aboard to the department to provide assistance.

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

VA Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services (DBHDS)

Janet Lung informed us that the department and its staff has been very involved in developing reports and presentations focusing on older teens to submit to the General Assembly. Janet also reported that she attended an Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) meeting where she was able to network and meet new people. Janet found the OSEP meeting and networking with other people very enjoyable.

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)

Phyllis Mondak reported that she continues to work on the Part B Annual Performance Report (APR). The transition indicator of getting kids enrolled on time has a 99.6% success rate. The Professional Development workgroup is in the process of setting up regional consortiums. Phyllis also informed the VICC that the department is interviewing for a State Coordinator. The department is also waiting to hear from Governor McDonnell to see if they can apply for the Race to the Top Early Learning Grant.

Virginia Department of Education-Project HOPE-Virginia

Dr. Patricia Popp informed the VICC of the upcoming regional trainings for homeless education liaisons. In addition, this year, Project HOPE-Virginia will host a seminar on December 2-3, 2013 at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, 110 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24016-2025. Homeless education liaisons and other school staff who support children and youth

experiencing homelessness, shelter providers, and other community agency staff working with homeless families.

Virginia Department of Health

Joanne Boise reported a currently new initiative focused on Infant Mental Health and partnering with the Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health endorsement training. Joanne added that the Newborn Screening Program has created informational posters that will be sent to hospitals throughout Virginia. The EHDI program is targeting pregnant women with information regarding newborn hearing screening, information will be sent to OBGYN providers. Lastly, Joanne stated that the most recent TV campaign cost EHDI \$70,000-\$90,000 but gained little response. Because of the lack of response, the program began using Pandora program ads and saw an increase in about one week. Preliminary data also show that we may have met the goal of hearing loss diagnosis by three months of age in 2012.

Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)

Jeff Beard informed us that the Affordable Care Act will kick off on October 1, 2013. As of October 1st, women will no longer need pregnancy verification for Medicaid. To start the application process for Medicaid, residents will be able to call The Cover Virginia Call Center at 1-855-242-8282; this will make the enrollment process easier. Jeff also reported that as of September 1, 2013, foster care youth and adoption assistance children from across the region that are eligible for Medicaid will be moved to managed care.

Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)

The VICC welcomed Em Parente, Program Manager for the Virginia Department of Social Services. Em works with the prevention program and reported that the department is working on incorporating early prevention services to eligible high risk families into the service plan at the local level and documenting that information into the statewide electronic database. The DSS is in the beginning stages of the planning but are working with a number of other groups on screening for trauma so those families can be properly referred.

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

Part C Update

The following Part C update was given by Catherine Hancock.

In July, Catherine and Kyla were invited to participate in a panel presentation on fiscal oversight at the National IDEA Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. The audience was very interested in Virginia's Medicaid initiative. The additional \$6 million in funding for Early Intervention has been included in the total funds available for services.

There was a reduction of 4% from the federal budget due to sequestration. This amounted to \$424,650. This amount was absorbed as DBHDS had one-time funding set aside. Localities did not receive a reduction. We are in the process of preparing the regulations that will implement the new federal regulations that were published in September 2011. The practices are already in place and the regulations are the final step. We met with VCU EIPD and have identified four primary areas of focus for SFY 2014. They are:

1. Providing Tools to Local System Managers for fiscal management
2. Training for Providers
3. Integrating Outcomes into the IFSP
4. Coaching as an approach for working with families.

EI/Telepractice/Medicaid

Patricia Rogers, Executive Director of the Chesapeake Children's Therapy Center and Mary Wood Maloney, Project Manager of the Chesapeake Children's Therapy Center presented information on the study of Telepractice with hearing impaired infants. Telepractice is the term used for speech therapy services provided via secure online videoconferencing. The general term for medical services provided via the internet is Telemedicine. The Chesapeake Children's Therapy Center has been using Telepractice to provide speech therapy services to children who would typically be seen in their clinic. Please view the attached handouts submitted to the VICC regarding Telemedicine.

Public Comment

No Public Comment submitted.

Professional Development

Deana Buck and Cori Hill provided information related to professional development. She reported that as of the end of March, Rebecka, the e-learning specialist who put together the info graphics vacated the position. Carrie Main is the newly appointed e-learning specialist working with ITC. Dana Childress took the lead on the Early Intervention Strategies for Success blog was developed to provide early intervention (EI) practitioners with an interactive place to share and learn practical strategies that they can use in their work with infants, toddlers, families, other caregivers, and colleagues. Through its work with Virginia's [Integrated Training Collaborative](#) and the [Partnership for People with Disabilities](#) at Virginia Commonwealth University, we have found that practitioners are eager for very practical, real world information that links best practice with actual practice. Dana is hopeful this blog will be a place to share knowledge and experience and learn useful tips and strategies. The blog has had 4 guest authors from VA, PA, IL, and FL and has had 2,806 unique visitors.

The Integrated Training Collaborative website has 6,211 visits, 3,820 unique visits, and 15,171 page views. The most visited pages are the annual conferences, online trainings, and Early

Intervention Certification. It was also reported that the Partnership for people with Disabilities was awarded one of five Autism Implementation Grants funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau to improve early identification, screening, and diagnosis of children with ASD. The website gets a monthly information overhaul and Facebook is getting more common. LSM\Part C Meeting to be held in Charlottesville on September 24, 2013.

Quality Improvement Committee

Allan Phillips was appointed as the chair of the renamed Data Committee. Other members are Jeff Beard, Joanne Boise, Ginny Heuple, Patricia Popp and Glen Slonneger. The committee met over lunch to discuss and make plans for the direction of the committee to determine what data they should be tracking that is informative and helpful to the VICC.

Insurance Committee Update

Kelly Hill provided the following information on behalf of the Insurance Committee. The following italicized report is verbatim from a written report that was provided.

PPACA in Virginia

Virginia will not develop State Exchanges and therefore will default to the Federal Exchanges for uninsured Virginians October 2013. Virginia will not expand Medicaid coverage at this time, but has mandated (3/2013) that Medicaid reforms be put in place before expansion is considered. A committee called the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission has been formed (met in March and August 2013) to study Medicaid programs and make recommendations for reform or reorganization.

Virginia has been approved (by HHS 3/2013) to allow the Virginia Insurance Bureau to provide “plan management” functions for plans in the Federal Exchange offered to Virginia residents. Essential Health Benefits will go into effect October 2013. Habilitative services are included in this list. Plan coverage for EHB’s will be tiered at Bronze (60%), Silver (70%), and Gold (80%). The policies will vary in premium cost based on the coverage levels. The Federal Government has set forth a Minimum Cost coverage and Minimum Value. Insurers have to have their plans approved by HHS offering no less than “minimum value coverage of 60%.” There will be a limit placed on out-of-pocket costs, including copays and deductibles, for individuals and families. PPACA has a “limited impact on self-insured and large insured plans.” Why? *Private policies in existence before March 23, 2010 are “grandfathered” in and do not have to cover the EHB’s. They do have to follow:

- No annual or lifetime limits of coverage
- Caps annual out-of-pocket spending
- Waiting periods are limited to 90 days
- Cannot deny coverage or charge more for any reason based on health status or gender
- Covers kids on parent’s policies until age 26

*Grandfathered plans are eligible based on when they were developed, not when you joined. They must disclose to the consumer that they are “grandfathered.” Any insurance company who wants to offer a plan through the federal or state exchanges must offer the same plan in the open marketplace.

Child Find Information and Data

Please see attached handouts presented by Allan Phillips.

Other VICC Business

VICC Vacancies and Reappointments

Karen Durst reported that a “Status of Membership” request was received from the Governor’s Appointment Secretary’s Office regarding the Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council (VICC). Information that was requested included each VICC members name, address, appointment date, expiration date and a record of attendance. Karen Durst compiled and submitted the information. The submission also included an emphasis on the need for the appointments/reappointments for the VICC positions of Legislator, parent and Head Start Representative. The committee acknowledged that Dr. Lissa Power-deFur will be resigning as of December 31, 2013 and Barbara Barrett resigned in April. Since the retirement of Lynne Edwards on May 1, 2013, the committee welcomed a new Department of Social Services representative, Em Parente. It was noted that the current Local System Manager Representative, Allan Phillips, is available for reappointment.

Smart Beginnings Partners

Bonnie Grifa, Virginia’s State Early Childhood Mental Health Coordinator, Dora Butler, the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation Director of Community Investments, and Jackie Robinson, Project Director for the Virginia Department of Social Services Social Emotional Infant Toddler Project presented the VICC with information on Improving Early Childhood Mental Health. Bonnie, Dora and Jackie have partnered with the Smart Beginnings Coalitions to support effective developmental screening throughout the state.

This project is funded by the Virginia Department of Social Services. The Virginia Commonwealth Universities Partnership for People with Disabilities is the Grantee. This project goes until July of 2015. The mission of this project is to build a consistent family-centered professional development framework of evidence-based practices for infant & toddler caregivers, teachers and directors in order to strengthen the social and emotional development of children birth to age 3 in child care centers, family child care homes & unregulated care (family, friend and neighbor) thus, improving the quality of child care. Our focus is to improve the quality of childcare by training people in evidenced based measures. Child care provider includes: * “Infant

and toddler child care provider” is defined as a provider of children birth to 36 months in child care centers, family child care homes, Early Head Start and unregulated care (care is provided by family, friend or neighbor).

Attached are the power point presentations from the VICC meeting as well as a Virginia Early Childhood Foundation partner directory.

The following Action Items and December agenda items were identified:

Discuss Data Committee Update
Insurance Mandate Information follow-up
Discuss expiring terms concerning VICC By-Laws

The next meeting of the VICC will be held December 11, 2013. The location is the:

The Arc of Virginia
2147 Staples Mill Road
Richmond, VA 23230
(804) 649-8481

The meeting was adjourned.

VICC Members Present:

Glen Slonneger
Jeff Beard
Kelly Hill
Virginia Heuple
Joanne Boise
Phyllis Mondak
Allan Phillips
Dr. Patricia Popp
Yolanda Tennyson
Dr. Lissa Power-deFur
Dr. Corey Herd Cassidy
Jeannie Odachowski
Sandra Woodward
Cathy Cook
Rick Beaman
Kate McCauley
Janet Lung
Em Parente

VICC Members Absent:

Leslie Hutcheson Prince
Edwin Scott Moran
Angela Leonard
Sonia Lopez

Family Representative Present:

Debra Holloway