

Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council (VICC) Meeting
The Arc of Virginia
March 7, 2018
DRAFT Minutes

The March 7, 2018 Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting was called to order by Zipporah Levi-Shackleford. There were eighteen (18) VICC members in attendance. Please see the attendance list following the minutes.

The December 13, 2017 VICC minutes were then approved with Jeannie Odachowski making the motion and Courtney Pugh seconding the motion.

Child Find Trends

Catherine Hancock shared information about Child Find Trends. Please review the attached handouts.

Part C Update- Catherine Hancock

The Governor's budget included additional funds allocated for the Part C program. Although the Governor's budget is not yet finalized, Catherine is very encouraged that the General Assembly is supportive of the Part C program.

Secondly, Catherine announced that Kyla Patterson has accepted the position of Part C Team Leader. Beth Tolley, the current Part C Team Leader will retire on March 30, 2018.

Virginia's Road to Coaching and Natural Learning Environments-Dana Childress

A presentation was given regarding Virginia's Road to Coaching and Natural Learning Environments. Please review the attached handout titled Building Coaching Capacities through State & Local Professional Development submitted by Dana Childress.

Parent Perspective

Information was shared regarding the SSIP activity of Family Coaching in Natural Learning Environments Workgroup. The purpose of the workgroup is to address the improvement strategy of identifying, developing and implementing professional development resources and mechanisms to ensure the consistent use of coaching and natural learning environment practices. The Priority Activity is to educate families about coaching and natural learning environment practices.

The group consists of parents, providers and state staff. A survey was developed to gather input from current and previous early intervention families on their experiences and knowledge about coaching and natural learning environments practices. Families are also being asked what they view as necessary in providing orientation/training for families about coaching and natural learning environments practices.

The survey is being made available through the Arc of Virginia New Path, Local Arc Chapters and Local Part C Systems. The data will be analyzed and recommendations made to the Part C office related to families and coaching and natural learning environment practices. VICC members then shared their thoughts and experiences related to coaching and natural learning environment practices.

Public Comment

No Public Comment was submitted.

CCC+ Update and Discussion

Lynn Wolfe and Jaylene Trueblood went over some of the challenges system managers have with CCC+. A few of the concerns discussed were billing, reimbursement, and communication with MCO's.

VICC Business

- Lana Westfall has been reappointed by Governor Northam as the Director of Gubernatorial Appointments.
- There is one vacancy remaining and that is the legislative representative.
- Once a year the Governor requests that Karen Durst submits a Board Profile for the members of the VICC. Examples of information included in the profile are current members, committee mission/purpose, meeting information, and vacancies. Karen has already submitted this information to the Governor's office for the current year.

Integrated Training Collaborative-Deana Buck

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

AGENCY REPORTS

The Arc of Virginia, New Path Program-Tonya Milling

Tonya Milling sadly announced that Tracy Edman has resigned as the New Path Family Support Coordinator. Applications will be accepted in the near future for the vacant position.

Lucy Cantrell has been participating in trainings across the state. Lucy is currently presenting on the Commonwealth Coordinated Care (CCC) Plus Waiver and Health Care Plan Programs and the Developmental Disabilities Waiver System at the 17th Annual Autism Conference.

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

Caren Phipps reported that the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (VDBVI) started providing young children and their families around Virginia special tactile quilts designed to help engage babies and toddlers with low vision at no cost. One side is solid black, which is for a child with low vision so you can place high contrast items on the quilt. Low-vision children respond to bright colored objects against a dark background. The other side has nine squares with different textures. These quilts are a tangible representation of services and will be used as a coaching model. So far, 80 quilts have been given to families.

The VDBVI has been arranging audible egg hunts for blind and vision impaired children. Audible eggs are plastic beeping Easter eggs with a battery-operated electronic circuit and beeper inside, and are easily controlled by a simple on/off switch. The egg emits a loud, clear constant beeping sound for children to locate the egg by listening, rather than searching by sight. Please see the attached flyer with egg hunt information.

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

Eric Raff reported that he was appointed as the Director of The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH).

Secondly, The Code of Virginia requires the VDDHH to respond to public requests for information referrals regarding hearing loss. As a result of that, the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has developed a directory of services for people who are deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind in the State of Virginia. This directory of services has been attached to this e-mail.

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

No Report

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

Dawn Hendricks presented the VICC with Early Childhood Special Education Child Count Data. Please review the attached Early Childhood Special Education handout.

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

No Report

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

Please see the attached handouts submitted by Dr. Bethany Geldmaker regarding the Virginia Department of Health's Agency Report. The handouts include the VDH Report, the Flu Decision Chart, and the Cold-Flu Symptom Chart.

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

Adrienne Fegans reported that the Department Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) has issued their notice of intent to award contracts for the Medallion 4.0/FAMIS Managed Care Program. Medallion 4.0 Managed Care goes live with their regional roll out starting August 1, 2018.

Adrienne also updated the VICC on CCC Plus implementation. The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is continuing to work on addressing issues of credentialing, billing, reimbursements and claims.

Virginia Department of Social Services - Aleta Lawson

No Report

Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia - Bonnie Grifa

Please see the attached handout for the Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia report.

State Corporation Commission (SCC), Bureau of Insurance- Donald Beatty

No Report

VICC Members Open Forum

Members discussed the difficulties of transitioning to CCC+.

Action Items

- Request electronic version of the Building Coaching Capacities through State & Local Professional Development handout with links related to coaching from Dana Childress.
- Request link for the Talks on Tuesdays Trusting Relationships webinar from Deana Buck.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the VICC will be held June 13, 2018 at The Arc of Virginia at 2147 Staples Mill Road, Richmond, VA 23230.

VICC Members Present:

Jennifer MacRae
Zipporah Levi-Shackleford
Adrienne Fegans
Dr. Bethany Geldmaker
Courtney Pugh
Donald Beatty for James Young
Joy Spencer
Lynn Wolfe
Dr. Kristen Jamison

Katie Webb
Wyvonne Harsley
Jeannie Odachowski
Dr. Dawn Hendricks
Dr. Kendall Lee
Eric Raff
Jaylene Trueblood
Caren Phipps
Elizabeth John

VICC Members Absent:

Heather Norton
Kate McCauley
Kristine Caalim
Kelly Hill
Bonnie Grifa
Sandra Woodward
Aleta Lawson
Dr. Patricia Popp
Catherine Childers

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