

**Integrated Training Collaborative
Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2008**

Members Present:

Lynn Blythe	Bev Crouse	Adrienne Frank	Debra Holloway	Mary Voorhees
Deana Buck	Terry Erlichman	Corey Herd	Rebekah Hudgins	Lynn Wiley
Carol Burke	Heidi Faustini	Cori Hill	Dianne Koontz	Lowman

1. Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations-Members introduced themselves.

- ❖ Deana announced that her daughter, Emma, who is a first year student at UVa, is doing GREAT!
- ❖ Lynne B's 18 year old son went to his first dance and "danced up a storm!" YIPEE!
- ❖ UVa received funding for the ERLI (Early and Responsive Learning Initiative which supports efforts to increase the number and quality of teachers who are prepared to work with young children birth to age five with disabilities, developmental delays or risk conditions. See Mary for more details about the grant.

2. Interagency Updates-

- ◆ Mary reported that the Virginia DEC (Division of Early Childhood) has recently revamped their website. Carole Ivey is working on the website and it now contains a list of different grants to help prepare students. Check it out at: <http://www.soe.vcu.edu/vadec/>
- ◆ Deana reported on the NPDCI (National Professional Development Center on Inclusion) and SpecialQuest grants of which Virginia is a part. NPDCI is a grant which assists states in "helping to create professional development systems to support early childhood inclusion." The goal of SpecialQuest is to assist states in providing "high-quality, inclusive services for young children with disabilities and their families." Kathy Glazer from the Office of Early Childhood is our liaison. She has linked the SpecialQuest committee with the Professional Development (PD) Initiative, chaired by Bob Pianta of UVa. The PD Task Force is looking at all issues related to early childhood professional development. The SpecialQuest committee will serve as "ambassadors for inclusion" on subcommittees of the PD Initiative. Deana encouraged everyone to take a look at the SpecialQuest website where there are many FREE resources, including handouts, DVDs, etc. The website is available at: <http://www.specialquest.org/> and the resource library is on the left side of the webpage.
- ◆ Adrienne reported that Child Development Resources website has some new updates at www.cdr.org Check information about the 123READ program, Investing in Fatherhood, and the Infant/Toddler Specialist Network.

3. Revisions to Deliverables and Budget-Cori and Deana met with Mary Ann Discenza regarding changes to the deliverables to the ITC grant. With the Medicaid EI Initiative and the enhanced provider qualifications calling for more training, there is a need for the development of online modules. These will include 4, possibly 5 modules on the following topics:

1. Child Development
2. Family Centered Practices
3. Service Pathway
4. Practitioner Requirements

5. Supervision

The ITC will refocus this year's grant to develop these modules, provide KI and KII training and host the annual conference. Because providers need to be certified by 7/1/09, these modules need to be developed and ready for use by 2/1/09 to allow time for practitioners to take the modules and give the Part C office enough time to get all practitioners enrolled. Cori and Deana have a meeting scheduled for 10/30/08 with VCU Creative Services to discuss web-based options.

4. Formation of Web Committee and Request for Writers/Reviewers-Cori discussed the need to develop a web committee and to identify potential writers and reviewers for the online modules. Committee members expressed concern about the very short turnaround time to develop so many modules. There was also concern that much of the work is still being developed by the Part C office and DMAS. Lynn W. noted that ttaonline has a template that may be helpful for use with online modules. The following members agreed to help in these capacities:

Web-Based Committee- Lynn Wiley and Mary Vorhees

Writers-Corey Herd and Rebekah Hudgins

Reviewers-Lynne Blythe, Adrienne Franks, Carol Burke

5. Conference Update-The conference committee will be meeting on 10/31/08. We have secured Norman Kunc as our keynote speaker for 4/30. Peggy Hayden was not available for April 29th. Cori has contacted Camille Catlett from Frank Porter Graham and will talk with her at the end of October to see if she is available as our opening keynote speaker.

6. Other Business? No other business

I will send a Meeting Wizard to schedule our next meeting!

Thank you for your hard work!