

**Integrated Training Collaborative
Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2009**

Members Present:

Lynn Blythe	Bev Crouse	Peggy Henry	Beth Tolley
Deana Buck	Terry Erlichman	Cori Hill	Mary Voorhees
Carol Burke	Heidi Faustini	Debra Holloway	
Jackie Cahill	Adrienne Frank	Dianne Koontz Lowman	

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

- ❖ Deana noted that she was excited about the I&TC of Virginia EI credentialing process. She has been reviewing other states' Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) and she noted that this type of credentialing is common in other states.
- ❖ Upcoming Conferences:
 - Strong Roots Conference-July 11th at the Hotel Roanoke
 - Shining Stars-July 13-15 at the Virginia Beach Wyndam

2. Interagency Updates

- ❖ Beth reported on the work of the Implementation Task Force. Members of this group are attempting to “work out the kinks” to be ready for full implementation on 10/1/09.
- ❖ Beth also reported that she would like to develop a list of contact people for each school/university that provides pre-service training for PT, OT, and ST. She is working on the PT list but still needs assistance with OT and SLP contacts. **Peggy** agreed to send a list of SLPs and audiologists. **Mary** agreed to provide information about SLPs from UVa. **Deana** reported that the Partnership could assist in setting up a database. Once we have these contacts, we can ask them about incorporating EI certification module content and other training materials into their coursework.

3. ITC Current Work

- A. Module Updates-**Cori reported that the Child Development module was sent to a group of “pilot participants” who provided feedback on the module. It was noted that videos and photos took a significant time to download if participants had a dial-up connection. The web designers are working on this issue. They are also developing instructions to assist participants who have more limited computer expertise. A discussion ensued about the possibility of burning CDs for each local system to assist with these issues. At this time, we are going to continue on the current path and see what enhancements the web designers can make.
- B. CoPA-**CoPA leaders are developing Action Plans and beginning to hold first meetings. Action plans, meeting minutes and resources are being posted on the Integrated Training Collaborative/CoPA web page.

Funds from the Autism Priority Project for CoPA are being utilized to offer registration stipends for the two Virginia Autism Council (VAC) EI-focused Strategies Trainings. These will be held May 4th and May 26th in Charlottesville and June 1st and June 26th in Hampton. There is a possibility that there will be a third training in far Southwest in September.

Maureen Conroy provided an excellent training through the Institute of Higher Education (IHE) on “Early Intervention for Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.” We would like to invite Maureen to develop this content for a web-based module on autism.

It was also reported that Virginia has applied for a National Professional Development Center on Autism (NPCDA) grant through Frank Porter Graham. Virginia applied for this grant last year but was not accepted. We were strongly encouraged to apply again this year.

4. Other Business

- ❖ Beth reported that the Part C office will be purchasing Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) kits for all local systems. This tool will be used by a majority of local EI systems to determine eligibility for Part C services. Practitioners would need training to effectively use this tool. A question for us to consider is whether ITC members and university faculty members could attend the training in a “train-the-trainer” capacity.
- ❖ Eva Thorp has resigned from the VICC and as chair of the VICC Personnel Development committee due to family health concerns. Lissa Power-DeFur will now be chairing this committee. There will be a meeting on May 6th to discuss the relationship between the VICC Personnel Committee and the ITC.
- ❖ Deana provided an overview of the system of professional development of the early childhood workforce, coordinated by Kathy Glazer through the Office of Child Development. The Strategic Council was developed with Dr. Bob Pianta from UVA serving as chair. This council will develop strategies to prepare a diverse early childhood workforce including EI, ECSE, ECE, home visitors, Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI), private and public childcare, etc. Four subcommittees were also developed to guide the development and provide info to the Strategic Council. These subcommittees include:
 1. Access-group will consider, “What do providers need to know to be successful?”
 2. Accountability-group will consider, “How do we provide professional support? “How can we expand professional development beyond typical idea of training?”
 3. Infrastructure and Market Forces-group will explore funding, grant opportunities, etc.
 4. Quality-group will consider, “What is needed to develop well-qualified early childhood providers?”

There is a strong impetus to complete the work of the subcommittees and Strategic Council during Governor Kaine’s term. Two grants, National Professional Development Center on Inclusion (NPDCI) and SpecialQuest will also help move along these professional development activities. Listed below are the websites for NPDCI and SpecialQuest if you would like further information:

<http://community.fpg.unc.edu/npdci>

<http://www.specialquest.org/> (Check out the Multimedia Library. Great stuff!)

- ❖ Deana reported that Richmond was selected for the Infant and Toddler Specialists grant through Child Development Resources (CDR). Two specialists will be hired and they will provide regional training. It would be beneficial for the ITC to collaborate with this project.

- ❖ Adrienne suggested that we post a list of acronyms on the ITC website. **Deana** will check on the acronym list being developed for the Professional Development work group.

Cori will send a meeting to schedule our next meeting which will be in July.

Thanks for a great meeting!