

**Integrated Training Collaborative
Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2010**

Members Present:

Nancy Bailey
Jen Barnes-Maddox
Lynne Blythe
Dana Childress

Heidi Faustini
Adrienne Frank
Cori Hill
Pam Park

Jane Stuart
Lynn Wiley

- 1. Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations-**Members introduced themselves.
 - ❖ Nancy announced that they recently celebrated the 4th Annual Seth Bailey Cruise-In which raised \$2000 for the Ronald McDonald House.
 - ❖ Heidi announced that the Arc of VA Convention will be held on August 12-14. For more details, please see: http://www.thearcofva.org/state_convention/index.html
 - ❖ The Shining Stars conference was a huge success. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of our DOE colleagues. EI participant registration was increased this year with 19% of the registrants representing EI providers. Next year's conference is scheduled for July 18-20 in VA Beach. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us.
 - ❖ Dana presented on tips and strategies for working with young children with ASD at the Shining Stars conference. Her session was very well received and she was asked to repeat her session on the following day so more registrants could participate.
 - ❖ Jane announced that Fairfax will be holding a Pivotal Response Training on Sept. 14 and 15. She will let members know if there are openings to attend. This is a CoPA assisted event.
 - ❖ Lynne B. reported that the Rappahannock Autism Action Group will sponsor training for childcare providers on supporting children with ASD and inclusion. The event will take place on 10/9/10.

- 2. Interagency Updates**
 - ❖ Several updates pertaining to CoPA activities, collaboration with DOE TTACs, etc are providing above.
 - ❖ Adrienne reported that the six social emotional pilot training communities held a phone conference on 7/16/10. They discussed some of the plans for this project including working with childcare providers, conducting ASQ and ASQ SE training, using the CSEFEL materials and model, etc.

- 3. ITC Current Work**
 - A. ITC Retreat Review-**The ITC Retreat was held on 5/13/10 at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton. A nice cross sector of direct service providers, family members, TTAC representatives, faculty members and Part C staff participated to explore ongoing plans to expand Virginia's Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD). Notes from the retreat are posted at: <http://www.infantva.org/wkg-ITC.htm>

 - B. Kaleidoscope Revisions-**A very dedicated group of writers and reviewers worked diligently to complete the KI and KII revisions reflecting System Transformation changes. Two pilot KI trainings were held in May with a total of 42 participants (well under the maximum capacity of 50 participants per training). A

KII pilot was held in June with 29 participants (well under the maximum capacity of 50 participants.) ITC members and stakeholders attended all of these pilot trainings providing in-depth critique and suggestions. These suggestions and revisions are currently being completed.

There has been some continued feedback from the field regarding the length of K trainings (which was reduced from 5 days to 3.5 days), the location of trainings (which will now be determined using the SC database to locate which regions have the highest number of “yet to be trained” SCs), the cost associated with K training (the cost of the Kaleidoscope trainings was reduced by 25% this year and the next two trainings are being held in free space), and the desire to move the entire K training online (although K evaluations consistently indicate that participants value the face-to-face opportunity to learn/share with colleagues). It was suggested that the ITC consider a module for writing IFSPs (which is already on the work plan as well as the addition of materials on outcome development) and possibly developing a PowerPoint for SCs to review the first week on the job. What was very apparent at the pilot trainings is that there is a significant degree of variation in the amount of local orientation, supervision, and oversight that SCs receive. A reminder was provided that the online credentialing modules provide extensive orientation. The ITC will be adding additional SC-specific materials as the CSPD expands.

A K Train-the-Trainer event will be held in Fishersville on 8/20/10. This event has been designed to increase the number of trained Kaleidoscope trainers for the statewide service coordination curriculum. Trainers will become part of the Kaleidoscope training team operated through the Integrated Training Collaborative (ITC).

- C. CoPA-**The new CoPA year began effective July 1st. There are five returning CoPA leaders and nine new leaders. A new year orientation is scheduled for 8/13/10. CoPA at the Beach was held as a pre-conference to the Shining Stars conference. Dr. Linda Watson from UNC shared research, videos, materials, and strategies for the “Real World.” Dr. Watson was very well-received and many have suggested asking her to return to VA to continue sharing her expertise.
- D. Concurrent ARRA Professional Development Work-**ITC members were reminded that the additional ARRA funding for professional development (available through 2011) is being coordinated through the ITC. Partnership staff and Part C staff have discussed an in-depth workplan with numerous professional development opportunities including modules, webinars, and resource landing pads. All of the professional development activities will be housed on the EI PD portal which will be live soon. The workplan will be posted on the website as soon as it is finalized.

4. Other Business-none

Next meeting will be in October. Cori will send a meeting wizard to schedule.

We are looking forward to an exciting new year with the ITC!

