

Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting-Virtual
09/08/21
Final Minutes

Chair, Kelly Hill called the September 08, 2021 meeting of the Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council (VICC) to order. The meeting was virtual with twenty-four members participating. Please see the end of the minutes for a list of members attending.

Part C Update

Catherine Hancock provided the Part C Update. Information included the following:

- Birth to One and Birth to Three Data (Please see attached charts);
- American Rescue Plan Act, Early Intervention will receive \$5.1 million;
- Welcome to Tracy Walters, the new State Early Childhood Mental Health Coordinator hired by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; and
- Progress with the new data system- a vendor has been selected and the implementation date is in spring 2022.

State Systemic Improvement Plan

Kyla Patterson provided information on the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP). The plan is a new six- year plan that will be submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) by 02/01/22. The focus will be on improving infant and toddler positive social-emotional skills to include social relationships. Input was requested of the VICC related to broad improvement strategies. A list of possible strategies was compiled from the VICC members and added to other stakeholder input. Please see the attached power point.

Annual Performance Report

Kyla then spoke about the Annual Performance Report (APR) and the need for VICC input on the targets that will be sent to OSEP.

Public Comment

Public comment was provided by Alison Standing on behalf of the COCOA Steering Committee. Please see Alison's written submission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. My name is Alison Standing. I am the Local System Manager for Infant and Toddler Connection of the Rappahannock Area. I am speaking today on behalf of the 12 Local System Managers who comprise the CoCoA Steering Committee. CoCoA is the local system manager association and the steering committee that includes two local system managers from each of the six regions of the state. CoCoA members are grateful that DMAS will allow telehealth as a service delivery method

beyond the public health emergency. With this change, there are concerns about how telehealth would be offered to families with private insurances and the potential cost impact to both the families and the Part C system if private insurances do not allow for telehealth after the public health emergency. The CoCoA Steering Committee would like to ask the VICC to help navigate and advocate for private insurances to allow telehealth as an ongoing delivery method for early intervention services.

CoCoA Steering Committee members are anxiously awaiting the new electronic record and requests the State Office seek input from a wide variety of local system managers, Service Coordinators and service providers from varying system designs. We recommend DBHDS publish an implementation timeline that includes when and how stakeholders from the field are able to provide input and feedback on system components, as well as, tentative training times so that systems can adjust schedules in advance to allow time for staff training. Additionally, CoCoA is interested in whether the new system will allow billing directly from the system.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment.

New Path Update

Robin Church then provided an update from New Path of the Arc of Virginia. Please see the attached update. The following were topics:

- Information provided to 44 families;
- The Mamas and Papas Connection;
- Parent Advisory Group; and
- The upcoming Virtual State Convention.

VICC Business

It was shared that the election of officers would be moved to a future meeting in order to comply with the requirement that voting must be held with a face-to-face quorum of members.

As of September 30, 2021, vacancies on the VICC will include a provider position, a personnel preparation position and a parent position. The current legislator and local system manager have agreed to reappointments if approved by the Governor's Office. Information to apply for VICC positions can be found on the Infant & Toddler Connection's website and the Secretary of the Commonwealth Boards and Commissions website.

Agency reports have been distributed to members in advance and are attached below.

Special Thanks to Kelly Hill

A special thank you was extended to the VICC Chair, Kelly Hill, for all of her years of dedication to the VICC and children and families. Kelly will be leaving the VICC as of September 30, 2021. DBHDS Commissioner, Alison Land, will be sending Kelly a certificate of appreciation. Individual VICC members and audience members then provided warm thoughts and best wishes. The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be December 08, 2021.

VICC Members Attending Virtually

Kristine Caalim
Tabatha Carroll
Catherine Childers
Penni Crist
Shamaree Cromartic
Adrienne Fegans
Catherine Hancock for Nina Marino
Dr. Kristen Heinan
Kelly Hill
Elizabeth John
June Laffey for Senator Gazala Hashmi
Dr. Kendall Lee
Zipporah Levi-Shackleford
Jennifer MacRae
Kate McCauley
Jeannie Odachowski
Caren Phipps
Dr. Patricia Popp
Courtney Pugh
Eric Raff
Jennifer Reese
Jaylene Trueblood
Lynn Wolfe
James Young