

Virtual Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council (VICC) Meeting
June 9, 2021
FINAL Minutes

The June 9, 2021 Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting was called to order by Kelly Hill. There were twenty-three (23) VICC members in attendance. Please see the attendance list following the minutes.

- Welcome to New Members
 - Dr. Kristen Heinan

Child Find Trends

Catherine Hancock shared the Birth through One and the Birth through Three Child Find Trends. Please review the attached handouts.

Early Intervention Program Manager Update- Catherine Hancock

Please see the below Part C Update provided by Catherine Hancock.

1. Child count for both 0-1 and 0-3 are improving. They haven't improved to pre-COVID levels but numbers are increasing.
2. Local lead agencies are returning to in-person services
3. DMAS included Early Intervention services in their manual update for telehealth. This is exciting. We can continue to have telehealth as an option for families. ITCVA will work with DMAS and our stakeholders to provide guidelines about using telehealth.
4. Virginia's Early Intervention program will receive \$5,103,530 in American Rescue Plan Act funds. We expect guidance from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) at the US Dept. of Education about any rules for spending the funds in the next week.
5. We are planning for our next area of focus for quality improvement. Kyla will lead a discussion about this.

Part C SSIP Discussion Including SiMR

Kyla Patterson presented information regarding the Part C SSIP Discussion Including SiMR. During the discussion there were three polls, please see the poll results below and also see the Power point attached.

Poll #1: If Virginia chooses to focus on a child outcomes, which one do you think is most important or needs the most improvement?

- Social-Emotional. 57%
- Knowledge and Skills. 24%
- Appropriate Behaviors to meet needs. 19%

Poll #2: If Virginia chooses to focus on Family Outcomes, which one do you think is most important or needs the most improvement?

- Know their rights. 24%
- Effectively communicate their child’s needs. 24%
- Help their child develop and learn. 52%

Poll #3: Should Virginia focus on Child Outcomes or a Family Outcome?

- Child Outcome. 45%
- Family Outcome. 55%

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment submitted.

Open Forum-Kelly Hill

There was a brief discussion about Varied Diagnoses for Infants Exposed to Drugs In-utero and How to Work with Referral Sources on Documenting Information Needed to Determine Auto-eligibility. Attached is the Statement paper put out by the AAP on treatment, diagnosis, and developmental impact of NOWS (Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome) and an accompanying document on how Local Systems can work with their Referral Sources to establish eligibility for early intervention services.

Some information was hidden/modified at the request of the Hospital and Therapist who sent this to me.

AGENCY REPORTS

The Arc of Virginia, New Path Program-Robin Church

Please see the attached, the New Path Program Report presented by Robin Church.

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

I would like to announce that DBVI, DOE, and VSDB Outreach are hosting a free 10 hr. virtual training by Dr. Sandy Newcomb on Cortical Visual Impairment on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 for 5 weeks starting August 12 for any professionals working with children who have CVI. If interested please email Caren Phipps at caren.phipps@dbvi.virginia.gov and I will send the Registration Flyer.

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

No Report

VA Dept. of Behavioral Health & Developmental Svcs. (DBHDS)-Nina Marino

Please see the below Part C Update provided by Nina Marino.

1. The Office of Child and Family Services will be hiring a statewide Early Childhood Mental Health Coordinator to replace the previous position that ended with Bonnie Grifa's retirement. DBHDS will continue to partner with VCU for workforce development including, the early childhood mental health endorsement and other early childhood workforce training initiatives through an on-going contract to manage and lead the state's workforce efforts.
2. DBHDS has received supplemental block grant dollars through the CARES Act and in September of 2021, through the American Rescue Plan Act. Some funding has been earmarked for early childhood mental health with CARES Act funding and budgeting is active for the American Rescue Plan Act funding to include some training for pediatric providers in 0-5 mental health screening, diagnosis and treatment.

DBHDS is exploring how to enhance access to developmental services for undocumented youth along with other behavioral health needs for this population (birth through 18) including general health care coverage for this population under a legislative work group being lead by the Governor's office and Health and Human Resources (HHR). See information on work group scope <https://budget.lis.virginia.gov/amendment/2021/2/hb1800/introduced/cr/291/2c/>.

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

Please see the attached Virginia Department of Education Early Childhood Special Education Update submitted by Dawn Hendricks.

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

Under the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Virginia is receiving an additional \$13,818,290 to support children and youth experiencing homelessness. These funds will be available at the state level and to local school divisions until September 30, 2024. For context, this is in addition to Virginia's annual allocation; the greatest allocation was last year's \$1.7 million.

Project HOPE-Virginia is working with VDOE and local homeless education liaisons to develop a variety of programs and increase outreach to families and students, including those that have been disconnected from school as a result of the pandemic. If you are interested in further details or have suggestions for use of the funds and how to reach our families with young children with disabilities, please contact Patricia Popp, EHCY State Coordinator.

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) –Shamaree Cromartie

No Report

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

Please see the attached DMAS handout submitted by Adrienne Fegans.

Virginia Department of Social Services

No Report

State Corporation Commission (SCC), Bureau of Insurance- James Young

No Report

Action Items for September’s Meeting

VICC Appointment and Reappointments:

The following vacancy exists on the VICC. The membership seat of Bonnie Grifa became available upon her retirement. This position is of a Provider. Bonnie specifically worked in mental health.

Kelly Hill announced that she would be resigning from the VICC as of September 30, 2021. Her position is that of Personnel Preparations.

The following seats are expiring as of September 30, 2021:

Senator Ghazah Hashmi- Legislator (eligible for reappointment)

Dr. Kendall Lee- Local Council Coordinator (LSM) (eligible for reappointment)

Michael Saxon- Parent

Non-agency members serve for 3 year terms and are appointed by the Governor. Applications can be obtained and submitted on the Governor's website.

Agenda Items for September’s Meeting

- **VICC Election**

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the VICC will be held September 8, 2021.

VICC Members Present:

Kelly Hill
Dr. Patricia Popp
Wyvonne Harsley
Jennifer MacRae
Jaylene Trueblood
Adrienne Fegans
Karen Brimm
James Young
Courtney Pugh
Dr. Zipporah Levi-Shackelford
Penni Crist
Dr. Kristen Heinan
Jeannie Odachowski
Dr. Kendall Lee
Lynn Wolfe
Senator Ghazala Hashmi
Jennifer Reese
Kate McCauley
Dr. Dawn Hendricks
Catherine Childers
Caren Phipps
Elizabeth John
Nina Marino

VICC Members Absent:

Michael Saxon
Tabatha Carroll