

State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Meeting
October 22, 2021
9:30 am-1:13 pm

| Present | SICC Members | Affiliation | Role |
|---------|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| X | Brittany Herrington (C) | Parent (South) | Parent |
| X | Alberstein Pickett | MS Dept. of Mental Health | State Agency |
| | Candice Taylor | MS Dept. of Education | State Agency: Education |
| X | Carlen Henington | Inst. of Higher Learning, MSU | Personnel Preparation |
| X | Chad Allgood | MS Dept. of Human Services, Div. of Early Childhood Care & Dev. | Personnel Preparation |
| X | Gwen Woodard | Division of Medicaid | State Agency: Medicaid |
| X | Holly Spivey | Office of Gov., Head Start Collab | Head Start |
| | Janet Slaughter | Independent Provider (Central) | Provider |
| X | Julie Parker | Inst. of Higher Learning, MSU | Personnel Preparation |
| | Julie Waddle | Parent (North) | Parent |
| | Kamme Riddle | Independent Provider (North) | Provider |
| | Kara Butler | UMMC, EI, SI (Central) | Provider |
| | Kara Driver, MD | UMMC, Pediatrics-Newborn Meds | Provider |
| | Keishawna Smith* | Parent (Central) | Parent |
| | Laura Smith | Parent (Central) | Parent |
| X | Linda Shivers | Independent Provider (Central) | Provider |
| | Lori Rolison | Parent (South) | Parent |
| | Natasha Bennett | Parent (Central) | Parent |
| X | Nita Thompson | MS Head Start Association | Head Start |
| | Ronjanett Taylor | Inst. of Higher Learning | Personnel Preparation |
| X | Ryan Blakeney | MS Dept. of Insurance | State Agency: Insurance |
| | Sara Leathers | Parent (North) | Parent |
| | Shirley Miller | MS Dept. of Mental Health (Ret) | Parent; State Agency |

* ex officio

Additional Attendees:

Anissa Pace, MSDH, EI Southern Region Coordinator
 Chelsea Panse, Assistant Professor, MSU
 Claudia Shedd, MSDH, North East LEIP Coordinator
 Dominic DeLeo, Families As Allies, Communications Dir
 Donna Sorensen, MSDH, EI Quality Technical Assistant
 Gay Logan, EI Central Regional Coordinator
 Gina Smith, MSDH, Coastal Plains LEIP Coordinator
 Gloria McDuffy, Early Interventionist Specialist, MSB
 Holly Crowder, MSD: SKI*HI Early Intervention
 Jim Lesko, ECPC, Technical Assistant Specialist
 Jimmie Faye McCarty, MSDH, Central East LEIP Coordinator
 LaSondra Jenkins, MSDH, Central LEIP Coordinator
 Laura Gremillon, MSD: SKI*HI Early Intervention
 Leslie Junkin, MS-PTI, Assistant Project Director
 Lisa Bonds, MSDH, South West LEIP Coordinator
 Marty Chunn, Hearing LTF/D Consultant
 Melissa Cox, MSDH, EI Northern Region Coordinator
 Michele Masterson, MSDH, North Central LEIP Coordinator
 Miranda Richardson, MSDH, EI Operations Director
 Paulita Childs, MSDH, Central West LEIP Coordinator
 Stacy Callender, MSDH, Part C Coordinator
 Valecia Davis, MSDH, Health Services Operations Dir
 Victoria Kivlan, Audiologist, MS Center for Advanced Medicine

State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Minutes
Approved: January 28, 2022

MINUTES

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, this meeting was held virtually on Zoom. Attendees were able to participate on the phone or online.

Welcome/Introductions (B. Herrington)

B. Herrington opened the meeting at 9:35 am. She welcomed all SICC members and attendees.

Review and Approval of Minutes (B. Herrington)

Minutes from the July 30, 2021, meeting was reviewed by everyone (motion by R. Blakeney; second by J. Parker). Minutes were then approved as written.

SICC Business (B. Herrington)

The following business items were discussed:

SICC Appointments

B. Herrington reported that the committee is looking for additional people to serve in leadership roles. S. Callender reported that we have been trying to recruit and finalize the list. The committee has gotten five new parents that will be added.

2022 Meeting Schedule

January 14, 2022 (January 28, 2022 – backup)

April 8, 2022 (April 22, 2022 – backup)

July 8, 2022 (July 22, 2022 – backup)

October 14, 2022 (October 28, 2022 – backup)

SICC Committee Reports (B. Herrington)

The following updates were provided on the work of the committees:

- **Personnel Preparation Committee:** J. Parker, Chair, reported that they have participants registered for the first credential for the state of MS and Early Intervention. They have 30 participants registered to start out in the credential. Jim Lesko, MS's ECPC Technical Assistant continues to assist and help provide guidance.
- **Public Awareness Committee:** L. Rolison, Chair, was not available. M. Richardson reported that they are still in the process of completing a draft of the report that is waiting on data. Once completed, the draft report will be sent to the MSDH Communications Office for final preparation. The completed draft will be presented to the SICC hopefully by the next meeting.
- **Transition Committee:** C. Henington, Chair, reported that they are still trying to recruit members for the committee. They are still in the process of working on a pilot to put together a resource book for families as they go through the transition from Part C to Part B.
- **Recruitment/Retention Ad Hoc Committee:** R. Blakeney, Chair, had no updates to report. S. Callender reported that they are still conducting a rate study. We have created a list of CPT codes of possible Early Intervention services. We shared it with our third-party billing company and their billing experts. They provided us back a list of the rates. The person we've been working with through the Division of Medicaid is Jennifer Wentworth. It's a really

big task and very challenging. Once we get that worked out, we will be sharing that with everyone.

Program Updates

The following updates were provided by the Program personnel:

- **Personnel Updates:** S. Callender reported that we have all of the regional positions filled: Denise Booth, Northern Region and Gary Logan Central Region. LaSondra Jenkins will be leaving us and going to CPS. Michelle Masterson will be retiring at the end of the month. Stephanie Bailey left earlier this month. We were approved for promotion and pay increases for our existing staff and expanded the number of service coordinators and coaches we have available to hire. We will be posting a large number of vacancies.
- **SSIP Stakeholder Meeting:** S. Callender reported that the Stakeholder meeting will be held on November 16, 2021, at the Jackson Medical Mall and there are forty slots available for in-person. The meeting will be held as a combination of both in-person and virtual.
- **Training Updates:** M. Richardson reported that the service coordinators, program coordinators, and regional coordinators have completed their IGDI trainings. We also had train and trainer in which we trained our coaches and QTA's. Our next two major trainings will be coming up: RBI trainings and additional training with J. Parker.
- **Monitoring Update:** M. Richardson reported that she has finished the reports and each district should be getting their reports in today. She will not be sharing the results at this time until each district and program have seen their own reports. There will be another round of monitoring coming around November or December timeframe.

Set Targets for Result Indicators: M. Richardson presented data showing set targets. The targets have to be set for the next five years from 2020-2025. In February 2022 she will be reporting data that happened between July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. We have our result indicators and the compliance indicators have always been at one hundred percent. We have to set result indicators for Indicator II which are settings, child outcomes, family outcomes and for child find.

Indicator 2: Natural Environments

State Trend data for 2013-2019

- Had a target set for 95.0%
- **New Target Set: Gradual Increase starting at baseline from 87.4% up to 95.0% (1.52% increase per year)**

Indicator 3: Outcome A1

FFY 2013-2019 Targets and Trends

- Had a target set for 85.0%
- **New target set: Will keep it at 85.0%**

Indicator 3: Outcome A2

FFY 2013-2019 Targets and Trends

- Had a target set for 65.0%
- New Target Set: Target set at 62.5%

Indicator 3: Outcome B1

FFY 2013-2019 Targets and Trends

- Had a target set for 85.0%
- New Target Set: Will keep it at 85.0%

Indicator 3: Outcome B2

FFY 2013-2019 Targets and Trends

- Had a target set for 63.0%
- New Target Set: Target set at 53%

Indicator 3: Outcome C1

FFY 2013-2019 Targets and Trends

- Had a target set for 85.0%
- New Target Set: Target set at 82.1% with a gradual increase up to 85.0%

Indicator 3: Outcome C2

FFY 2013-2019 Targets and Trends

- Had a target set for 63.0%
- New Target Set: Target set at 59%

Indicator 4A: Family Outcomes

FFY 2013-2019 Targets and Trends

- Had a target set for 92.0%
- New Target Set: To keep it at 92.0%

Indicator 4B: Family Outcomes

FFY 2013-2019 Targets and Trends

- Had a target set for 92.0%
- New Target Set: Target set at 80% with a gradual increase up to 92.0%

Indicator 4C: Family Outcomes

FFY 2013-2019 Targets and Trends

- Had a target set for 92.0%
- New Target Set: Target set at 89.6% with a gradual increase up to 92.0%

Indicator 5: Child Find (0-1)

FFY 2013-2019 Targets and Trends

- Had a target set for 0.66%
- New Target Set: Target set at 0.73% with a gradual increase up to 1.13%

Indicator 6: Child Find (0-3)

FFY 2013-2019 Targets and Trends

- Had a target set for 1.82%

- **New Target Set: Target set at 1.98% with a gradual increase up to 2.18%**

Public Comments

No public comments were shared.

Announcements & Scheduling of Monthly Committee Meetings

The EHDl Conference will be held on February 24 – February 25, 2022, from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

- **SICC Personnel Preparation Committee** meets third Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.
- **SICC Public Awareness Committee** meets first Mondays at 3:00 p.m.
- **SICC Transition Committee** meets first Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.
- **SICC Recruitment/Retention Committee** meets third Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.