



Meeting Minutes



Meeting	State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)
Date/Time	January 26, 2024; 9:30 a.m. – 12:29 p.m.
Location	This meeting was held virtual on zoom
Members	Members Present: Carlen Henington (C), Barbara Coatney, Becky Paulculict, Chad Allgood, Chelsea Panse Baron, Eileen Beazley, Gwen Woodard, Julie Parker, Kara Butler, Karenic Crumedy, Kaye Carr (sub Laura Gremillion), Keith Vuncannon, Nita Thompson, Sandra Kelly, Sara Myers Members not present: Alberstein Pickett, Candace Taylor, Casey Prestwood, Doug Williams, Janet Slaughter, Jenifer Tasma, Jennifer Wentworth, Jillian Harper Peavy, Karen “Kamme” Riddle, LaDewayne Harris, Leigh Campbell, Leslie Junkin, Linda Shivers, Nicole Boyd, Ryan Blakeney, Tina Routh, Valecia Davis
Additional Attendees	Alice Dodds, Alisa Jackson, Anissa Pace, April Carter-Till, Ashten Yost, Belvin Glass, Beryl Polk, Brittany Coward, Callie Poole, Daniel Edney, Danielle Seale, Debra Halbert, Elizabeth Dezell, Gina Smith, Jennifer Alford, Jennifer Pace, Kris Adcock, Laquette McRoy, Latonya Lewis, Lauren Elliot, Laurie Craig, Melissa Cox, Miranda Richardson, Nakii Kincaid, Natasha Roberts, Nicole Coleman, Paula McClain, Renetha Faust – Robinson, Sandra Kelly, Sara Whitrow, Sebrana Weathersby, Shonda Boarden, Tamara May

Agenda	Notes	Action Items
Welcome and Introductions	C. Henington (C) opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. All SICC members and attendees were welcomed, and participants provided brief introductions.	
Review and Approval of the Agenda and Minutes	Minutes from the October 27, 2023 meeting was reviewed. Minutes were approved as written. - o Motion: K. Vuncannon Second: S. Myers - o Motion passed	
SICC Business	• Taskforce Final Report (J. Parker, K. Carr, S. Myers, L. Junkin, K. Vuncannon, C. Henington) • C. Henington (C) reporting - o C. Henington reported that Dr. Edney reached out and asked that the SICC review the taskforce report and make recommendations prioritizing certain items that are in place and progress has been taken on that. - o She suggested that the SICC form a workgroup of people who are not on the taskforce and suggested that Dr. Edney select a representative from the Health Department to assist in that and provide a	



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	prospective that the SICC may or may not be privy to within the Early Intervention office. ○ She anticipates that the workgroup would have a timeline of a couple of weeks to go through the final report and prioritize their top ten recommendations and if they come up with more they would like to add, that would be fine. The Early Intervention staff will facilitate. ○ The workgroup needs to include (a parent rep, a provider, service coordinator, and other Early Intervention staff). Approximately about six members. The following people were added/recommended to the workgroup: Anissa Pace (will lead the workgroup), Lacey Harris (provider), Ashton Hotard (private provider), Kara Butler (provider), Karonica Crumedy (parent), Jennifer Pace (SC), April Carter-Til(potentially), Nita Thompson, potentially two other parents. ○ Once the recommendations are made to the SICC we will revise it and make it more of a formal report. ○ Motion to approve the workgroup (motion by B. Coatney, second J. Parker). Motion was approved. ● Appointees ○ Introduction of members We are still in need of parents for the SICC committee. Nomination forms are on the Early Intervention website. The deadline would be approximately the end of February. ○ Identify those who terms are limited None were identified. ○ Orientation Pending It will be discussed at the April 12 SICC committee meeting.	
SICC Committee Reports	● Finalization of Priorities and Annual Goods ○ Provider Concerns (B. Coatney, chair) B. Coatney reported that from the last meeting they had there was a concern rather the OT and the ST could provide services at the same time and the response was that it would be a problem with billing and may be some other issues, but she doesn't think a decision been made. M. Richardson responded by stating because of how the IFSP is written and how the federal government looks at it, they expect if a child is	



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	down for one hour of OT service, they expect it to be one hour of just OT services. They are going through a lot of states and looking at their primary service models and questioning that as well. They haven't made a ruling on it, but they have said for example, if the child has to have fifty-two weeks of OT service, then they have to have fifty-two weeks of individual OT services and it can't overlap with another service. ○ B. Coatney reported that the badges we wanted for the providers have gone through the processes that they needed to go through and now they are in purchasing. ○ Background checks were another concern and we all agreed that providers did need to have background checks, but we have not figured out how that can be paid for. ○ The other concern is the pay and chase model for the providers. A. Pace stated in terms of the pay and chase model, a lot of providers are having issues with billing Medicaid. The issue and the concern is MSDH being the sole payer when the providers have multiple streams of income already. Insurance does pay faster than the Health Department currently does due to our pay structure. Those are concerns that providers will have once consolidated and then getting paid timely. ○ C. Allgood stated that they have a statewide teacher registry Lift Ed. The registry creates a profile of all teachers that work in Early Childhood programs and captures all the training and competencies that they have in any particular area. ○ The goal for 2024 is to have a better exploration for the pay and chase model as it would be implemented within the state. The concerns and positives around pay and chase from providers. To have background checks would be another goal. ○ Childcare centers are not allowing providers to come into the classroom setting to provide therapy sessions. C. Henington would like to implement a goal for the Personnel Prep, Public Awareness and Provider concerns committee.	
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	The goal is to determine what their component role is in both contributing and addressing this childcare issue and to establish appropriate goals for each committee to complete during this coming year that would address that. ○ Motion to approve goal (motion J. Parker, second C. Allgood). ○ Motion to add goal to each committee was approved. ● Personnel Prep Committee (J. Parker, chair) ○ Create a professional development framework to be used to align competency criteria for all professionals working within Part C. It was presented in 2019 and was approved. It would be helpful if Part C would implement it. ○ Apply for CEU approval from health-related disciplines (PT, OT, SLP, MDE) to maximize the benefit of the EI credential training. ○ Re-establishing the framework for professional development opportunities and monitoring that was developed in 2019. ● Public Awareness Committee (S. Myers, chair) ○ Create and disseminate a printout resource for Pediatricians regarding how to refer to EI. program with plans to present directly "why" to refer (started with UWSEMS Ed. Adv. Council for our local MDs but was requested as a resource for other areas in the state). ○ Help with providing training support for medical and health providers on EI best-practices (i.e., MD residents, PT, SLP, SI, OT) ○ Support EI team with recruiting and maintaining high quality SC. ○ We have a collaborative document that we are working through to reach one hundred different professionals across healthcare and education with this information – A flyer with a QR code to both MDE's website, Part B and also MSDH.	
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Program Updates (First Step Personnel)	• Annual Performance Report (M. Richardson reporting) ○ M. Richardson reported on the APR results for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 (covering the dates of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023). <table><tr><td>1. Timely Services</td><td>81%</td></tr><tr><td>2. Natural Environments</td><td>65%</td></tr><tr><td>3-A1: Child Outcomes: Social-emotional growth</td><td>77%</td></tr><tr><td>3-A2: Child Outcomes: Social-emotional on track</td><td>43%</td></tr><tr><td>3-B1: Child Outcomes: Knowledge & Skills growth</td><td>77%</td></tr><tr><td>3-B2: Child Outcomes: Knowledge & Skills on track</td><td>35%</td></tr><tr><td>3-C1: Child Outcomes: Action to meet needs growth</td><td>73%</td></tr><tr><td>3-C2: Child Outcomes: Action to meet needs on track</td><td>42%</td></tr><tr><td>4A: Family Outcomes: Family Rights</td><td>93%</td></tr><tr><td>4B: Family Outcomes: Communication Needs</td><td>93%</td></tr><tr><td>4C: Family Outcomes: Help Children Learn</td><td>92%</td></tr><tr><td>5: Child Find 0-1</td><td>0.62%</td></tr><tr><td>6: Child Find 0-3</td><td>1.61%</td></tr><tr><td>7: 45-Day Timeline</td><td>95%</td></tr><tr><td>8A: Transition Steps and Services</td><td>84%</td></tr><tr><td>8B: Transition Notification to SEA & LEA</td><td>99%</td></tr><tr><td>8C: Transition Conference Meeting</td><td>84%</td></tr></table>	1. Timely Services	81%	2. Natural Environments	65%	3-A1: Child Outcomes: Social-emotional growth	77%	3-A2: Child Outcomes: Social-emotional on track	43%	3-B1: Child Outcomes: Knowledge & Skills growth	77%	3-B2: Child Outcomes: Knowledge & Skills on track	35%	3-C1: Child Outcomes: Action to meet needs growth	73%	3-C2: Child Outcomes: Action to meet needs on track	42%	4A: Family Outcomes: Family Rights	93%	4B: Family Outcomes: Communication Needs	93%	4C: Family Outcomes: Help Children Learn	92%	5: Child Find 0-1	0.62%	6: Child Find 0-3	1.61%	7: 45-Day Timeline	95%	8A: Transition Steps and Services	84%	8B: Transition Notification to SEA & LEA	99%	8C: Transition Conference Meeting	84%	
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Announcements /Public Comments	• The next SICC meeting will be April 12, 2024 and the alternate date for that meeting will be April 26, 2024. • Spring Institute 2024 Interdisciplinary Intervention in Children with Communication Needs – A case study series will be held February 15-16, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the GCRL Marine Education Center 101 Sweet Bay Drive in Ocean Springs, MS 39564																																			
Adjourn	• Motion to adjourn (motion by J. Parker, second B. Paulculict). Motion passed. • .The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.																																			