



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MISSISSIPPI FIRST STEPS EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

**State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Meeting
October 21, 2016 ● 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

Present	SICC Board Members	Affiliation	Role
	Margaret Buttross-Brinegar	<i>USM, Children's Ctr. for Com/Dev</i>	Public Service Provider
	Carlen Henington	<i>MSU, School Psychology</i>	Personnel Preparation
	Shirley Miller (Chair)	<i>MDMH (Retired)</i>	Parent
x	Linda Shivers	<i>Independent Provider</i>	Independent Provider
	Babbette Skipper	<i>Independent Provider</i>	Independent Provider
	Holly Spivey	<i>Head Start Collaboration Office</i>	Head Start
x	Ronjanett Taylor	<i>IHL, Academic and Student Affairs</i>	Institute of Higher Learning
	Hollia Thompson	<i>The ARC</i>	Advocate
	Nita Thompson	<i>MS Head Start Association</i>	Head Start
x	Laura Smith	<i>Parent</i>	Parent
	Mary K. Ulmer	<i>DOM, Medical Services</i>	Medicaid/Insurance
x	Brittany Herrington	<i>MDE</i>	State Education Agency
	Dorothy Young	<i>Division of Medicaid</i>	Medicaid/Insurance

Additional Attendees:

Early Intervention Staff	Additional Participants
Stacy Callender, <i>Part C Coordinator</i> Valecia Davis, <i>MSDH, EI, Division Director</i> Miranda Richardson, <i>MSDH, EI Data Manager</i> Pamela Kendrick, <i>MSDH, EI Quality Monitor</i> Dinah Bell, <i>MSDH Quality Technical Assistant</i> Tanya Churchill, <i>Quality Technical Assistant</i> Debra Koonce, <i>Quality Technical Assistant</i> Anissa Pace, <i>District IX Coordinator</i> Marty Chunn, <i>Quality Technical Assistant</i> Linda Proctor, <i>District V Coordinator</i> Brenita Franklin, <i>Service Coordinator</i> Christine Bellew, <i>Service Coordinator</i> Ashley McInnis, <i>Service Coordinator</i>	Kara Butler, <i>UMC Early Intervention</i> Alicia Deaver, <i>Higher Education</i> Christina Perigoe, <i>USM</i> Elisabeth Pell, <i>CPICC</i> Lori Elam, <i>Service Provider</i>

MINUTES

Welcome/Introductions (Linda Shivers)

Linda Shivers, Vice-Chair, opened the meeting at 12:15 p.m., with an announcement that Shirley Miller, Chair, would be unable to attend today.

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Review and Approval of Minutes (Linda Shivers)

The minutes from the July 8, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved. [Ronjanett Taylor (motion) and Brittany Herrington (second)]

Program Updates (Speakers indicated below)

SSIP Updates

A. Infrastructure – Standards (Stacy & Pam)

- The Program Standards Workgroup has developed standards for service provision, personnel, environments, and family participation thus far.
- Additional standards for data use & management and administration & finance will be developed.
- A joint meeting with the Personnel (Knowledge & Skills) Standards Workgroup will be held next week.

B. Infrastructure – Personnel (Valecia)

- The Personnel Standards Workgroup continues to refine standards for entry-level early interventionist.
- Additional standards for specialty roles will be developed later.
- A joint meeting with the Program Standards Workgroup will be held next week.

C. Infrastructure – Data System (Miranda)

- The Data System Workgroup provided stakeholder input on the needs of data system users.
- Central Office EI staff have ongoing meetings with national TA providers to continue planning and development of an RFP for the data system.

D. Evidence-Based Practices – Routines-Based Model (Tanya, Linda, Anissa, Debra)

- RBM Cohort I includes Districts II, V, and IX.
- A State Bootcamp (i.e., training for District Coaches) was held the first week of October.
- District Coaches will continue practicing for certification by December 2016 and developing District Implementation Plans for January 2017-June 2018.

E. Evidence-Based Practices – Early Language & Literacy

- A new progress monitoring tool (*Individual Growth & Development Indicator: Early Communication Indicator*) will be introduced in Spring 2017 pending approval of the contract with trainers from Juniper Gardens.
- Other activities have been deferred until completion of IGDI-ECI implementation (as these data will measure EL&L baseline before implementation of these EBPs).

F. Evidence-Based Practices – DEC Recommended Practices for Assessment

- Other activities have been deferred until completion of DAYC-2 trainings as the team is to be composed of trained evaluators.

IFSP Revision Updates (Valecia)

An invited (representation of various stakeholder roles) workgroup was selected to meet with national TAs to develop required and desired elements for the new IFSP. The input will be used by the national TA providers to develop a draft IFSP for Mississippi. Once developed, Mississippi stakeholders will revise the form and share it with the SICC.

Monitoring Updates (Pam)

- Districts I, II, IV, VI, VIII, & IX have cleared all Indicators

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- Three districts have not cleared for Indicator 1: Timely Services.
- One district has not cleared Indicator 8c: Transition Conferences.

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (Stacy)

- A new HRSA grant which shifts the focus from hospital screenings to timely audiological evaluations and early intervention services has been submitted.
- The new grant requires 25% of the award be provided to an outside group to promote family engagement. The only entity in the state meeting this definition is MS Hands & Voices, which has proposed to implement the *Guide By Your Side™* program.
- The new grant also means the role of the Service Coordinator will be enhanced to support families of children with hearing loss. Formerly, Hearing Resource Consults were available to support families with this information.

Business

SICC Appointments

- Attendees were encouraged to consider submitting their information for nomination and/or to recruit families and/or early intervention providers to participate.
- Nomination forms were provided.
- Attendees were reminded that travel expenses are reimbursable for SICC Board members to attend meetings.

Provider Issues with Reimbursement

District IX Coordinator, Anissa Pace, informed the SICC Board that United Healthcare has lately begun denying payment for services previously covered. Part C Coordinator, Stacy Callender, requested that any available information be forwarded to her regarding denials by UHC.

Public Comments

A subdivision of the Division of Early Childhood has been formed in Mississippi. All early intervention professionals are strongly encouraging to join.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next SICC Meeting: January 13, 2017