



**MISSISSIPPI FIRST STEPS EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

**State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Meeting  
February 26, 2016 ● 9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

Present	SICC Board Members	Affiliation	Role
	Margaret Buttross-Brinegar	<i>USM, Children's Ctr. for Com/Dev</i>	Public Service Provider
	Susan Davis	<i>MDE, Office of Spec Educ.</i>	State Education Agency
X	Carlen Henington	<i>MSU, School Psychology</i>	Personnel Preparation
X	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 &amp; Student Affairs</i>	Institute of Higher Learning
	Hollia Thompson	<i>The ARC</i>	Advocate
	Nita Thompson	<i>MS Head Start Association</i>	Head Start
	David Wickens	<i>Parent</i>	Parent
	Mary K. Ulmer	<i>DOM, Medical Services</i>	Medicaid/Insurance
X	Brittany Herrington	<i>MDE</i>	State Education Agency
X	Dorothy Young	<i>Division of Medicaid</i>	Medicaid/Insurance

**Additional Attendees:**

Early Intervention Staff	Additional Participants
Debra Koonce, <i>Quality Technical Assistant</i>	Karen Price, <i>Independent Provider</i>
Linda Proctor, <i>District V Coordinator</i>	Villonia Sandifer
Marty Chunn, <i>Hearing Resource Consultant/EI TA</i>	D. Pillor, <i>Magnolia Health</i>
Miranda Richardson, <i>MSDH, EI Data Manager</i>	Delisha Speech, <i>Independent Provider</i>
Paulita Edwards, <i>District II Coordinator</i>	Julie Parker, <i>MSU</i>
Stacy Callender, <i>Part C Coordinator</i>	Aaron Sisk, <i>Magnolia Health</i>
Tanya Churchill, <i>Quality Technical Assistant</i>	Tiffany Greer, <i>ESS/EIP Director</i>
Valerie Smith-Silas, <i>District III Coordinator</i>	Wanda Gray, <i>SI/RRC</i>
Becky Abney, <i>MSDH, Training Coordinator</i>	Vicki Gaillard, <i>RRC</i>
Tyechia McHarris, <i>District V, Asst District Coord</i>	Kara Butler, <i>Early Interventionist</i>
Kimberly Chancelor, <i>District VI Coordinator</i>	Janie Luter, <i>Early Interventionist</i>
Dinah Bell, <i>MSDH Quality Technical Assistant</i>	Joy Hogge, <i>Parent Advocate</i>
Sharon Burks, <i>District I Service Coordinator</i>	Amy Feild, <i>Early Interventionist</i>
Christopher Lee, <i>District V Service Coordinator</i>	Adriana Sellers, <i>Independent Provider</i>
Shirley Scott, <i>District VIII Service Coordinator</i>	Susanna McDonald, <i>Independent Provider</i>
Tamera Mayfield, <i>District IV Service Coordinator</i>	Traci Campbell, <i>Independent Provider</i>
Lisa Hurssey, <i>District III Service Coordinator</i>	Amy Holley, <i>Independent Provider</i>
Jessica Stone, <i>District II Service Coordinator</i>	Keri Knox Elam, <i>Independent Provider</i>
Tiffany Pratcher, <i>District I Service Coordinator</i>	Taylor Meredith, <i>Independent Provider</i>
Liza Van Norman, <i>District VII Coordinator</i>	Volley Davis, <i>Independent Provider</i>
Rodney Lakes, <i>District III Service Coordinator</i>	Vickie Aguilar, <i>Independent Provider</i>

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<p>Antoinette Foster, <i>District VII Service Coordinator</i> Jimmie Faye McCarty, <i>District IV Coordinator</i> Vianca Aybar, <i>District IX Service Coordinator</i> Jeff Kresege, <i>District VIII Coordinator</i> Pamela Kendrick, <i>MSDH, EI Quality Monitor</i> Chelsy Ables, <i>MSDH, EHDI Diagnostics</i> Shay Newsome Walker, <i>District I Service Coord</i> Janie Lawrence, <i>Data Entry Clerk</i> Sheron Tate, <i>District V Service Coordinator</i> Demetrius Hill, <i>District I Service Coordinator</i> LaQuette McRoy, <i>District VII Service Coordinator</i> Lolita Jackson, <i>District V Service Coordinator</i> Nicole Coggins, <i>District IV Service Coordinator</i> Barbara Patrick, <i>District IV Service Coordinator</i> Amy Franklin, <i>District I Service Coordinator</i> Becky Marrs, <i>District I Service Coordinator</i> Jennifer Pace, <i>District II Service Coordinator</i> Latoria Walker, <i>District V Service Coordinator</i> Mildred Johnson, <i>District III Service Coordinator</i> Elizabeth Dezell, <i>District III Service Coordinator</i> Brenita Franklin, <i>District V Service Coordinator</i> Christine Bellew, <i>District VIII Service Coordinator</i> Jeanette Straughter, <i>MSDH, EHDI Screening</i> Anissa Pace, <i>District IX Coordinator</i> Ann Brock, <i>District IX Service Coordinator</i> Regina Capler, <i>District III Service Coordinator</i> Tamiela Ramsey, <i>District I Service Coordinator</i> Robbyn Mullins King, <i>District VI Service Coordinator</i> Kellie Smith, <i>District VI Service Coordinator</i> Kellie Stewart, <i>District VI Service Coordinator</i> Angela Pinkston, <i>District VI Service Coordinator</i> Jermellody Christian, <i>District III Service Coordinator</i> Sherra Jones, <i>District II Service Coordinator</i> Carrie Brooks, <i>District VII Service Coordinator</i> Jennifer Handshoe, <i>District IX Service Coordinator</i> Senicka Waddell, <i>District IX Service Coordinator</i> Dontrice Tyler, <i>District V Service Coordinator</i> Jennifer Kinsey, <i>District VIII Service Coordinator</i></p>	<p>Laurie Craig, <i>Independent Provider</i> Vicki Spencer, <i>Independent Provider</i> Vonette Gidley, <i>Independent Provider</i> Leigh Sargent, <i>JPS Preschool Coordinator</i></p>
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### MINUTES

#### **Welcome/Introductions (Shirley Miller)**

Ms. Miller, SICC Chair, opened the meeting and asked all attendees introduced themselves.

#### **Review and Approval of Minutes (Shirley Miller)**

The minutes from the November 13, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### **Program Updates (Stacy Callender, Miranda Richardson) – See attached presentation for details**

Ms. Richardson, MSFSEIP Data Manager, provided an overview of the final Annual Performance Report for FFY 2014 which was submitted to the Office of Special Education

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Programs (OSEP) on February 1, 2016. The State did not meet 100% compliance on the compliance indicators (which is typical for all states); however, all compliance indicators exceeded 90% and some exceeded 95%. The State met or exceeded targets for some results indicators; however, the State did not meet but was close to targets for the remaining results indicators.

Type	Indicator	MS FFY 2014	Target
Compliance	1: <i>Timely Delivery of Services</i>	91%	100%
Results	2: <i>(Services Delivered in) Natural Environments</i>	93%	95%
Results	3A1: <i>Child Outcomes: Substantial growth on positive social-emotional skills</i>	83.74%	85%
Results	3A2: <i>Child Outcomes: Exit at/near typical peers on positive social-emotional skills</i>	62.71%	65%
Results	3B1: <i>Child Outcomes: Substantial growth on acquisition and use of knowledge and skills</i>	80.80%	85%
Results	3B2: <i>Child Outcomes: Exit at/near typical peers on acquisition and use of knowledge and skills</i>	61.49%	63%
Results	3C1: <i>Child Outcomes: Substantial growth on use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs</i>	83.99%	85%
Results	3C2: <i>Child Outcomes: Exit at/near typical peers on use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs</i>	63.77%	63%
Results	4A: <i>Family Outcomes: Help families know their rights</i>	90.70%	92%
Results	4B: <i>Family Outcomes: Help families communicate their children's needs</i>	92.87%	92%
Results	4C: <i>Family Outcomes: Help families help their children develop and learn</i>	89.30%	92%
Results	5: <i>Child Find Birth to One</i>	0.62%	0.62%
Results	6: <i>Child Find Birth to Three</i>	1.69%	1.72%
Compliance	7: <i>45-Day Timeline (from referral to IFSP development)</i>	95.7%	100%
Compliance	8A: <i>Transition (Plan with) Steps &amp; Services</i>	98.5%	100%
Compliance	8B: <i>Transition Notification to SEA &amp; LEA</i>	99.3%	100%
Compliance	8C: <i>Transition Conference Meeting</i>	96.1%	100%

Ms. Richardson, MSFSEIP Data Manager, and Ms. Callender, Part C Coordinator, provided an overview of the results of the District Determination process for FFY 2014. The new process scored District FSEIPs on their Results and Compliance performance for determinations. Three Districts were determined to *Meet Requirements* (Districts I, IV, and VI). Five Districts were determined to *Need Assistance* (Districts II, III, V, VII, and VIII). One District was determined to *Need Intervention* (District IX).

Staff from all Districts determined to *Meet Requirements* were recognized. In addition, District VI staff were recognized for improving from *Needs Assistance* to *Meets Requirement*.

### **Business (Linda Shivers and Shirley Miller)**

***Appointments and Orientation:*** The composition of the SICC is set by state statute to include: 20% families of children with disabilities ages 0-12 years (and at least one family member with a child with a disability ages 0-6 years); 20% public or private early intervention providers; and representatives of various State Agencies. The SICC members must be appointed by the Governor. The Governor's office requested to wait until after the fall election to consider

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potential new appointees for any boards or councils. The MSFSEIP staff contacted the Governor's liaison for appointments; however, he has not yet responded to our request. The MSFSEIP has requested biographical information from potential appointees, including families, providers, and agency representative to submit to the Governor's office for appointment. Once appointees have been approved by the Governor, the MSFSEIP will schedule an orientation meeting for all appointees. Ms. Callender reminded Service Coordinators and Providers of the importance of recruiting families to participate and to ensure they informed potential families that there are funds available to support travel and child care expenses for families.

**2016 SICC Meeting Dates:** The meeting dates for the SICC for the remainder of 2016 were set as: Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>; Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>; and Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. [Note: *The October meeting date may be rescheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> to be held at the MsECA/MS DEC conference day. See information below.*]

### **Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

No Committee Reports were made.

### **SSIP Workgroup Reports**

The Data Committee (Miranda Richardson) and Quality Standards (Stacy Callender) Committee reported they had mostly completed their implementation plan with planned activities. The Personnel Committee (Carlen Henington) reported they had mostly completed their implementation plan and were finalizing their planned activities. The activities planned by the committees were reviewed during the afternoon session with feedback and recommendations for scheduling implementation between 2016 and 2019.

### **Public Comments**

The Mississippi Early Childhood Association (MsECA) will hold its annual Conference in Natchez on October 19-21, 2016. The MsECA and the Mississippi Division for Early Childhood (MS DEC), the state early intervention professional association, will hold a joint conference day on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Continuing Education Units (CEU)/Contact Hours/Early Intervention Units will be offered for these sessions.

The Business meeting was concluded at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and preparation of the Keynote Address.

### **Keynote Address (Robin McWilliam)**

Robin McWilliam presented on: *The Future of Early Intervention in Mississippi: Implementation of the Routines-Based Early Intervention Model.*

Afterwards, Mr. McWilliam and Ms. Callender answered attendee questions about the Routines-Based Model and process for implementation in Mississippi. Concerns were expressed about the current enrollment and evaluation process, proposed changes to service delivery practices, and the impact on the workloads for Service Coordinators.

### **SSIP Workgroup**

The attendees reviewed all of the planned activities for infrastructure improvements submitted by the SSIP Workgroups. The activities, individually listed on post-its, were placed on a timeline for planned implementation between 2016 and 2020.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

**State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Minutes**  
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