



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**MISSISSIPPI FIRST STEPS EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

**State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Meeting  
August 3, 2017 ● 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

Present	SICC Members Current/Proposed	Affiliation	Role
X	(C) Shirley Miller (Chair)	<i>MDMH (Retired)</i>	Parent
X	(C) Linda Shivers (VC)	<i>Independent Provider (Central)</i>	Independent Provider
X	(C) Candice Taylor	<i>MDE</i>	State Education Agency
X	(C) Carlen Henington	<i>MSU, School Psychology</i>	Personnel Preparation
X	(C) Dorothy Young	<i>Division of Medicaid</i>	Medicaid/Insurance
	(C) Hollia Thompson	<i>The ARC</i>	Advocate
X	(C) Holly Spivey	<i>Head Start Collaboration Office</i>	Head Start
	(C) Nita Thompson	<i>MS Head Start Association</i>	Head Start
X	(C) Ronjanett Taylor	<i>IHL, Academic &amp; Student Affairs</i>	Higher Learning
X	(C) Ryan Blakeney	<i>MS Insurance Commission</i>	Insurance
X	(P) Alicia Deaver	<i>IHL</i>	Personnel Preparation
X	(P) Brittany Herrington	<i>Parent (South)</i>	Parent
X	(P) Christina Perigoe	<i>IHL, USM</i>	Higher Learning
X	(P) Elizabeth Pell	<i>Director CPICC (South)</i>	Independent Provider
X	(P) Charles Allgood	<i>Child Care Licensure</i>	Personnel Preparation
X	(P) Janet Slaughter	<i>Independent Provider (Central)</i>	Independent Provider
X	(P) Julie Parker	<i>IHL, Human Dev&amp; Family Studies</i>	Personnel Preparation
X	(P) Julie Waddle	<i>Parent (North)</i>	Parent
	(P) Kamme Riddle	<i>Independent Provider (North)</i>	Independent Provider
X	(P) Kara Butler	<i>UMMC, EI, SI (Central)</i>	Public Provider
	(P) Kara Driver, MD	<i>UMMC, Pediatrics-Newborn Meds</i>	Public Provider
X	(P) Keishawna Smith	<i>Parent (Central)</i>	Parent
	(P) Laura Smith	<i>Parent (Central)</i>	Parent
X	(P) Lori Rolison	<i>Parent (South)</i>	
X	(P) Natasha Bennett	<i>Parent (Central)</i>	Parent
X	(P) Sara Leathers	<i>Parent (North)</i>	Parent
X	(P) Stacy Davis	<i>Healthy Homes, MS</i>	Human Services
	(P) Tanya Rogillio	<i>Child Protective Services</i>	Human Services

**Additional Attendees:**

Stacy Callender, *Part C Coordinator*  
 Valecia Davis, *MSDH, EI Division Director*  
 Miranda Richardson, *EI Data Manager*  
 Pamela Kendrick, *Monitoring Coordinator*  
 Pam Dollar, *MS PTI*  
 Dr. Mary Currier, *State Health Officer*  
 Kathy Burk, *Director Health Services, MSDH*  
 Dr. Beryl Polk, *Director Child/Adolescent Health*  
 Honorable Phil Bryant, *Governor*  
 Dr. Laurie Smith, *Governor's Office*

**State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Minutes**  
**Approved: October 13, 2017**

## MINUTES

### **Welcome/Introductions (S. Miller)**

S. Miller, SICC Chair, opened the meeting at 3:30pm. S. Miller welcomed all attendees and asked for brief introductions of each person.

### **Review and Purpose of Meeting (S. Miller)**

The purpose of the meeting was stated as an opportunity for Governor Bryant to meet with potential appointees, who were thanked for attending.

### **Business (S. Miller)**

- Address and appointment by the Honorable Phil Bryant, Governor of Mississippi
  - Gov. Bryant addressed the SICC about efforts in the state to address children's services, noting Mississippi has over 350 boards and committees. Gov. Bryant explained the need for people to hear Mississippi success stories and the importance of reaching children early. Gov. Bryant asked how the SICC specifically addressed children's services.
    - S. Callender and S. Miller explained the role of the SICC to advise the lead agency and to support interagency coordination for the early intervention system. Copies of federal regulations and state statute requiring the SICC were provided.
    - L. Shivers reviewed the required composition of the SICC.
  - Questions were asked about the difference of the roles of the SICC and the MSDH program staff related to early intervention funding and oversight as well as the need for the SICC as Medicaid covers many early intervention costs.
    - S. Callender explained the funding streams for the early intervention system and the role of program staff in the lead agency in determining how these funds are used.
    - S. Miller explained the role of the SICC to advise the lead agency and to support interagency coordination among multiple agencies for the early intervention system.
  - Dr. Laurie Smith shared *A Family-Based Unified and Integrated Early Childhood System* posted on the Mississippi Department of Human Services website and recommended leveraging the SICC for implementing the early childhood plan.
  - Gov. Bryant expressed a need for agencies and organization to connect with faith-based organizations to provide services to families.
  - S. Miller thanked Gov. Bryant and Dr. Smith for meeting with the SICC.
- Orientation Overview
  - The SICC orientation is scheduled to occur October 13, 2017, prior to the next SICC Meeting. The orientation and meeting will coincide with the MsECA conference.
- Bylaws Review
  - L. Shivers provided proposed changes to the Bylaws. C. Hennigton made a motion to accept the bylaws as written. D. Young seconded. Discussion focused on the need to consider changes based on Dr. Smith's questions. It was recommended to ask for more clarity before any other changes to the bylaws be added. The motion was passed to accept the bylaws as written.

### **Public Comments**

No public comments were offered.

### **Adjourn**

The SICC Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.