

ITC Quarterly Meeting Agenda

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Date: October 23, 2023

Time: 10:30 AM - Noon

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91889154940>

Participants:

Corey Cassidy, Heather Walter, Tracy Walters, Kyla Patterson, Christine Spence, Kerry Litonjua, Adele Rohner, Virginia Chu, Patty Eitemiller, Dana Childress, Emily Amerson, Geri Stevens, Cori Hill, Christan Coogle, Lisa Terry, Ana Brecht, Lorelei Pisha

Agenda

I. Welcome and Celebrations

Patty E shared the Alexandria PD Course Catalog:

https://www.canva.com/design/DAFWo_D-aqE/bFJdeyRCdf19TkqeLsAxrQ/view

Corey Cassidy completed book on SLP in EI

II. State and National Activities

1. Part C Updates

- Rate increase - effective Jan 1st (12.5%); permanent

- Agency budgets - includes an increase for Part C for FY25-26 (shy of \$2 million increase)

- TRAC-IT - December 11, 2023 state-wide launch

- SSIP - Continue to implement with focus on SE;

Workgroups have done foundational work on screening/assessment/; Pyramid Model, reflective supervision.

2024 will focus on implementation - what supports do providers need to implement recommendations for screening/assessment, Pyramid Model; and pilots in reflective supervision.

Moving into family support services on IFSP.

Workforce shortages are another big area of focus, including looking at what other states are doing and finding ways to reduce impact on our system.

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Questions/Comments for Kyla -

Dana - which areas have the biggest shortages - SLPs biggest area, even DS and SCs.

Emily - thank you on leaving out goals in TRAC-IT

2. Conferences/Professional Development

- DEC Conference – November 28th – Dec 1st in Minneapolis
 - PD team has several presentations collectively
 - Corey, Dana, Christian, Heather, Christine, Patty will all be attending and presenting, as well
- The Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Virtual Conference will be held in May, 1st or 2nd week... Topic: Compassionate Leadership
- Creating Connections to Shining Stars Conference – July 16-18th, 2024, Call for Proposal - Short training webinar for people who are not used to writing proposals (do this first in December) and then launch the Call for Proposals in early 2024!

Keynote - [Eric Litwin](#), Author of Pete the Cat series, SE focus - nice match with SSIP for both Part C and Part B.

Ana Brecht suggested “Sensory Strategy Thought Bubbles for the EI Practitioner”. Ana will share with Lisa.

Ana will also share a resource on neuro-affirming language and accommodations for families to consider; and neuro-affirming goals.

Lisa shared that Kathy Yopp, OT, will talk about sensory processing and the polyvagal theory as preconference speaker. (0-5 focus)

Dr. Anjali Ferguson will present on trauma, DEI as apreconference speaker (0-3 focus)

Lisa and Cori encouraged attendees to reach out to practitioners to present.

3. Other

- Kaleidoscope manuscript accepted for publication in *Infants and Young Children*

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III. Member Ideas and Input

1. VEIPD Highlights

- EI/Preservice Consortium
 - Local System Managers engaged in discussion/collaboration around pre-service field placements as a way to address shortage. Manuscript has been submitted.
 - EI Field Placement Map - has local systems with contacts along with pre-service programs and those contacts. Also has requirements for field placements.
 - OSEP AA Personnel Prep grant update - ODU, GM, VCU faculty will collaborate with 4 “under-resourced” community colleges to support community college faculty with embedding more EI content in syllabi, along with pathway to 4 year degree programs. Started Oct 1st, 5 year process. Beginning with a strengths/needs assessment, including community assessment.
- Dimensions Short Course - 7 session short course for new service providers focused on the fundamentals of EI. Pilot year. Running 8.31.23 - 1.18.23
- [Supporting Families in Early Intervention](#) - Includes 3 organizations that support families. Each organization works closely with the others and will work to make sure the family gets to the right place for the support they need.
- [Sensory Difference Learning Path](#) - Not yet available but collaborating with multiple projects to incorporate info on vision, hearing, and deaf-blindness.

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2. 2024 Workplan Highlights

- Talks on Tuesday topics

Schedule

Nov – Sensory & IMH Part 1

Dec – Sensory & IMH Part 2

Jan – Skip

Feb – Effective use of technology and social media to support family relationships

Mar – Neurodiversity Part 1

Apr – Neurodiversity Part 2

May – Assistive Technology Part 1

June - Assistive Technology Part 2

Sept – Fragile X Part 1

Oct – Fragile X Part 2

- VEIPD blog update:
 - Legacy dedication to Dana Childress for *Strategies for Success* blog
 - The Early Intervention Chronicles: Insights that Ignite* – launching in early 2024
- *Heartwired: Fostering Social-Emotional Growth* Video Series - please share videos of interactions between caregivers and young children/infants

IV. Resource Share

Meaning Moments Podcast

YouTube Shorts page: <https://www.youtube.com/@veipd/shorts>

Podcast page: https://veipd.org/main/meaningful_moments.html

IG Reels page: https://www.instagram.com/veipd_team/reels/

Next Meeting Date: January 22, 2024 (4th Monday each quarter)