

Integrated Training Collaborative
October 20, 2014
Agenda

Attendees: Carol Burke, Cathy Cook, Jen Newton, Nancy Bailey, Cori Hill, Dana Childress, Adele Rohner, Deana Buck, Carole Ivey, Patty Eitemiller, Sheryl Fahey, Kris Ganley

1. Welcome, Announcements, & Celebrations

- a. EI Institute last week was a big success!
- b. DEC conference was great, too. Dana and Cori presented about the blog – 25 participants. The session was the talk of the conference. Deana presented about the EC Paraprofessional Training Grant
- c. Advertisement is posted for our new Program Specialist in Early Intervention Professional Development. <http://www.pubinfo.vcu.edu/facjobs/> (under School of Education)
- d. The movie “Big Stone Gap” has the premiere at Virginia Film Festival on November 6th in C’ville. Nancy Bailey, the movie star, will be there with bells on!

2. State & National Activities

- a. Learn the Signs. Act Early has posted a new module for early care and educational professionals (“Watch Me. Celebrating Milestones and Sharing Concerns” at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html>)
- b. What is the current status of delivery of EI services in Virginia? The ITC of Virginia has a monthly update and we can make sure ITC members receive the update. Check out www.infantva.org to access these updates. Some systems may be experiencing financial shortfalls, but the message should always be to continue to refer because we won’t know the need if referrals are held. Financial realities are a problem in Virginia’s EI system. Some systems are concerned about their financial realities. Staff from the Part C office are available to help. There may be work to do to understand what the primary service provider model looks like in action. This may be a next step for us as we continue with coaching work. We need to look at the elements of best practice in the use of these models. In addition, having enough funding for adequate staffing is essential – especially time for teaming and consultation.

3. EI Institute Review

- a. Dathan and M’Lisa did the keynote on “Uncoachable Moments?” -- to address the reality that coaching works in all situations. The afternoon had 8 concurrent sessions. We had around 320 participants. The evaluation went out to all participants and our evaluator, Sue, will summarize that soon.
- b. How can we problem-solve the certificate drama? We are considering linking the certificate to submission of evaluations, as this years’ experience was unacceptable.
- c. Use of social media – set up a twitter feed for the EI Institute. Saw increase in traffic on FB, too. We offered one free registration to CCSS 2015 as a prize for one person using twitter. There was action most of the day – more in the AM during the keynote.

It would be worth it to try this at CCSS 2015. Some participants weren't interested in this option but well received by others who use these tools.

4. Current Work Updates

- **Module Revisions (moodle update)**
 - We are revising the **certification modules** to make them more user-friendly and to be used for multiple purposes. The information will be “chunked” in content elements. We prioritized the revision of the Service Pathways module and are also building IFSP 101 into this content collection. The content follows a child through the EI process and is in chapter format. Very interactive. Some resources in the current module will be offered as handouts, etc. Carrie, our eLearning Specialist, has developed a great format for this content. We will need reviewers soon.
 - The second one is a “nuts and bolts” module – now being called the overview – is in development. What is EI, how does it work in VA, the 7 key principles (and looks like/doesn't look like) will be included. The content is part of work that is being developed by an international work group (and then individualized for VA).
 - **At this point, new providers will still complete the current modules.**
 - Non-required modules: we have many modules (i.e., prematurity, data, ASD) on our module website. They are NOT on the same site as the certification modules. We have worked this year to merge these sites together. One user name, one password on the new moodle site, which will also maintain a record of modules completed. Carrie has been the lead staff person with our programmer to develop the new site. This site will be available soon for the non-required modules. Thanks to everyone for reviewing the current non-required modules. Some content needs to be reviewed and updated. The new moodle site worked well. Thanks to all for conducting reviews.

- **Coaching (ongoing TA, MC Facilitator's Guide)**
 - Completed the final team Coaching training last week in Charlottesville. There were 80-90 participants from across the state. 12 new master coaches in this group. Over the past 2 years and 3 months, we now have over 100 master coaches (extensive training and f/u technical assistance). That part of the process is now finished and the focus will shift to implementation and education of new providers.
 - Dana is working with a group to develop a Master Coach Facilitator's Guide. They meet weekly to develop the activities and tools for use at the community level. They have divided the content into 6 sections and provide hints on how to use the book, resources, and discussions on how to use the content. Activities have been developed (with specifics, time, objectives, and handouts) and will be posted on the portal. They are also developing training content (1 (4-hour) and 1 (2-hour) session plans for use with local providers. They can then use the activities as follow-up to the training content. 3 of the 6 sections

are pretty well developed and the last 3 are in development. The goal is to have this ready by the end of the year. Each section has 6-8 activities. Dana will share it with the group for feedback. Dathan and M'Lisa will also review the content.

○ **CCSS 2015 Planning**

- Dates: July 8-10 at Wyndham in Virginia Beach.
- Call for Proposals will be out soon (deadline 12/1/14). We need a strong EI voice at the conference. In 2013, we had almost 50% of the content specifically targeted to EI.
- Dan Habib is the keynote speaker. He will provide an update on Samuel and his life as a teenager.
- The 8th is a pre-conference day. There will be an individual registration for this session. We will have a CoPA session that day, too. Please let Cori know if you want to know more about these pre-conference sessions.
- Will a Save the Date be sent out? It was sent out over the summer – see www.veipd.org/main/ (under CCSS).

○ **Video Work**

- “What is Early Intervention in Virginia?” video is now live! www.veipd.org/main/ (on the home page, bottom right)
- We are also working on the Brandon video – to help share the story of the impact of EI in the lives of infants and toddlers and their families.

5. 2015 Calendar Year (continued participation and meeting dates) – does it still work to meet quarterly on the 3rd Monday of the month? Cori will determine the dates and share with us all. January, April, July, October. **Next meeting is January 26, 2015.**

6. Other Business: None.

Thanks for joining us!