

Integrated Training Collaborative

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Meeting Minutes

Participants:

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1. Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

Cori welcomed everyone. We have one new member today, Jennifer Wolfe from the Tidewater area. Jennifer is also a member of the first cadre of infant mental health endorsement candidates.

Announcements:

- **Adrienne** – Social-emotional pilots were funded for 15 months. All received a 6 month extension. All are providing training and TA related to CSEFEL materials and approach. Services will be provided until December. CHIP of Virginia lost 25% of funding and one strategy being implementing is to consolidate smaller programs. CHIP of Portsmouth will merge with CHIP of Chesapeake; CHIP of Petersburg has been moved into CHIP of Richmond. CHIP of Williamsburg's program has been discontinued, but the staff will continue to provide services based on the Parents as Teachers (PAT) program. As of 8/1, CDR will offer a PAT program in the area. Through the HV program, some other programs will also offer PAT in the Commonwealth.

What is the relationship between PAT and EI? Right now, it's a little challenging. There are 11 HV programs in VA, including EI. With federal HV funds, there is a push to use evidence-based practices. PAT is one of those programs. There are many PAT programs in the US, mostly in the west and south. EI programs should know about other HV programs in the area and work with them. Some EI systems are getting PAT training.

- **Debra** – ARC state convention is Aug 11-13. They are still accepting registrations.

Celebrations:

- CoPA at the Beach – Dana Childress was the keynote speaker. Strong evaluations from the presentation. Appreciated receiving new information and requested a session next year, too.
- 8th Annual Shining Stars last week. Over 400 people registered. Wonderful sessions. About 30% of the participants were EI providers. Participants remarked that it was the best SS Ever! Would like to have more presentations from EI. Encourage providers to share their expertise by presenting next year.
- Nancy Bailey – Had 5th Annual Seth Bailey Memorial Event – raised \$2,000 for the Ronald McDonald House in Johnson City, TN. Families from Lee, Scott, and Wise stay there when seeking medical care.
- SpecialQuest Training of Trainers – held in May.
- Virginia Cross-Sector PD (VCPD) Team – upcoming work to coordinate professional development (PD) work in Virginia, including the submission of a Race to the Top Early Learning proposal. Representatives are included from all entities that are involved in PD for our early childhood workforce. EC Summit will be held August 8th in Staunton.
- International DEC Conference – work is underway to support the project. Registration is now open. Also looking for vendors and volunteers. November 17-19 at Inner Harbor, MD. Virginia is responsible

for hosting the conference this year as the local arrangements team. Kurt Condrich is the keynote speaker.

- Congratulate Dana Childress for being included in the Topics in ECSE. She submitted an article about play. Yay!

2. **Interagency Updates and National Activities**

- **ICMHC**

Infant Child Mental Health Committee has been active since the last meeting. We hosted Mary Mackrain, Michigan Level IV endorsed mental health specialist do a Talks on Tuesday for the EI workforce. Mary also met with the first cadre of endorsement candidates which includes EI providers, staff from CSBs, some who work for infant mental health organizations, and child-serving agencies. These endorsement candidates are required to have reflective supervision. Candidates recognize the amount of work that is required, but they are excited about the process. The candidates have met in Richmond 2x so far, and will have phone supervision after that. Candidates hope that they will be finished with the process by June 2012 and then the new candidates can start providing supervision to the next cohort.

The ICMH committee has established by-laws, elected officers, etc., to establish the Virginia Infant Mental Health association. The group is encouraging people to join the association. Terry Erlichman can send applications to potential members. Contact Terry at terlichman@pwcgov.org. The fee is \$25.00.

The ICMHC is being asked to speak at many conferences and workshops. There have been sessions for Head Start, at Shining Stars, etc.

The ICMHC as part of the VCPD will be hosting a CSEFEL training in September and October. Rob Corso will be here for the training. The initial information was disseminated recently; registration will be live soon. After discussion with Rob, we have revised the plans. The September training will be for birth-3 and the October training is better suited for 2-5. Training dates are September 26-28 and October 17-19. In terms of CSEFEL materials (especially birth to three), the content is focused more on child care providers facilitating learning environments and the importance of relationship-based learning. It will also provide an orientation to VA's system and the general pyramid framework.

What are the expectations for participants? They need to agree to serve on the state training team (in home locality or surrounding region). More information regarding this question will be available following the VCPD Summit to be held on August 8th.

One idea that is being considered in VA is the idea of regional professional development systems for the early childhood workforce. Is there a way to spread the wealth of PD offerings across the people who need them? Is there a way to reach a cross-sector framework for offering PD – that crosses topical groups, agency lines, etc?

- **CoPA**

CoPA at the Beach went very well. The leadership group acknowledges that this is a learning process and that, for the upcoming year, members of the leadership team group (and hopefully some CoPA members) will provide support to the statewide discussion about autism issues. Some localities are

moving right along, and some are at different points. Localities will have the choice about having a CoPA in their area. State group will have meetings by phone every other month or 4x year.

- **SpecialQuest**

The second train-the trainer group was held in May for 35 cross-sector participants. Lynne Blythe attended and said that she has been, "SpecialQuested!" These are great, readily useable materials. In the fall, SQ team in northern Virginia will be sponsoring training for child care administrators.

- **NPDCI**

NPDCI is sponsoring the Summit on August 8th. The plan for that session is to develop plans for continued early childhood professional development work, especially since our work with NPDCI ends in September.

- **CELL**

Talks on Tuesday to be held on 8/2 will focus on CELL (Center for Early Literacy Learning). Carol Trivette will be our speaker. We are also planning a trainer of trainers for Northern Virginia. Pam Park and Anne Taggart are coordinating this work.

- **Assistive Technology**

No update. TTAC is sponsoring TechKnowledge 2011 on November 10th and 11th

3. **Review of Past Year's Work (available at: http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/pdf/itc/itc_May2011.pdf)**

Training staff discussed the multitude of projects that have been completed (or still under development) this year:

- **Modules**

- Autism – almost finished
- social-emotional development – formatted and with the technology specialist
- IFSP – almost finished
- Hearing 101-almost finished
- Service Coordination/TCM module is being developed. Target date 8/2.

- **Webinars – Talks on Tuesday; 6 held to date with additional topics planned through December.**

- **Video clips – capturing video and audio clips for use in modules and training sessions**

- **Pictures – collecting wonderful photos from families and colleagues across the Commonwealth to support our PD efforts.**

- **Meetings – Higher Ed Faculty Retreat and LSM/Part C Staff Retreat**

- **Autism Guidance Document – JLARC recommendations included the development of a guidance document for the EI workforce. Maureen Conroy developed the general content, and Dana reframed it in the context of the service pathway. Dana and Maureen will need to make final revisions, after Maureen returns from vacation.**

4. **ITC Current Work/New Contract Grant**

We are delighted to continue our professional development work using the Integrated Training Collaborative as the conduit for these efforts. We also have some ARRA funding to support this work through 9/30/11. Members received a summary of the contract deliverables and these were

reviewed at the meeting. We will continue to develop online modules. Talks on Tuesdays will also continue as well as outcome development regional training. Additionally, the training team will continue to provide Kaleidoscope training with the hope that we can extend the efficacy of the face-to-face training with extended activities. It is hoped that regional AT teams can also be established in coordination with the T/TACs).

There is also a need to revise the current modules about child outcome indicators. Norfolk is involved with the Early Childhood Outcomes project to collect data. Some people need quick refresher about process. Others have concerns about their ability to report about child performance in terms of typical child development. For this revision, there is a need to expand the focus on quality measures.

If you are interested in any of these topics, please let us know so that you can get involved.

Beth acknowledged the “work of the trio.” Thanks for quality and quantity of work accomplished to date. If you hear of other topics that we need to explore, please let us know. High praise for the quality of the website and the work developed to date. This reflects well on our work and the expertise in the system.

5. **Other Business**

- Due to time constraints, no other business was discussed. Please let Cori know about other issues that need to be discussed. Thanks to all for your time. Our next committee meeting will be in October.

Thanks for joining us in this important work!