

**Integrated Training Collaborative  
Meeting Minutes-May 8, 2012**

**Participants:**

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**1. Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations**

Announcements:

- Dana will be co-facilitating a work group of the EC Special Interest Group (SIG) related to special instruction. Dana's co-facilitator is a doctoral student from Illinois. Deana and Cori will be on the work group which is open to DEC members to participate. The group will explore the role of special instruction, competencies for this work, etc. Research indicates that there is great diversity in the role of special instruction across the country.
- Virginia was awarded a "Doing What Works" grant (\$50,000) to build on CSEFEL training of trainers work related to social-emotional development. This additional training will be important particularly because Virginia ranks 10<sup>th</sup> in the national rankings for the number of preschoolers to be expelled from school.
- The VA Early Intervention Professional Development (VEIPD) team was selected to present two sessions at the International DEC conference. Dana's session is about bridging the gap between research and practice. We will also be doing a full-day (pre-conference) session on outcome development.

Celebrations:

- Beth Tolley has a new job. She's the Team Leader in the Part C office for monitoring and compliance.
- Welcome to Stacey Jackson, LSM from I&TC of Staunton-Waynesboro. This is her first ITC meeting.
- The new social-emotional module was launched as part of recognition of May as Early Childhood Mental Health month. This module, developed by a master CSEFEL trainer, was a collaborative effort with ITC/EI, Head Start, Home Visiting Consortium, and the VDOE.
- Mary Voorhees reported that she has done presentations at the national level on the coaching model using PBS (positive behavioral supports) practices and will also be presenting next year, too. Mary will share an update on this project's work.
- Dana is celebrating that her garage is no longer under water! Dana's mom is doing well. Her dad is in a transitional care unit and is getting a little better each day.
- Deana's husband, Steve is doing well following heart surgery.

**2. State Activities**

- Beth shared that there is a stakeholder group working on incorporating the child outcomes process into the IFSP process. The Talks on Tuesday in June will be about this topic and it will also be presented in July at Creating Connections to Shining Stars (CCSS).

### 3. National Activities

Autism materials-There is a new course curriculum through CDC called “Autism Case Training: A Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Curriculum which is also called ACT. The CDC descriptor indicates that the materials are “designed for future healthcare providers on fundamental components of identifying, diagnosing, and managing autism spectrum disorders through real life scenarios.” Materials are available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/ACT/class.html> If you are interested in reviewing the materials, please let Deana or Cori know. Cathy Cook mentioned that she would be willing to prepare a guided viewing document to get feedback from reviewers. Cathy also indicated that her daughter, who is a nurse practitioner, might be interested in reviewing. Members also indicated that Karen Taylor from I&TC of the Blue Ridge does training for UVa MDs and Sandi Harrington from I&TC of Norfolk trains residents at EVMS.

### 4. ITC Current Work

#### A. Updates/Scope of Work

##### 1. Module Updates

- **Prematurity**-is being formatted by Rebecka, e-learning specialist. She hopes to have the final draft ready the week of May 21<sup>st</sup>. Reviewers are established and have been notified that the module will be available for review soon.
- **Social Emotional**-launched 5/1/12 as kick off for ECMH month in May.
- **Data Modules (4)**-Three are finished and the fourth is being formatted. The plan is for them to be ready by the end of May.

2. **ASD Supplemental Page** – Dana developed a 2 page executive summary of the Autism Guidance Document. This executive summary is intended to be a complement to the full document. Key topics include information on diagnosis, early warning signs, EI process, and goal of EI. There is also a link to the full document. This will be posted on the EIPD website soon.

##### 3. ToT (Talks on Tuesdays)

- April was on typical motor development. It is now archived and posted.
- May was on social-emotional development and the first two tiers of the Pyramid Model. It will be archived and posted soon.
- June will be on child outcomes and embedded this information into the IFSP narrative.
- We will be planning for next year’s ToTs. If you have ideas, please let us know. Some ideas: coaching in challenging situations, expanding some of the earlier topics with more in-depth or advanced learning. It was suggested that we could use previous topics to provide the foundation. Members were reminded of the resource available on the EIPD about how to use and expand the ToTs to meet the professional development 2 hr minimum requirement. See: [http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/talks\\_tuesdays.html](http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/talks_tuesdays.html)

4. **Landing Pads**-Topics developed this year were in response to feedback from the field. New landing pads include: motor development, challenging behavior, multiple disabilities, visual disabilities, and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). All of them have pages of resource tied to them. If you have suggestions for additional landing pad topics, please let us know.

5. **Video work** – We contracted with a couple from NOVA who have extensive videography experience. They also have a child who is currently in EI. Cori and Deana worked with them to take two days’ worth of footage in the NOVA area. A special thanks to ITC of Alexandria and Fairfax for sharing their expertise and time. Patty Eitemiller was amazing in scheduling the videotaping. During the time in NOVA, we interviewed families and providers. Two videos are in development. The first one is called “Liam’s Story: A Mother’s Story” and it is available for viewing at: <http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/intervention.html> The second video in production is about inclusive practices.
  6. **Blog** –We are building a blog called, “Early Intervention Strategies for Success”. The postings will come through Dana and Rebecka to ensure that the focus is on practical implementation and strategies. It will have articles written by providers, educators, service coordinators, etc. to which people can respond and share ideas. The plan is to release it in June. Dana is also searching for a LSM to write an article. It is hoped that Stacie, Lynne, and Carol can help us find a LSM who might be interested.
- B. **First Annual Early Childhood Conference** – Creating Connections to Shining Stars in Virginia Beach July 16-18, 2012. This is the first true combination of effort for the birth-5 population. At every timeframe there will be at least 50% of the sessions that will be appropriate for EI providers. The calls for proposals were reviewed yesterday and the topics are varied and relevant. Dr. John Almarode is presenting a keynote session based on Brain Rules for Babies. He will also present a concurrent session on environment and the brain. Dr. Dathan Rush and Dr. M’Lisa Shelden will provide a full day institute on coaching limited to the first 100 registrants. The next day will include a ½ day session for EI providers and a separate ½ day session for early childhood educators. Registration is now live at: <http://www.cvent.com/events/creating-connections-to-shining-stars-virginia-s-collaborative-early-childhood-birth-through-five-co/event-summary-4a2cfbf7ce6442c1a8763fffc6b1fadf.aspx>
- C. **Kaleidoscope**-We have completed the two KI and two KII trainings for this grant year. There is a new KI requirement to complete the IFSP 101 module prior to attending KI. At the request of the field, Kaleidoscope trainings are now regularly scheduled as follows:
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| KI-Sept  | KII-Oct   |
| KI-March | KII-April |
- The fall KI will be in Lynchburg and the fall KII will be in Charlottesville. Specific dates and locations will be announced as soon as contracts are finalized with locations.
- D. **LSM Meeting** – The local system managers’ meeting was held on 3/27/12 in Charlottesville with the Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) and LSMs. These LSM meetings will be held twice per year with the next one scheduled for September 2012.

- E. Faculty/EI Collaboration Committee** – The goal of this subcommittee is to build capacity of preservice training programs related to building our EI workforce. The committee disseminated surveys to students, faculty, and LSMs to learn more about current practices. The goal is to identify barriers that can be addressed. One key concern is practicum placements. How can we support these so that students have access to quality practices?
5. **Next Year's Contract** – now under development.
  6. **Other Business** – none
  7. **Next meeting dates:** July 9<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-12 noon. Dial in: 866-842-5779, code 287-353-3701.

Thanks for your involvement on the ITC!