

**Integrated Training Collaborative Meeting**  
**October 21, 2013 (10:30-noon)**

**Participants:** Dana Childress, Cori Hill, Deana Buck, Kim Lephart, Patty Eitemiller, Carole Ivey, Catherine Hancock, Kris Ganley, Sheryl Fahey, Mary Vorhees, Stacie Jackson, Beth Tolley, Anne Brager, Adele Rohner, Debra Holloway, and Jen Newton

**1. Welcome, Announcements, & Celebrations**

- a. Mary will be retiring at the end of this semester. She is planning to focus on outdoor education with children and families. We thank Mary for all of her work and commitment to quality practices in early childhood.
- b. DEC participant wanted to take our poster home with her! Lots of pictures taken of our poster and the content we shared. Kudos to Jeanne, our eLearning Specialist, for her amazing work.
- c. Welcome Carrie Main to our ITC team. She is our new eLearning Specialist (started full-time in October). She will be focused on the updates to the certification modules.
- d. Debra Holloway is working on advocacy efforts for EI – look for information about next steps (and an action alert). <http://new-path.thearcofva.org/>. They are also hosting advocacy forums on 11/14 at noon and 11/18 at 7:00 pm – using webinar format and call-in.

**2. State & National Activities**

- *I&TC office, T/TACs, universities, local systems, Partnership, others*
  - NAEYC conference is in DC November 20-23, 2013. Registration is still open.
  - Bonnie Grifa convened a group of people who are considering/using the ASQ-3 for developmental screenings to facilitate coordination of use and professional development.
  - SECA is having conference in Virginia (Williamsburg) January 16-18, 2014.
  - APTA put out an update for therapists working in EI in their work with families regarding routines-based intervention. Cori forwarded this info to ITC memos via email.
  - Dana met a PT from ODU who is interested in EI and is on the board of the VA Chapter of the APTA. She wondered if the info Beth shared from the APTA could be a session at the state conference. Kim shared that there are regional groups and she joined the LinkedIn group for the Valley.
  - To connect with OT community, we would love links or ideas for us. The OT association also has regional groups. Carole will think about ways for us to connect.
  - We have been accepted to present at SHAV again this year.
  - Jen shared that there is interest in the formation of a special interest group (SIGs) in interdisciplinary work (through DEC). She will keep us informed. DEC has these forums for work on similar topics and others can be formed.
  - Save the Date – National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute (May 20-22, 2014)
  - Virginia Cross-Sector Professional Development work -- hired Jaye Harvey to be the part-time state coordinator for this work.
  
- Updates from DEC

- Dana shared the visual from our poster session. The poster and the handout are available at: [http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/sub\\_supports\\_services.html](http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/sub_supports_services.html) under “Articles and Handouts.”
- Role of the Special Instructor – Special Interest Group. Dana chairs this SIG that began as a result of a webinar about the role of the special instructor in EI. The group worked to define this role and developed a draft position statement which has been accepted by DEC for field review. Dana led a round table session during the DEC conference and discussed the work of the SIG. This included sharing information about the process of the SIG, the discussions and recommendations about education levels, knowledge and skill competencies, etc. There is great variability about this work. The SIG will also develop a companion document for states as they implement SI.
- Jen “high fived” this activity ☺ as she has had the opportunity to review this work through her role on the DEC Board. This position paper will contribute to our work and the work of every state’s Part C system.
- DEC Recommended Practices (2003) are under review and there is an interest in having more specificity for EI providers. There are a number of them, and there is a great need for revision. They are close to being finalized. The plan is to disseminate them in February. Because the revisions were funded by OSEP, they need to be accessible to all with no fee. There is a plan to build “wrap around” resources (similar to the Connect Module site) to accompany them and better clarify. One idea is to develop “looks like/doesn’t look like” guidance tools. DEC members will be asked to help participate in this work. There is a great need to have informed guidance that better complements other work (like in Race to the Top states).
- If you have interests in topics to address at the national level, please contact Jen Newton as she’s on the DEC board.
- Patty Eitemiller and Erin Croyle presented a session at DEC re: the inclusive playgroup in Alexandria☺. Erin works with Debra Holloway at the ARC leading the New Path initiative. The session was a big hit!
- Cori attended a session at DEC about a new book written by Lynda Pletcher and Naomi Younggren called the Early Intervention Workbook which may be a good tool for the work of the ITC. During the session, Naomi and Lynda included references to quality tools and resources and included our EIPD site (videos and our blog!)
- Deana shared information about two sessions she attended about early identification of children with ASD and interventions for kids with ASD.
- Oct 7-9, 2014 – dates for DEC Conference in St. Louis
- Jen shared that CEC is going to have a tiered membership process in the near future. Members can choose the benefits that meet your needs and the price will reduce by 1/3 in the future. You can also join with a site membership (one administrator and providers).
- DEC is garnering support for funding for EC programs and members can provide their voice at: <http://capwiz.com/cek/issues/alert/?alertid=62967411> More information will also be provided in the near future about a request for DEC members to contact OSEP to strengthen research funding about inclusive practices.

3. **What's on the ITC plans for this year** – Cori reviewed the work plan for this year. We have reformatted our CSPD updates this year. It is a separate document now, and the content is organized thematically (by month that is tied to the Talks on Tuesday).
- Highlights from work plan
    - Continue work of VCPD to support annual CCSS conference; work underway to confirm dates and specifics.
    - Make sure to check out highlights from CCSS 2013
    - Continue ToT this year and will retain same date (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday from noon-1:00 pm)
    - Topics have been identified (mostly) for this year.
    - EIPD website is current – update it every month. We added a new page of resources for families. We are also adding a “higher education” page for students and faculty.
    - Blog postings made 2 x a week. Please post!
    - Facebook page use is growing. Please continue to share link with all
    - Goal is to advertise our work in VA and to also link with the work of other PD providers in other states.
    - Supporting the work of integrating the child indicators into the new IFSP
    - Supporting the work of LSMs, especially related to fiscal management (meetings 2x a year)
    - Fireside chats begin again this year – Kelly Hill is doing the first one on 11/1 at 1:00 pm; two more in 2014.
    - Hefty work for this year is the update/revision of the certification modules. Format needs to be revamped and also reflect policy changes.
    - Continue work in use of EBP, especially coaching. The Richmond area training will be in Richmond area in May and in SWVA in June.
    - The Tidewater and NoVA master coaches are near the end of their monthly coaching sessions with Dathan and M’Lisa. The Valley group is half-way through.
    - Important work to coordinate with other efforts in VA (ECMH, CSEFEL, ASQ-3)
    - Support SC training – offer 2 x each year (KI and KII in Richmond in the fall and in the Valley in the spring).
    - CoPA meets every other month; sponsored Dr. Landa’s session at CCSS (in coordination with Virginia’s Act Early Ambassador).
    - Interest in doing more work on brain development with Dr. John Almarode.
    - Tutorials for providers – working on procedural safeguards and documentation projects. Carrie is putting these together now. They will be 20 minutes long.
    - In terms of supporting the work of faculty and students in preservice preparation in VA, we plan to post the results of our survey on the higher education page of the website. Jen and Mary are working on a matrix of coursework (with framework of ECSE competencies). The EIPD site will then be referenced in with the competencies.
    - We have added all ECSE faculty to the distribution list for all EI providers – using Constant Contact. Also need to add list of faculty from other disciplines (OT/PT/SP-L)

**Next meeting is in January 27, 2014.** Call in information is the same for all meetings: **866-842-5779, code 287-353-3701.**

**Thanks for all your work to support our PD efforts in EI!**