

**Integrated Training Collaborative Meeting
January 23, 2017
Meeting Minutes**



Participants: Pam Park, Carol Burke, Stacie Jackson, Mira Williams, Cathy Cook, Beth Tolley, Patty Eitemiller, Erin Austin, Kara Trahant, Cori Hill

Celebrations:

Patti Eitemiller - reported VA Subdivision of DEC is progressing. Board has been elected with a total of 9 members. First Board meeting scheduled in early January but had to be rescheduled due to ice storm. Board meeting is now scheduled for Sunday, February 19th @ Lake Anna Winery @ 11am followed by a Meet & Mingle for all members at 12:30pm. All required documents will be submitting by early March to DEC to formalize the Subdivision. For more info, please contact Patty Eitemiller at Patricia.Eitemiller@gmail.com or to be added to their email list. The next full membership call will be Feb. 27 at 1:00 pm via GoTo meeting.

Stacie Jackson – shared information about partnership with Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences for the regional autism assessment team they are building in their area.

1. State & National Activities

- National Inclusion Conference is May 9-11 at UNC Chapel Hill through Frank Porter Graham Center. Those interested need to register early as it fills quickly!
- NICU grant working to form a statewide Advisory Group. This group will be meeting over the next 18 months to focus on the processes in place for referrals from NICU to Part C Services across Virginia. Erin Austin will be member of Advisory Group.

2. What training or professional development has occurred in your program since we last met?

- Patty Eitemiller – Alexandria and Arlington EI programs meet quarterly together with all staff and contract providers. At their most recent meeting in the fall, they completed a training on the M-CHAT with 50-60 people attending.
- Pam Park shared in her Fairfax area:
 - More than 50 people have completed the Coaching book study. They are very excited that folks are continuing to request this opportunity and they are gearing up for their 4th round of the book study. While participation in the book study is not currently in Fairfax's contract, many people are participating on their own time as they are finding this an effective way to build their coaching skills leading to more engagement with the families they serve.
 - Also, they recently completed a vision training w/ Lisa Auwater with over 30 people in attendance.
 - ASQ-SE and ASQ3 training ongoing and looking to expand to other partner agencies in the Fairfax area.
- Cori Hill – The DEC Early Intervention Special Interest Group (SIG) just held a free webinar entitled, Identifying and Supporting Young Children with Combined Vision and Hearing Loss. This has been archived and those interested do not need to be a DEC member to download the webinar. The link can be found at <https://divisionearlychildhood.egnyte.com/fl/WzaqWTSU8d> The videos shown during the webinar have been embedded in the recording. A second version will be posted on Youtube once captioning is complete - if you need this link, please email dec@dec-sped.org <mailto:dec@dec-sped.org>

3. Updates on current ITC work and tie to ITCVA Priorities and SSIP

- **Module revision updates-** the following status statistics related to the EI certification module revisions were shared:
 - Course #1, Overview-100% complete.
 - Course #2, EI Process-is 100% complete.
 - Course #3, Effective Practices in EI-80% complete.
 - Course #4, Responsibilities of EI Practitioners-80% complete.
 - Course #5, Child Development-90% complete. (NOTE: updating current module to current moodle site. No content changed at this time.)
 - Course #6, Service Coordination-30% complete.
 - Course #7, Supervision-30% complete.

- **Kaleidoscope revisions**
 - Curriculum has been reviewed by ITC with revisions made by Dana. This has now gone to the graphic designer for finalization.
 - The second part of Kaleidoscope revisions includes a 4-month online Community of Practice. Meetings will focus on the real-life applications of learning by service coordinators through the SC module and the 1-day face-to-face Kaleidoscope training. Focus will be on reflection, study, and questions/issues that have occurred for participants during their work with families.
 - Kaleidoscope requirement will be met once service coordinators have completed the modules, face-to-face 1 day training, and 4 month Community of Practice.

- **Functional Assessment Workgroup/MEISR**
 - The Functional Assessment Workgroup as part of the SSIP is moving forward with the MEISR Pilot Project. There are 2 systems per region across the state totaling 80 participants in the pilot. There will be an in-person training led by Naomi Younggren, co-author of the MEISR, on Friday, February 10 in Richmond.
 - Pre and post surveys will be used to help answers questions related to this assessment tool along with use of the MEISR during assessments that occur over the 6 months of the pilot.

- **Creating Connections to Shining Stars Conference**
 - July 19-21 Hotel Roanoke
 - Registration will open on March 1
 - Email blast coming out soon with detailed information re: keynote, hotel costs, etc.
 - Call for proposals are due by Feb. 1. ITC members brainstormed ideas for EI topics and presenters:
 - Stacie – new waiver information and how it impacts our families
 - Patty – like to facilitate another discussion about coaching with child care providers;
Christy John – Infant Toddler Specialist Network; increasing parent engagement and advocacy; Patty going to reach out to DEC CAN Coordinator as well to see about a parent (Erin) who would be a welcome perspective to hear from at CCSS.
 - Beth – Documentation focused presentation to assist with what is good documentation. Part C staff members would like to partner with a local system

- Pam - Karen Mead in FFX is leading a project in Fairfax to put a system in place ensuring children who are only receiving service coordination and how service coordinators are monitoring individual children's' ongoing development. Pam going to follow-up with Karen. Pam also mentioned to Beth about the module they use with new providers with regard to documentation and that possibly, this might be helpful to present.
- Also discussed trying to reach out to EI PTs for possible session submissions. Beth will follow up. Patty is going to reach out to Pretee Singh, PT.
- **Coaching Facilitation Guide new cadre**-Dana facilitates this activity. The 2nd cohort began in December with 6 local systems, 9 coaching leaders. Participants have a mix of plans for using the guide – from building basic understanding with staff that aren't yet using coaching to deepening coaching skills in experienced staff. Most of this cohort is focusing on service coordinators.
- **New Face of CoPA Informational Meeting**
 - Been lots of communication recently of where do we want to go from here with CoPA.
 - Survey was sent out to all certified EI providers in hopes of gaining information related to what folks are looking for from this group. Survey group is working diligently to pull the focus together:
 - Kickoff informational meeting by phone on Feb. 27 from 2:00-3:00 – save the date. Looking to share focus of CoPA for the coming year and re-energize folks around the topic of Autism.
 - Working to develop a pre-conference presentation for CCSS

4. Wrap-Up-ITC members were encouraged to consider ways to make quarterly ITC meetings interactive with this being an opportunity for others around the state to connect with ideas and share successes/challenges related to professional development in their systems.

Next Meeting: Apr. 17, 10:30-12:00 (connection info below)

ITC Quarterly Meeting

Mon, Apr 17, 2017 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM EDT

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/410769981>

Join the conference call:

Dial in: 866-842-5779

Code: 287-353-3701#