

Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2021

10:30 a.m. -12:00 pm EST

Details

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/473252863>

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Minutes

1. Welcome/Introductions & Celebrations/Announcements

- Congratulations to Cori Hill on your 19 year work anniversary with VCU.
- Patty had a very successful ASQ presentation with 553 participants and good feedback.

2. State and National Activities

a. Part C Update

- Will be receiving 2 ½ million dollar additional funding from the American Rescue Act. It should be available July 1. More information to come as they receive it.
- New website as of last Friday. The new website uses the SquareSpace platform. <https://eivirginia.squarespace.com/>
- Making progress toward the new data system. Hopefully, they will be able to announce a new vendor in the next few months.
- In the last 7 years, they have been working on the SSIP plan. That is coming to an end and they are working on generating input for the next quality improvement plan. The listening sessions for providers and local system managers start this Friday.

b. VA DEC

- No new updates

c. Conferences

- [DEC](#) Conference is open for registration. Proposal acceptance will be announced at the end of May.
- Creating Connections to Shining Stars (Virtual) - One day event held on July 15, 2021. Registration will open in early May. Robin McWilliam will be the Keynote speaker. There will be two one hour sessions that are EI related and two one hour sessions early special education related. The two EI sessions will be on Implicit Bias and the pandemic. The cost is \$25. It will be first come first serve and limited to 300 participants.
- [World Association of Infant Mental Health](#) - June 22-June 26, 2021- Lisa will be presenting with a colleague from California virtually on Supporting Foster Parents.

3. Work Plan Highlights

- #### a. Highlight [workplan](#) activities

Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHOs) - both limited to 30 participants

- Leadership ECHO - begins in May
- Social Emotional ECHO - begins in June

b. Short Courses - Evidence to support short courses. Our team is responding to the evidence to offer more short courses to stay up to date with the latest research.

- Growing Brain for New Early Interventionists - Registration filled in 2 hours with 20 people. There are 17 on the waiting list. Lisa will be offering an experienced Growing Brain course in the fall.
- New Provider Short Course - Developing a 6 session short course for new practitioners (12 hours toward recertification). The first three sessions are concept sessions and the last three sessions are application sessions. Hoping to launch by the fall.

c. Leadership Book Study (Dare to Lead - Brene Brown) - Beginning in June and sessions are every three weeks. Telisha Woodfin (Part C TA Consultant) will be co-leading the book study. This is designed for people who are actively leading or supervising others.

d. Fidelity Observers Video Chat - Host a prerecorded video chat with fidelity observers around the state. There are two people on the panel. If anyone knows of any other fidelity observers who may be interested, please email [Dana Childress](#).

e. Coaching Implementation Support Group (5th Cohort)

- 21 registered, but a few are from the same program and will be working together. It starts this Friday and runs through September meeting one time per month.

4. **Members Ideas and Input**

a. Talks on Tuesday May and June will focus on Tele-intervention. Part I will focus on data from a research study. Part II will invite a panel style interview.

b. Talks on Tuesday Planning Workgroup - We are planning for next year's ToT's topics. We would like to invite participants to join a short workgroup to brainstorm relevant topics that would be helpful to staff.

- Interested in joining work group? Email [Dana Childress](#).
- Committed - Cynthia Core, Ana Brecht, Patty Eitemiller
- Geri Stevens will ask people she works with and see what their interests may be.
- Ideas - Ana Brecht recommended Hearing impairments to the types of amplifications

c. September/October Talks on Tuesday - Pregnancy and Infant Mental Health (Attachment). Telisha will be presenting. She is also a postpartum doula. We talked about the birth history and how that impacts parents, attachment, and how becoming a mother can trigger trauma. She would like to know if you have any particular questions you would like to be addressed.

- PTSD from the NICU
- Ana Brecht and Erin Austin - Both have personal experiences with trauma and willing to provide feedback
- How EI providers can support parent/caregivers after a NICU stay

d. Elevator Speech - Similar formatting to the [Teleflections](#) videos. Quick video on how you explain a topic. If you are interested in filming as a guest speaker or have a colleague in mind,

please email [Lisa](#) or [Cori](#).

- Cynthia Core - Interested in bilingualism
- Geri Stevens - Explaining OT
- Virginia Chu - Student part

5. **Resource Sharing**

- a. [Transition Learning Path](#) - Learning Paths are small collections of curated activities that focus on an early intervention topic. The newest Learning Path focuses on Transition.

Next Meeting: July 26th from 10:30 am-12:00 pm