

**SICC General Meeting
February 7, 2019
1:00pm - 3:30pm
Minutes**

- Attendance:** Valerie Ashton-Thomas, Anna Benshoff, Mike Berman, Cynthia Bouchard, Pamela Bush-Jones, Roikensha Craig, Marcella Franczkowski, Jennifer Harwood, Curtisha Hopkins, Brenda Hussey-Gardner, Mary LaCasse, Cecilia Leger, Cyndi Lessner, Michelle McCoy, Sarah Nadiv, FloJean Speck, David Starr, Christy Tirrell-Corbin, and Anna Marie Wilms Float
- Excused:** Elizabeth Hall, Mary Leppert, Rachel London, Elizabeth Snyder, and Peaches Wilson
- Guests:** Patti Adkins, Cynthia Brummell, Mary Manning-Falzarano, Tara Finkle, Mai Hall, Lisa Jarboe, Patty Muldowney, Windy Phillips, Terri Ridenour, Rene Averitt-Sansone, Erin Simmons, Michelle Steelman, Tatiana Owens, and Allison West
- Staff:** Janette Guerra, Marsye Kaplan, and Pam Miller

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- I. Welcome, Remarks & Introductions: Brenda Hussey-Gardner**
Meeting called to order at 1:10 p.m.
- II. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: Brenda Hussey-Gardner**
Corrections: Anna Marie Wilms Float spelling; add last sentence to Section V: DEC Updates, B: "There will be an opportunity to apply for a 3-year grant to implement after this first year."
Motion to approve as corrected. Group voted on and approved. Any future corrections can be sent to Brenda Hussey-Gardner.
- III. Announcements & Public Comment: Evaluation Project, Mary LaCasse**
Mary and Allison West shared information and distributed a flyer about the MIECHV evaluation team putting together an advisory group to address the need for support in working with parents who have intellectual disabilities. The group will: 1) Develop a conceptual model, 2) understand current practices for recruitment, 3) identify screening tools. Anna Marie offered to connect them to a Kennedy Krieger provider who might be interested.
- IV. SICC Report: Brenda Hussey-Gardner**
- A. Membership**
- **New Member Introduction** – Michele McCoy
 - **Spotlight: Pamela Bush-Jones**
Pamela shared her "All About Me" story, including her favorites, a lifelong journey of experiences, picture of her family, extensions of

her life (faith, family, friends), core values (integrity, honesty, loyalty, service), and motto: “Be a coffee bean” – it’s the only thing that changes its environment vs the environment changing it.

B. Legislative Updates & Session Action Steps: Brenda Hussey-Gardner

Rachel was in Annapolis for the legislative session so Brenda presented three action step recommendations for the SICC:

1. Write a letter to 2 House & Senate Budget Committees supporting the MITP budget to educate and share information on fiscal impact;
2. Provide verbal testimony during House and Senate Budget Hearings, suggested the SICC Executive Director, an LITP Director, a parent;
3. Grant the SICC Executive/Legislative Committee approval to act on behalf of the SICC on legislative issues that would benefit (or harm) young children with disabilities and their families.

All recommendations were voted on and approved.

C. ECMH Task Force: Sarah Nadiv

Panel presentation at May 2 Joint SICC/LICC meeting to address “Silos”; panelists to talk about the work they’re doing around ECMH. The group brainstormed ideas for possible panel members.

D. Annual Part C Federal Application

Due May 3, 2019. Posting will be on or about March 3rd to give 30 days public comment. SICC members will receive a link to a survey.

E. Focus Item Updates: Brenda Hussey-Gardner

Brenda offered the following suggestions, all of which were voted on and approved:

1. MA Billing for Primary Service Provider Model

- a. Post information on the Primary Service Provider Model on the SICC website, including the flyer for the 4 nation-wide webinars;
- b. Request the MITP give an overview of the PSP – what it is, how MD B-5 envisions implementation, # of families a team can serve, and include perspective of a (MD) family.
- c. Determine the states that best match MD w/billing and request a presentation of how the state has implemented PSP.

2. Impact of Technology & Social Media on Infants & Toddlers

Continue to post new information on the website; added a new Natural Resources link to the Young Child in the Digital Age: A Parent’s Guide. Dr. Wilms Float will write an article for distribution to families.

V. Division of Early Childhood Updates: Cyndi Lessner

1. Received \$10.6M for the PDG B-5 grant; states had to submit revised budgets due to so many grant awards – the MSDE DEC budget will be posted on the website. The first year is to complete needs assessment activities that will lead to developing a plan. Focus groups in communities will be part of the 3-year plan. Town Hall Meetings will begin 3/26 and the DEC is working with Ready At 5 to coordinate these. Also, local ECACs can apply for up to \$25K through this grant.

2. New Family Engagement Center with Mid-Atlantic includes an EC Family Engagement framework and a K-2nd grade framework. They want to have a B-21 framework but want to make sure it is equitable. The Family Engagement Summit is Aug. 8th, Rose Marie Allen is the Keynote Speaker at the Maritime Conference Center.

3. Working on a Gap Analysis of supports for social emotional and trauma-informed care. The report and recommendations should be out by the end of March and will be presented to the State ECAC for approval then disbursement.

VI. Strategic Implementation: Marcella Franczkowski, Assistant State Superintendent, MSDE, Division of Early Intervention/Special Education Services (DEI/SES)

Marcella Franczkowski presented updates on the status of implementation of the DEI/SES Strategic Plan, with a focus on early childhood intervention and education.

VII. Additional DEI/SES Early Childhood Updates, as necessary: Janette Guerra & Pam Miller

VIII. Wrap-Up & Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Executive Meetings (1:00-2:00, Call)

March 7, 2019

April 4, 2019

General Meetings (1:00-3:30 JHU/CTE)

February 7, 2019

June 6, 2019

Joint Meeting (10:00-2:00, JHU/CTE)

May 2, 2019