

**SICC General Meeting  
October 4, 2018  
1:00pm - 3:30pm  
Minutes**

- Attendance:** Valerie Ashton-Thomas, Anna Benshoof, Mike Berman, Cynthia Bouchard, Marcella Franczkowski (Janette Guerra), Elizabeth Hall, Jennifer Harwood, Curtisha Hopkins, Brenda Hussey-Gardner, Cecilia Leger, Cyndi Lessner (Tresa Hanna), Rachel London, FloJean Speck, Christy Tirrell-Corbin, and Peaches Wilson.
- Excused:** Roikensha Craig, Mary LaCasse, Mary Leppert, Sarah Nadiv, Natalie Nelson, and Elizabeth Snyder.
- Guests:** Rene Averitt-Sansone, Wes Campbell, Tara Holloway, Lisa Jarboe, Rachel London, Michelle McCoy, Patricia Muldowney, Erin Simmons, Gretchen Super, Nancy Vorobey, and Jennifer Willis
- Staff:** Janette Guerra, Marsye Kaplan, Pam Miller, and Brian Morrison

- I. Welcome, Remarks & Introductions: Brenda Hussey-Gardner**  
Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m. Brenda asked for feedback on the room arrangement and all comments prefer tables set up in a circle.
- II. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: Brenda Hussey-Gardner**  
Correction to the time ending in IV – should be 3:30 not 3:00. Motion to approve as corrected. Group voted on and approved as corrected. Any future corrections can be sent to Brenda Hussey-Gardner.
- III. Announcements & Public Comment**  
None emailed in advance.
- IV. SICC Report: Brenda Hussey-Gardner**
- A. General Updates (Brenda):  
Brenda thanked Nancy Vorobey and Brian Morrison for their years of service to Maryland children and families and the SICC. Nancy retired from the State July 1<sup>st</sup>, and Brian has moved in to a new position at the MSDE.
- B. New Nominations (Brenda):  
Reviewed current membership. There are two parent vacancies. Please let Brenda know of any parents who might be interested. Elizabeth Hall from MD Office of Disabilities joins the committee. Four new nominations: Anna Benshoof (Parent), Jennifer Harwood (Provider), Christy Tirrell-Corbin

(Personnel Prep), and Peaches Wilson (State Partner DHS/SSA). The By-Laws in the packets include the duties of the Chair and Co-Chair. Please don't be intimidated by responsibilities and let Brenda know if interested in the Co-Chair position.

C. Legislative Updates (Rachel London):

Session begins January 2019. The Kirwan Commission will finalize policy recommendations by the end of the calendar year. There were 4 workgroups, one of which was Early Childhood. Early Childhood Workgroup is recommending universal Pre-K (advocating that no PreK can discriminate against children with disabilities), funding for MITP to be increased, increasing per pupil amount with weights for specific subgroups (PreK, English Language Learners, poverty, disabilities), and important that local funding remain constant.

D. ECMH Task Force Updates (Sarah Nativ):

Sarah was at the Zero To Three conference and unable to attend the SICC meeting. Brenda is talking with Cyndi Lessner and Sarah to sponsor a panel for SICC, SECAC, LECAC to talk about what everyone is doing to address ECMH and then workgroups to action-plan together. Tresa thinks it's a great idea to approach the work. Group suggested bringing in pediatrics, and home visiting programs. Brenda will recommend to Sarah to work with Cyndi to move forward. Email Sarah at [snativ@wested.org](mailto:snativ@wested.org) if interested in joining the task force.

E. SY '18-'19 Meeting Dates and Planning (Brenda):

1. Reviewed the dates of General and Executive Meetings for the year. If anyone is interested in joining the Executive Committee, please contact Brenda. Proposed moving the Joint Meeting to April to do presentation. Comment from the group pointed out that it's the last week of the legislative session. After discussion and voting on options, group decided to change the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to the Executive Meeting, May 2<sup>nd</sup> becomes the Joint SICC/LICC Meeting, and June 6<sup>th</sup> becomes a General Meeting.
2. SICC Meeting Topics – Group split into smaller groups to identify 3 topics/presentations (1 for each of the 3 general meetings). Suggestions from small groups:
  - a. Kirwan Commission Report
  - b. Topics should drive purpose of SICC to advise and make recommendations to the MITP
  - c. Division of Early Childhood (DEC) to present on Preschool Development Grant
  - d. Knowing more about what members of SICC do to better collaborate
  - e. MD Insurance issues (MA billing aligned to recommended practices)

- f. Increased need for social emotional support
- g. National lens on different approaches to support interventions for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- h. Impact of technology and social media
- i. Autism Spectrum Disorders– how other agencies are approaching
- j. Increased training for other people in school systems (i.e. bus drivers and attendants – transportation is a major issue and personnel aren't educated in special education)

**V. Division of Early Childhood Updates: Tresa Hanna**

- A. Survey for the Preschool Development Grants B-5 is the needs assessment to develop the strategic plan.
- B. Legislation in July increased money for child care scholarships; vouchers are worth more.
- C. MD Excels celebrate its 5<sup>th</sup> birthday with activities around the state.
- D. Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation standards are being reviewed and updated in accordance with national standards through the technical assistance from the Center for Excellence.

**VI. State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) - Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program: Lisa Jarboe, Program Director and Gretchen Super, System Coach**

Lisa and Gretchen shared the timeline and implementation activities, including an evidence-based practices roadmap activity with staff.

**VII. Early Childhood Local Implementation for Results - Washington County Birth to Kindergarten Program: Mariam Robins, Coordinator of Special Education, Stacy Henson, Early Learning Coordinator, & Andrea Semler, Birth – K Specialist**

Team from Washington County shared a PowerPoint presentation (included in packets). Emphasized:

- A. Partnership with Early Learning
- B. Everyone (Part B & C) split funded
- C. County always waived financial requirement for children on IEPs in PreK
- D. Transition to Kindergarten

**VIII. Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services - Birth to Kindergarten Updates: Pam Miller & Janette Guerra**

- A. SSIP work continues. Currently in a “SEFEL/Pyramid Model” TAP-IT cycle. Receiving National TA from the National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations. Quarterly Reflective Coaching Session on August 8<sup>th</sup> celebrated the progress of the coaching cohort over the last three years. Dathan & M’Lisa joined virtually and shared words of wisdom.
- B. New IFSP began October 1<sup>st</sup>, working through some glitches but mostly positive comments from users. Workgroup to form in the spring to look at preschool component of IEP to align to evidence-based practices similarly.
- C. National webinar series to begin October 16, looking at inter-professional practices in Early Intervention. Flyers shared and invitations sent out widespread.
- D. Early Childhood Professional Learning Opportunities (PLOs) are scheduled for December. This year focusing on fidelity of implementation.
- E. Partnering with Parents Place of MD to develop “Baby Leaders” curriculum aligned to “From Roots to Results”.

**IX. Revised Maryland Online IFSP LIVE (Cecilia Leger): Launched 10/1/18**

**X. Adjournment (3:31)**

*UPCOMING MEETINGS:*

Executive Meetings (1:00-2:00, Call)  
November 1, 2018  
January 3, 2019  
March 7, 2019  
April 4, 2019

General Meetings (1:00-3:30, JHU/CTE)  
December 6, 2018  
February 7, 2019  
June 6, 2019

Joint Meeting (10:00-2:00, TBD)  
May 2, 2019

Webex Link: <https://goo.gl/VUuBgE>  
Meeting password: SICCEXEC  
Meeting number: 318 018 279

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