

Maryland SICC

STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Maryland State Department of Education
Division of Early Intervention & Special Education Services
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Mai Hall, CoChair

SICC General Meeting—Virtual
April 8, 2021
1:00-3:30pm
Minutes

Members: Anna Benshoof, Cynthia Bouchard, Pamela Bush-Jones, Eric Ebersole (pending), Marcella Franczkowski (proxy Brian Morrison), Elizabeth Hall, Mai Hall, Mary Jo Harris, Brenda Hussey-Gardner, Mary LaCasse, Cecilia Leger, Cynthia Lessner, Michelle McCoy, Kristin Murphy (pending), Jennifer Riccardi, David Rose (pending), FloJean Speck, Christy Tirrell-Corbin, Anna Maria Wilms Floet

Guests: Alicia Abresch, Aliya Brodsky, Margo Candelaria, Debbie Crosby, Nickie Gardner, Tresa Hanna, Mary Jo Harris, Kristen Paul, Swathi Raman, Ken Tellerman

Staff: Shelley Downs, Maryse Kaplan, Sharice Lane

- I. Welcome, Remarks & Introductions: Brenda Hussey-Gardner
 - This is the first meeting attendees will register prior to attending the meeting. Brenda welcomed all attendees at the beginning of today's meeting. She formally introduced SICC co-chair, Mai Hall and Sharice Lane, of MSDE Division of Early Intervention/Special Education Services who will share Birth-K updates in quarterly meetings.
- II. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: Brenda Hussey-Gardner
 - The February 2021 General SICC meeting minutes were accepted as presented.
- III. Announcements & Public Comment: If you would like to speak, please notify Brenda Hussey-Gardner via email at bhussey@som.umaryland.edu
 - Brenda announced the departure of Janette Guerra, who served as the Section Chief to the Early Childhood Intervention team MSDE's Division of Early Intervention/Special Education Services.
- IV. SICC Report
 - A. Legislative Update: Rachel London
 - Rachel provided an update on the State legislative session which ends on Monday, April 12, 2021. She reported that the budget was passed. She also highlighted various legislation that passed that affected Maryland Infants and Toddlers program, preschool special education programs across the State, early childhood mental health, and other policies that affect children with disabilities. Rachel stated her organization will release a legislative summary report on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.
 - Brenda wrote and submitted a letter to the State legislature attesting to MITP's effect across the State of Maryland.

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- B. SICC Initiatives
1. PIE Update: Brenda Hussey-Gardner
 - Brenda reported an update from the March 4th PIE Focus Group which was composed of 7 early intervention professionals and 7 pediatricians. The group discussed evidence-based practices in early intervention, documentation of this work in the Maryland Online IFSP database, and how to incorporate pediatrician feedback. The group developed recommendations of next steps to move the work further which include EI providers presenting to medical Grand Rounds and pediatricians attending IFSP meetings with parental consent, for example. SICC will also work with MSDE to move forward with MDAAP funding to enhance communication between MITP and pediatricians.
 2. Infant Mental Health Task Force Update: Tresa Hanna
Tresa shared an update on the IECMH task force including the team members and its vision. She reported the recommendations based on the gap analysis and strategic plan, which includes a proposed structure on how the work will move forward.
 3. Screen Time Update & Presentation: Anna Maria Wilms Floet & Swathi Raman
Presentation is available on the SICC website.
If interested for more information please contact Anna Maria Wilms Floet at wilmsfloet@kennedykrieger.org.
- C. Planning of June Joint Meeting: COVID—Where Have We Been, Where Are We Now, How Do We Move Forward as Families, Providers & State Agencies?
1. The executive meeting in May 2021 will plan how the details of the joint SICC/LICC meeting.
- V. Division of Early Childhood Updates: Tresa Hanna
- A. The PreKindergarten Expansion Grant application is available on the website
 - B. The Division has plans to expand the Judy Centers
 - C. There are also plans to expand the Family Support Center
 - D. Office of Child Care issuing child care relief grants
- VI. Treehouse: Developmental Coaching via Telehealth in Pediatrics: Ken Tellerman & Anna Maria Wilms Floet
- A. Presentation is available on the SICC website.
 - B. If interested for more information please contact Ken Tellerman at ktpedmd@aol.com; Anna Maria Wilm Floet at wilmsfloet@kennedykrieger.org; and Margo Candaleria at mcandaleria@ssw.umaryland.edu.
- VII. Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services (DEI/SES) Early Childhood Updates: Sharice Lane (3:00-3:30)
- A. The DEI/SES submitted the Evaluation Report for the SSIP Phase III, Year 5 (2020)
 1. Significant progress towards the SIMR

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- B. Part C Compensatory Education/Recovery Services
 - 1. System and Individual Planning tools
 - C. MITP and IECMHC Connections
 - 1. Due to the pandemic and lack of access to licensed childcare centers, there are grant funds available to fund a collaboration providing children participating in local Infants and Toddlers Programs access to their services.
 - D. DEI/SES has chosen to postpone the release of the revised preschool component of the IEP (PLAAFP)
- VIII. Wrap-Up & Adjournment
- A. Shared updated SICC upcoming meeting dates for SY2021-2022
 - B. Brenda introduced amending the bylaws to reflect how members can attend SICC meetings
 - 1. Should the SICC be offered hybrid? Virtual? In-person?
 - 2. Brenda will formally put forward a motion to formally vote during the joint SICC/LICC meeting.
 - C. Meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.

SICC UPCOMING MEETINGS

General Meetings (1:00-3:30pm)

October 7, 2021
December 2, 2021 (SPP/APR Data)
February 3, 2022
April 7, 2022

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

May 6, 2021
September 2, 2021
November 4, 2021
January 6, 2022
March 3, 2022
May 5, 2022

Joint Meeting (10:00am-2:00pm)

June 3, 2021
June 2, 2022