

**SICC General Meeting—Virtual
December 3, 2020
1:00-3:00pm
Minutes**

Members: Anna Benshoof, Pamela Bush-Jones, Debby Crosby, Eric Ebersole, Janette Guerra (Marcella Franczkowski), Mai Hall, Jennifer Harwood, Brenda Hussey-Gardner, Cecilia Leger, Cynthia Lessner, Rachel London, Michelle McCoy, FloJean Speck, Christy Tirrell-Corbin, Anna Maria Wilms Floet

Guests: Cynthia Bouchard, Margo Candelaria, Bess Cropper, Tara Finkle, Robyn Graham, Cheryl Hamlin, Felicia Jones, Katherine Klein, Mary Manning Falzarano, Tatiana Owens, Terri Ridenour, David Rose, Erin Simmons, Michelle Steelman,

Staff: Shelley Downs, Maryse Kaplan, Sharice Lane

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- I. Welcome, Remarks & Introductions: Brenda Hussey-Gardner (1:00-1:05)
Announced to sign-in on Smartsheet link presented in the chat
Each member introduced themselves
Peaches Wilson has left; replaced in the meantime by Dr. Rose
- II. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: Brenda Hussey-Gardner (1:05-1:10)
Meeting minutes from October 8, 2020 were approved as presented.
- III. Announcements & Public Comment: If you have an announcement or public comment, please notify Brenda Hussey-Gardner via email at bhussey@som.umaryland.edu (1:10-1:15)
Additional AAP Resources were recently released:
- [AAP Issues Guidance on Supporting Children's Emotional and Behavioral Health](#)
 - [Interim Guidance on Supporting the Emotional and Behavioral Needs of Children, Adolescents, and Families During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- IV. SICC Report (1:15-1:45)
- A. Membership Update: Brenda Hussey-Gardner
1. Three prospective members
 - a) Mary Jo Harris: State Medicaid program, replacing Mike Berman
 - b) David Rose: State child welfare agency, replacing Peaches Wilson
 - c) Eric Ebersole: State Legislature, replacing Guy Guzzone
- Chair of newly-created Early Childhood Committee
 - d) Vacancy-Parent
-Brenda invited fathers to be represented on the council
 2. Prospective members were approved by members of the SICC. Names will be moved to the Governor's office.

- B. State ECAC Update: Mai Hall
 - 1. Mai provided an update of the number of child care centers that are permanently closed around the state (1%) and how that mostly affects family child care centers. She also provided a brief overview of the Building Better Beginnings Pritzker Children’s Initiative. And finally, Mai informed the group of the new local ECEC virtual meetings. She reported a full webinar will be made available online of the State ECEC meetings.

- C. SICC Initiatives
 - 1. CRISP Update: Brenda Hussey-Gardner
 - a) Brenda provided an update on CRISP to the meeting. She reported the spot checks she completed was correct. The CRISP team are reevaluating how they can present CARE Alerts for each stakeholder in the process. And finally, the team is beginning the second phase which may include sending a list of patients who are likely to be eligible for MITP to a provider. This could be helpful in monitoring families who may be eligible and receive services in the program.

 - 2. Enhancing LITP & Pediatrician Communication Update: Brenda Hussey-Gardner
 - a) Brenda explained that Pediatrician, Interventionists, and Special Educators (PIE) share a piece of the “pie” in supporting young children with developmental delays and their families. She shared the mission, the meeting frequency (1st Thursdays of the month), and development of nine goals.

 - 3. Screen Time Project Update: Anna Maria Wilms Floet
 - a) Anna Maria provided an update on the Screen Time Project. She is working alongside a second-year pediatric resident. They are conducting a literature review with plans to develop an infographic. She asked SICC attendees to send data/resources to support their work.

 - 4. Infant Mental Health Task Force Update: Cyndi Lessner
 - a) Based on group feedback, will plan to reconvene to discuss new concerns, data, initiatives, and projects

- V. Division of Early Childhood Updates: Cyndi Lessner (1:45-2:00)
 - A. Build a Plan Recovery Guide
 - 1. Cyndi reported the update on the guide as she provided a walk through on the website. The team is working to develop an interactive guide. They will include recommendations and regulations within the guide for programs’ daily routines. Phase Two of the guide will look to support Head Start and Judy Center programs.

- VI. Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Services Survey: Margo Candelaria (2:00-2:15)
 - A. Margo provided history of relationship with IECMH with MSDE DEC and DEI/SES, especially Part C Services (MITP). The IECMH survey is an attempt to get a statewide picture

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of related activities including screening practices, timelines for addressing social-emotional concerns, building staff capacity, and referral practices. The survey was sent to all MITP directors on Wednesday, December 12, 2020.

- VII. Pritzker Award: Felicia Jones, PN3 Project Director (2:15-2:45)
- A. Felicia Jones provided an overview of [Building Better Beginnings](#) which was launched in November 2020. The goal is for the programs serve at least 1 million low-income infants, toddlers, and their families by 2023. This an interagency project including MSDE, MDH, and local agencies. The grant is for 3 years, but allowed 5 years to attain its goal. Major policies will be developed to advance equity and remove barriers. There are four key goals to address these policies.
- VIII. Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services (DEI/SES) Early Childhood Updates: Janette Guerra (2:45-3:00)
- A. Janette provided an update on the MITP public awareness campaign which includes public service announcements running on Maryland Public Television and social media bursts to inform the public the State's Infants and Toddlers programs are open for referrals and service provision.
- B. SAFER/SATIRE authentic assessment webinar will be uploaded onto Maryland Learning Links for use across the state.
- C. The MSDE ECI team will present the Inclusive Opportunities Data Landscape Webinar on Wednesday, December 12, 2020 at 10:00am for local school systems and public agencies across the state. The target audience are ITP directions, PSE coordinators, and general education early learning supervisors.
- D. MSDE will continue to receive NCPMI TA – as part of the training of trainers.
- E. MSDE is preparing for the new application of PDG B-5 Grants for the upcoming calendar year for the four jurisdictions.
- F. MSDE is preparing SPP/APR data which will be shared to the SICC in January.
- G. The team will continue with ongoing technical assistance and professional learning opportunities.
- IX. Wrap-Up & Adjournment (3:00)
Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm. Have a wonderful & safe holiday season!

SICC UPCOMING MEETINGS

General Meetings (1:00-3:30pm)
February 4, 2021
April 8, 2021

Executive Meetings (1:00-2:00pm, Call)
January 7, 2021
March 4, 2021
May 6, 2021

Joint Meeting (10:00am-2:00pm)
June 3, 2021