
**SICC General Meeting—Virtual
February 4, 2021
1:00-3:30pm
Minutes**

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

Guests: Jennifer Ayers, Wendy Baber, Debbie Crosby Cheryl Hamlin, Lisa Jarboe, Katie Kline, Rachel London, Patricia Muldowney, Sheila Myers, Tatiana Owens, Erin Poffenberger, Melissa Romano, Gloria Valentine, Jennifer Willis

Staff: Shelley Downs, Maryse Kaplan, Sharice Lane

- I. Welcome, Remarks & Introductions: Brenda Hussey-Gardner (1:00-1:05)
Brenda welcomed all participants to start the meeting at 1:05pm. Janette shared a link with for all to input their attendance to this meeting. Cecilia announced beginning the next general meeting that each participate will log into a registration page, to capture their attendance and membership status, before logging into the meeting.
- II. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: Brenda Hussey-Gardner (1:05-1:10)
The December 2020 general meeting minutes were approved as presented. Please contact Brenda if any corrections should be made to the document.
- 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)
There were no announcement or public comments at this time.
- IV. SICC Report (1:15-1:45)
 - A. Membership Update: Brenda Hussey-Gardner
Pending members should expect notification from their local county government to be officially sworn in by the court. Individuals are expected to arrive to be sworn in order to officially join the council. SICC continues to have a vacancy, in which a father of a young child (<12 years of age) would be the preference.
 - B. Legislative Update: Rachel London
Rachel introduced herself and the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council. She highlighted relevant bills from Governor Hogan's proposed 2022 budget. Specifically, she highlighted the Education budget which impacts children and youth with disabilities and early childhood. Rachel reported there are many bills currently proposed.

1. Rep. Ebersole stated he is working on a bill to look at mental health consultants
 2. Rachel further explained in the past SICC offers legislative testimony. At this time, she recommends the SICC provide a written testimony. Brenda called for a motion, which was approved, for SICC to contribute a written legislative testimony.
- C. State ECAC Update: Mai Hall
1. Mai shared statistics about PreK enrollment (decreased 27%) and kindergarten enrollment (decreased 10%) across the state. She also reported the status of childcare centers, its staff, and operating capacity.
 2. Mai reported childcare workers, along with teachers have been prioritized to be vaccinated; however, the demand is outpacing the supply.
 3. She discussed MSDE DEC's five-year strategic plan. Then she asked the participants to complete a survey for work being completed for the Learn the Signs Act Early (LTSAE) initiative.
 4. Mai announced a webinar on February 25th at 2pm titled, How To make an Early Intervention Referral
 5. She briefly discussed the language-focused toolkit being created by WIDE and other states named, "Look What I Can Do!"
- D. SICC Initiatives
1. CRISP Update: Brenda Hussey-Gardner
The initiative is currently in phase II. MDAAP is sending a survey of interest for a list. This will be helpful for quality improvement, intervention, or population follow-up.
 2. PIE Update: Brenda Hussey-Gardner
Brenda reviewed the nine goals for PIE. The group is currently focused on the first goal. They want to explore the potential use of the MOIFSP for sharing information with pediatricians. Three pediatricians will join the PIE meeting in March of 2021.
 3. Infant Mental Health Task Force Update: Cyndi Lessner
The task force has decided to support the already established MCCMH steering committee. They reviewed the vision statement and drafted goals based on the committee's work. Plan to revisit the IECMH Gap Analysis and Strategic Plan to identify state-level advisory groups and develop a comprehensive statewide framework.
 - She also described the Family Engagement Center Grant through MAEC. This will be guided by the Maryland Family Advisory Council and has three priority areas.
- V. Division of Early Childhood Updates: Cyndi Lessner (1:45-2:00)
- A. Cyndi provided an update on the toolkit to help providers, implement health and safety guides, especially as it changes frequently. They are currently preparing for a re-launch. At this time, providers can complete the toolkit in one setting.
 - B. The division is adopting an ECE technology plan/engagement coalition
 1. The ECAC adopted recommendations to move forward
 - C. PDG Updates

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1. The Equity/TOTE program is currently developing cohorts. The interview process is beginning. The first year will be designated for training; the second year will be designated for coaching.
 2. Beginning in March, the LECAC/Strategic Planning will begin training for technical assistance on their best practices. Rachel Demma will discuss the strategic plan to these groups. She may possibly present to SICC once the strategic plan is fully released.
- VI. State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Jurisdiction Updates (2:00-3:00)
- A. Frederick County: Lisa Jarboe
 - B. Montgomery County: Mary Manning-Falzarano
 - C. Cecil County: Jennifer Ayers-Cecil
 - D. Howard County: Jen Harwood
 1. Each local Infants and Toddlers Program (LITP) presented about their participation in the Part C SSIP across the past four years.
- VII. Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services (DEI/SES) Early Childhood Updates: Janette Guerra (3:00-3:30)
- A. No updates were provided at this meeting.
- VIII. Wrap-Up & Adjournment (3:30)

SICC UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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

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