

Maryland SICC

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SICC General Meeting

Johns Hopkins University/Center for Technology in Education
6740 Alexander Bell Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

Thursday, October 3, 2013 — 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Minutes

Attendance: Brenda Hussey-Gardner, Debbie Badawi, George Failla, Curtisha Hopkins, Karen Larenas, Rachel London, Amy Nicholas and Erin Stauder

Excused: Mike Berman, Guy Guzzone, Miji Kim, Mary Leppert, Laura Barbee-Matthews, Monica Oritz, Liz Kelley, and Linda Ramsey

Guests: Karen Mull, Sandy Newcomb, Debbie Crosby, Ed Feinberg, Alyson Felder, Kathleen Simone, Monica Grant, Sharon Leyden, Natasha Fields, Charles Baugh, Beth Boyle and Linda Tsantis

Staff: Brian Morrison, Nancy Vorobey, Mauria Uhlik, and Clara Coleman

Dr. Hussey-Gardner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. Welcome Remarks and Introductions

None

II. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes are not available. The Committee voted to approve the previous meetings PowerPoint presentation as substitute notes.

III. Announcements & Public Comment:

There were no announcements or public comment.

IV: SICC Report

A. Chairperson's Report: (Brenda Hussey-Gardner)

1. Meetings and Location (JHU/CTE)

a) General Meetings

- December 5, 2013
- February 6, 2014
- April 3, 2014

b) Joint SICC/LICC Meeting Date:

- June 5, 2014, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (TBD)

c) **SICC Executive Meeting Dates/Location (MSDE)**

- November 14, 2013 1-3 p.m.
- January 16, 2014, 1-3 p.m.
- March 6, 2014, 1-3 p.m.
- May 1, 2014, 1-3 p.m.

2. Future Presentation Topics

- a) Dr. Monica Grant discussed cortical visual impairment as a topic for a future presentation to the SICC. The presentation would be given by Dr. Sandy Newcomb and or Jeanine Hoffman and focus on awareness and advocacy for children with CVI.
- b) Hearing Aid Loan Bank (HALB)
Brian Morrison expressed some concern over the state's lack of use of the HALB. The HALB currently has approximately 20 hearing aids on loan to infants and toddlers in Maryland. It was suggested that perhaps the lack of use is related to a lack of awareness of the HALB.
- c) It was decided that both topics would be future presentations for the SICC.

3. SICC Membership and Current Status (Brenda Hussey-Gardner)

A. Co-Chair Nomination

- (a) Parent member Karen Larenas was successfully nominated as the co-chair of the SICC.
- (b) Provider Nominations
- Montgomery County ITP director Natasha Fields was successfully nominated to the SICC to replace Paula Boykin.
 - Karen Mull was successfully nominated to the SICC to replace Linda Ramsey
- (c) Homeless Education Nomination
- John McGinnis was successfully nominated to the SICC replace William Cohee.
- (d) Current Vacancies
- The SICC still has vacancies in the following slots: parents (4) Maryland Insurance Administration (1) and Foster Care (1)

B. **Legislative Update (Rachel London)**

Rachel London mentioned that Guy Guzzone is no longer on the Education committee and therefore will probably not seek reappointment upon completion of his term.

C. **Summary of Joint Meeting Roundtable Discussion (Mary Leppert, Amy Nicholas, Nancy Vorobey)**

Each facilitator for the roundtable discussions provided a summary of their tables discussions. These presentations included the Comprehensive Assessment System (CAS), developmental screening, and the school readiness gap for children with disabilities.

V. ECAC/RTT-ELCG UPDATES: (Roanthi Tsakalas)

In the place of Liz Kelly, who was excused from the meeting, Roanthi Tsakalas provided updates on the race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge Grant (RTT-ELCG). This report included updates on the 939 early learning and development programs are participating in the Maryland EXCELS as of September 13, 2013, representing an increase of 482 programs in the eleven weeks since Maryland’s QRIS became available for statewide participation on July 1, 2013. One hundred programs have their ratings published on the website. Programs receiving care subsidies are receiving targeted outreach by mail to encourage their participation in Maryland EXCELS, which will be required by 2015.

Committee members were directed to the following website for more information:
http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_are/challenge.htm.

VI. MSDE Birth Through Five Updates – (Brian Morrison/Nancy Vorobey)

1. Nancy Vorobey gave mentioned that the new DSE/EIS 5-Year Strategic Plan would be presented at the Professional Learning Institute at the end of October in Ocean City, Maryland.
 - An update was also given on the Embedded Learning Opportunities and Preschool Natural Environment and Least Restrictive Environment Decision Making Module.
- B. Dr. Brian Morrison provided the following updates:
 1. COMAR
 - Revised COMAR regulations went into effect on July 1, 2013; Local programs are required to update policies and procedures by may 15, 2014 to ensure consistency with federal and State regulations.
 2. Statewide Data
 - Local profiles and statewide data packets were distributed on October 1, 2013.
 - Improvement Plans and Corrective Action Plans assigned are due on November 1, 2013.
 3. Division Documents
 - A. The following documents have been updated and uploaded to the MSDE website:
 - (1) The Parent Information Services;
 - (2) Procedural Safeguards Document;
 - (3) Safeguards Companion Document; and
 - (4) Surrogacy Guide.
 - B. The MITP Physician’s Guide is in its final revisions and will be finished after the Professional Learning Institute.
 4. Teleconference

The DSE/EIS will be hosting a teleconference on telemedicine on November 5, 2013 from 2:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. Sharon Ringwalt and Joicey Hurth from the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center will be presenting.

**VII. Scenario Focused ICC meeting – The Arundel County ICC Experience
(Ed Feinberg)**

Dr. Ed Feinberg gave a presentation on a unique Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) meeting that took place in Anne Arundel County. In an effort to help further understand the complexities of their service delivery system, LICC members utilized a case study involving a family with complex needs. Dr. Feinberg reported that the exercise was extremely beneficial for the LICC because not only did each program learn about services that were available in other programs, but also about how much paperwork was involved in enrolling in each program. Dr. Feinberg recommended a more seamless service delivery system that doesn't overwhelm families.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.