

Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council (VICC) Meeting
The Arc of Virginia
December 11, 2019
FINAL Minutes

The December 11, 2019 Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting was called to order by Zipporah Levi-Shackleford. There were nineteen (19) VICC members in attendance. Please see the attendance list following the minutes.

The September 11, 2019 VICC minutes were motioned and approved.

Child Find Trends

Catherine Hancock shared the Birth through Three Child Find Trends, please review the attached handout.

Part C Update-Catherine Hancock

- VICC members have been added to the list of recipients to receive the Action Report that includes any current issues that are being addressed in early intervention.
- We are continuing to meet with DMAS, local system managers and the managed care entities on issues regarding transitioning from early intervention to managed care.
- We are awaiting the Governor's budget announcement. There have been some significant allocations for home visitors and early childhood education that have already been announced.

Infant & Toddler Specialist Network

The Virginia Infant & Toddler Specialist Network promotes excellence in early care centers and family care homes by increasing the knowledge and skills of those who work with infants and toddlers. Highly trained infant and toddler specialists provide on-site consultation and training throughout the state.

Please review the attached Infant & Toddler Specialist Network Power Point presented by Amy Stutt and Janet Yang.

Integrated Training Collaborative-Deana Buck

Please review the attached Integrated Training Collaborative handout presented by Deana Buck.

MCO Workgroup Update, Medallion IV and CCC+ Update-Catherine Hancock, Lynne Wolfe, Jaylene Trueblood, Adrienne Fegans, and Jeannette Abelson

Adrienne Fegans reported that one positive thing that has resulted from this workgroup is a shared understanding among the MCO's, DMAS staff and the local lead agencies about the Early Intervention process. The 40 local lead agencies were sending their individual provider rosters to six different health plans, which was cumbersome. Currently, the local lead agencies are only required to submit one list to DMAS. DMAS's staff will be responsible for comparing and compiling that list and sending one list including all 40 local systems provider roster information to the health plans. Local lead agencies have until January 10, 2020 to submit their initial lists.

Public Comment

The following Public Comment was submitted by Alison Standring.

My name is Alison Standring, I am the Part C System Manager of the Rappahannock Area. I am speaking today on behalf of the twelve Local System Managers who comprise the CoCoA Steering Committee. CoCoA is a local system manager association and the steering committee includes two local system managers from five regions of the state.

The CoCoA Steering Committee will disseminate an advocacy packet of information to system managers to share with families in support of increasing the case management rate of funding for early intervention. We will also share this information with the Arc of Virginia and the agency members of the VICC. We would like to thank DMAS for streamlining the provider roster process that local system managers submit monthly to the CCC+ contacts.

The local systems continue to experience difficulties with billing, reimbursement and contracting with the Medicaid MCO's. We appreciate the formation of the early intervention managed care workgroup, which is addressing ongoing issues and the opportunity to participate actively in the workgroup. Because of continued billing difficulties, system managers would like to explore with DMAS and the MCO's the possibility of carving out early intervention.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide public comment.

State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report and General Assembly Report –Kyla Patterson

Please review the attached State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report and General Assembly Report presented by Kyla Patterson.

AGENCY REPORTS

The Arc of Virginia, New Path Program-Katie Webb

Katie Webb reported that this past November the New Path Program has had over 51 parents and families that contacted her regarding services in Virginia. The majority of the questions centered around the Medicaid and DD waiver. Most of the families that contacted her were from Richmond, Henrico, Chesterfield, Northern Virginia and a few from the Tidewater area.

Katie has formed a parent advisory council that will meet January 11, 2020. The council will have the following diagnosis categories represented:

- Autism
- Down Syndrome
- Epilepsy
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Cri du Chat
- Hydrocephalus
- Spinal Muscular Atrophy
- Swan Syndrome

The council will also have a parent representative with a previous substance abuse disorder.

Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (VDBVI)-Caren Phipps

Caren Phipps informed the VICC that the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (VDBVI) is currently serving 230 infants age zero to three across the state. The biggest issue for VDBVI is that there is a huge lack of providers for the vision impaired and blind with the proper knowledge or training. VDBVI is currently providing direct services when they should be serving as advisors.

VDBVI continues to work on their tactile quilt initiative. There are six quilting groups across the state that provide the tactile quilts. These special tactile quilts designed to help engage babies and toddlers with low vision at no cost. One side is solid black, which is for a child with low vision so you can place high contrast items on the quilt. Low-vision children respond to bright colored objects against a dark background. The other side has nine squares with different textures. Caren offered to supply tactile quilts to Amy Stutt and Janet Yang from the Virginia Infant & Toddler Specialist Network to disseminate to providers as coaching tools. VDBVI has given out about 300 tactile quilts to date.

Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH) –Karen Brimm

Please review the attached Fiscal Year 2020 First Quarter Report submitted by Karen Brimm and Eric Raff.

VA Dept. of Behavioral Health & Developmental Svcs. (DBHDS)-Catherine Hancock

On behalf of Nina Marino, Catherine briefly reported that The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services (DBHDS) has a new commissioner, Alison Land. Commissioner Land will officially start on December 16, 2019.

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)-Dr. Dawn Hendricks

Dawn Hendricks announced that the Governor's budget proposed over \$94 million for early childhood. Some of the activities that those funds will support will be increasing access to early childhood education and care programs for three and four year olds. The Virginia Preschool Initiative, VDOE's state funded preschool program for at risk four year olds, will also benefit from the aforementioned funds that will be used to increase slots. At a higher level, Virginia submitted a grant proposal for the one-year preschool development grant. VDOE has applied for an extension of the grant to continue through the spring of 2020.

In January 2020, VDOE will be preparing to launch two technical assistance opportunities to increase inclusion of practices. Intensive technical assistance will be provided to approximately ten different school divisions to increase inclusion.

Dawn has been working with administrators in early childhood special education focusing on two particular areas. One area is best practices and assessments. It is a huge responsibility to evaluate two, three and four year old children to determine if they meet the criteria for special education, a lot of resources have been provided on that front. The second area of focus is service delivery for two year olds. There has been a 15% increase in the two year old population in the past year. Lastly, Dawn is also currently working on compiling the December 1 child count.

Virginia Department of Education-Project HOPE-Virginia -Dr. Patricia Popp

Dr. Popp informed the VICC that Project HOPE-Virginia is housed at the College of William & Mary but the program is apart of the Virginia Department of Education. Dr. Popp also works to provide educational stability for children in foster care. Dr. Popp just completed compiling the child count for the 2018-2019 school year. The child count reflected that school divisions identified over 20,000 children as experienced homelessness at some point during the last school year, which is less than a 1% increase over the previous year.

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) –Shamaree Cromartie

Shamaree Cromartie reminded everyone that flu season is upon us. It is recommended for everyone six months or older to get a flu shot. This season the flu mist is unavailable. There

have not been any influenza pediatric deaths, but children age zero to four has had the largest amount of emergency room visits for influenza like illnesses during the week ending November 30th.

There has been many product recalls on items such as romaine lettuce and fresh express salad kits. Shamaree suggests checking the CDC website for product recall updates. Shamaree also noted that it is not recommended to consume any raw batter.

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) just launched some online modules for medical home and transitions for their children and youth special healthcare needs program. The focus of the modules are to encourage families to understand the importance of having a medical home and what to do as their children are transitioning from childhood to adulthood. These modules can be found online at <https://promotinghealthycommunities.org>. The modules are free to families and providers in Virginia.

VDH's Newborn Screening Program has added Pompe disease and MP 1 to the screening list. Newborns are now being tested for 31 disorders when being screened. The Newborn Screening Program will now be operating on a seven-day schedule, including holidays to be sure that families are aware of screening results and receive care as soon as possible.

Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)-Adrienne Fegans

Adrienne Fegans announced that the Governor's announcement regarding maternal mortality follows up to his June 5, 2019 announcement to have in place efforts to reduce maternal mortality and racial disparities by 2025 specifically calling out some of the state agencies. The Governor is giving us a sneak peek into some of his outlined budget items including \$3.2 million to extend coverage for mothers enrolled in the FAMIS Moms program for one year postpartum.

The Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources will take the lead in conducting a study to develop a Medicaid reimbursement model that will appropriately cover doulas and midwives. The Governor's budget also includes \$12.8 million dollars to make home visiting services eligible for Medicaid reimbursement.

Virginia Department of Social Services

No Report

Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia - Bonnie Grifa

Please see the attached handouts for the Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia report.

State Corporation Commission (SCC), Bureau of Insurance- Mary Ann Carnie

No Report

VICC Business

- Appointments/Reappointments
 - Tabitha Carol has been appointed as a parent representative.
 - Kristine Caalim, Bonnie Grifa, Kathleen McCauley and Zipporah Levi-Shackleford have been reappointed.
- Parent Mentors
 - Katie Webb has volunteered to become a parent mentor.
- Legislative Representative
 - Please send legislative representative suggestions to Karen Durst, Catherine Hancock or Kelly Hill.
- 2020 Ethics Reporting
 - Karen Durst will send out an ethics reporting email reminder in January of 2020.
- Future Topics of Discussion/Presenters Topic suggestions for 2020 meetings
 - VICC Position Statement to the General Assembly and Governor
 - Please send Future Topics of Discussion/Presenters Topic suggestions for 2020 meetings to Karen Durst, Catherine Hancock or Kelly Hill.

Open Forum

There was a Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council Position Statement letter regarding the FY20 budget that was sent to the Governor on behalf of the VICC committee. There were some concerns expressed regarding the letter being sent before the VICC members could review and approve it. It was suggested that all future communications sent out on behalf of the VICC be reviewed and approved by the VICC members.

Tonya Milling shared information regarding the Virginia Public Budget Hearings, please review the attached handout.

Action Items and Planning

- Early Intervention Budget

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the VICC will be held March 11, 2020.

VICC Members Present:

Michael Saxon
Katie Webb
Kristine Caalim
Adrienne Fegans
Bonnie Grifa
Donald Beatty

Jeannie Odachowski
Caren Phipps
Penni Crist
Lynn Wolfe
Dr. Dawn Hendricks
Zipporah Levi-Shackleford

Jaylene Trueblood
Karen Brimm
Dr. Patricia Popp
Eric Raff

Shamaree Cromartie
Jennifer MacRae
Kathleen McCauley

VICC Members Absent:

Dr. Kendall Lee
Dr. Kristen Jamison
Elizabeth John
Nina Marino
Donald Beatty
Courtney Pugh
Kelly Hill
Wyvonne Harsley
Catherine Childers