

**Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council (VICC) Meeting**  
**The Arc of Virginia**  
October 18, 2017  
**FINAL Minutes**

The October 18, 2017 Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting was called to order by Kelly Hill. There were seventeen (17) VICC members in attendance. Please see the attendance list following the minutes.

The June 14, 2017 VICC minutes were then approved with Kelly Hill making the motion to approve and Lynn Wolfe seconding the motion.

**Parent Perspective**

**“A Success Story”-Angela Leonard**

Please enjoy the attached letter written by Angela Leonard as she shares the success her son Joshua Leonard has had after receiving Early Intervention services beginning twenty years ago.

**Courtney Pugh**

Courtney Pugh expressed her feelings on the difficulties she is having with CCC+ in the Roanoke area. There is a lot of confusion surrounding paperwork sent to parents. The paperwork talks a lot about the adult benefits and does not provide clarity about children's benefits. The most bothersome issue is the fact that children have to go through a reassessment to determine if they are still eligible for waivers.

**Integrated Training Collaborative**

Please see the attached Professional Development update handout presented by Cori Hill.

**CCC+ Subcommittee Report/Tidewater Implementation-Lynn Wolfe**

The Tidewater CCC+ Subcommittee had an excellent presentation at the Local System Managers meeting given by Lynn Wolfe. Lynn went over some of the challenges system managers have with CCC+. One of the concerns for the Tidewater region is contracting.

**Public Comment**

Public Comment was submitted by Sandi Harrington on behalf of the CoCoA Steering Committee. The following italicized report is verbatim from a written report that was provided.

*My name is Sandi Harrington. I'm the Local System Manager for the Infant & Toddler Connection of Norfolk. Today, I am here representing CoCoA Steering Committee. We would like to thank the Part C office and DMAS for their collaboration which has put our Early Intervention programs ahead of so many other programs affected by CCC+. The trainings, lists of children, and questions that are quickly*

*answered have been extremely helpful. Although we have made progress, the true impact of CCC+ on the Early Intervention system will not be realized until the end of the continuity of care period. Issues to watch include timely payment, in network provider availability, contract finalization, and the impact of provider choice on the system's finances.*

## **VICC Business**

- A special thanks to Jamie Liban.
- The Governor's Appointment Secretary has approved seven VICC members for reappointments starting September 20, 2017. Those seven are Wyvonnice Harsley, Kelly Hill, Dr. Kristen Jamison, Jeannie Odachowski, Lynn Wolfe, Joy Spencer, and Sandra Woodward. The two new appointees are Courtney Pugh from the Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC) and Jaylene Trueblood who is the local system manager of the ITC of Chesapeake.
- All VICC members will need to submit their Financial Disclosure Statement. The Financial Disclosure Statements are now done annually and are due by January 15, 2018. Instructions on completing the form will be e-mailed in December.

## **Election of VICC Officers-Cathy Cook for Jeannie Odachowski**

- Slate of Elected Officers voted on October 18, 2017
  - Kelly Hill, Chair-Personnel Prep Representative, Current Chair
  - Joy Spencer, Secretary-Parent Representative, Current Secretary
  - Zipporah Levi-Shackleford, Vice Chair-Parent Representative

## **Part C Update- Catherine Hancock**

Updates on the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) were discussed.

- There were 19,085 infants and toddlers served in State Fiscal Year 2017.
- Ongoing major projects include:
  - The NICU Project- Part C at DBHDS is working with the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Referral to Part C project which is funded by the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities.
  - State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)
  - New data system
  - Providing data and information for the JLARC study on early childhood

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

### **The Arc of Virginia, New Path Program-Tracy Edman**

The 2017 State Convention was held August 7-9th at the Hilton's THE MAIN Hotel in Norfolk, VA. There were sessions geared toward younger families. The conference also provided attendees with latest information on federal and state issues affecting Virginians with developmental disabilities and their families. The conference also included sessions on Waiver Redesign, Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus, Federal Policy Issues, Inclusive Education and Early Intervention.

Guest speakers included Mrs. Pam Northam, Second Lady of Virginia (on behalf of Lt. Governor Ralph Northam, Candidate for Governor), Ed Gillespie, Paul Ryan, and Attorney General Mark Herring, Candidate for Attorney General of Virginia. There were about 400 participants.

### Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (VDBVI)-Tracey DeLuca

The Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) has distributed over 30 sensory exploration quilts across the state. The quilts are a solid color on one side and blocks of colors and textures on the other side. They were given to families that have children with vision impairments. These quilts use different fabrics for textures, raised decorations and other accessories that encourage the quilt's user to feel and grasp.

The VDBVI will be hosting a Friends and Family Day Event, to be held October 21, 2017. This event is for anyone who is blind or vision impaired or who has a family member experiencing vision loss, and is always an exciting opportunity for making connections and building networks. The theme this year is "Demystifying Independence," and there will be activities to help participants explore strategies for working and doing everyday tasks as a blind person. We also want family members and friends to know how they can help in promoting and supporting their loved ones who are using their skills of independence at home and in the community.

### Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH) -Eric Raff

The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing held an open house two weeks ago to celebrate their 45th Anniversary. There was a great turnout. The Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind has just opened independent living apartments in Staunton, VA to teach independent living skills to young adults who just graduated from high school. There are currently five apartments available.

The VDDHH has hired a new staff member, a Community Services Specialist. One of their first assignments was to develop a statewide resource staff directory. If you know of any experts that provide services specifically for the deaf and hard of hearing, please feel free to forward that information to Eric Raff so that it can be added to the directory. The goal is to have this list published by next year.

### VA Dept. of Behavioral Health & Developmental Svcs. (DBHDS)-Heather Norton

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

## Virginia Department of Health (VDH) –Dr. Bethany Geldmaker

**The following update is a written report provided by Dr. Bethany Geldmaker.**

1. Fall 2017: Reminder flu vaccines, handwashing, cleaning and sanitizing practices
2. First aid flip charts newly revised- if interested feel free to pick up one before you leave
3. Infectious disease update: Vibrio infections
  - a. The *Vibrio* species that cause vibriosis naturally live in the salt or brackish (i.e., somewhat salty) waters of Virginia's coastal zone. People with vibriosis become infected by eating raw or undercooked seafood or exposing a wound to seawater. Most infections occur from May through October when water temperatures are warmer. *Vibrio vulnificus*, in particular, can cause severe or fatal infections. Individuals with pre-existing medical conditions such as liver disease, diabetes, HIV, cancer, and certain stomach disorders are at greater risk of becoming sick with vibriosis and experiencing severe complications.
  - b. Helpful tips for preventing Vibrio infection:
    - i. Eat cooked seafood
    - ii. Avoid contact with seawater or preparing raw seafood such as oysters and shrimp if you have an open wound, even if it's a minor cut or scrape. Or cover your wound with a waterproof bandage.
    - iii. Wash wounds and cuts with soap and clean water if they have been exposed to seawater, raw seafood, or juices from seafood.
4. Weather safety tips- hurricane preparedness
  - a. <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/>
5. Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block grant

Here's the link to the Town Hall posting for public comment for interested parties.

Title V would like to tap into the VICC for the Title V needs assessment spring 2018.

### **Notice of Availability of Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant for Public Comment**

Date Posted: 8/22/2017

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Submitted to Registrar for publication: YES

No comment forum defined for this notice.

## **Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Department of Health (VDH). Notice of Availability of Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant for Public Comment.**

In accordance with Section 505(a) and 506(a) of Title V of the Social Security Act, VDH has prepared and hereby makes available for public comment the Commonwealth of Virginia's FY2018 Application / FY2016 Annual Report for the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant.

Title V MCH Services Block Grant funds are used to improve the health of women, infants, and children in Virginia, with emphasis on women of child-bearing age, low-income populations, and those who do not have access to health care. Details on the agency's MCH programs and services are available at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/vdhlivewell/maternal-and-child-health-services-title-v-block-grant>.

VDH invites the public to submit written comments via email to [carla.hegwood@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:carla.hegwood@vdh.virginia.gov) or by mail to: Virginia Department of Health, Attn: Carla Hegwood, Division of Child and Family Health, 109 Governor Street, Suite 919B, Richmond, VA 23219.

Comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22, 2017. Thereafter, the final application will continue to be publically available at:  
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/vdhlivewell/maternal-and-child-health-services-title-v-block-grant>.

### **6. CDC 2017 Immunization Schedules:**

- a. The CDC has released the recommended Immunization Schedules for 2017. They are designed in an easy-to-read, full-color format available in English and Spanish. They are a perfect informational handout for patients and parents.
- b. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>
- c. The comprehensive summary of the ACIP recommended changes made to the schedule can be found in the MMWR.
- d. Changes to the schedule include:
  - i. Hepatitis B vaccine (Updated 3/6/2017) collapsed
  - ii. Polio vaccine (New 2/17/2017) collapsed
  - iii. Medical Conditions collapsed
  - iv. Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine collapsed
  - v. Haemophilus influenzae type B vaccine collapsed
  - vi. Human papillomavirus vaccine collapsed
  - vii. Influenza vaccine collapsed
  - viii. Meningococcal vaccine collapsed
  - ix. Pneumococcal vaccine

### **7. Children are still being exposed to lead( [www.childtrends.org](http://www.childtrends.org) and <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/>)**

- a. Even today, exposure among children comes from a variety of sources, especially from deteriorating lead-based paint in older buildings, lead in pipes that deliver drinking water to homes and schools, or residential proximity to airports used by planes that still

run on leaded fuel. Exposure to lead can even come from food, candy, and other consumer products. The [neurological effects](#) of lead exposure can be devastating. In children, it is associated with [academic and behavioral struggles](#) in school, as lead makes it more difficult to concentrate in class and increases the likelihood of diagnosis with learning disabilities. These deficits become risk factors for future [negative outcomes](#)--including delinquency, criminal behavior, substance use, and teen pregnancy--as exposed children enter adolescence and young adulthood. Some of these negative effects may be offset by high-quality programs provided in early and middle childhood, but the preferred solution by far is to prevent initial exposure to lead.

- b. Federal, state, and local policymakers need to adhere to evidence-based recommendations for dealing with lead hazards to prevent exposure among children. Recommendations with the potential to impact the most children include the following:
  - i. Reduce lead in drinking water in homes built before 1986 and in other places that children frequent, including child care settings and schools.
  - ii. Remove lead paint hazards from housing built before 1960, especially in low-income housing, and in other places where children spend time.
  - iii. Increase enforcement of the EPA's renovation, repair, and painting rule to ensure that the appropriate safety measures are taken when work is done in a house with lead paint.

Recommendations for policymakers to respond on behalf of children who have already been exposed to lead:

- iv. Improve blood lead testing among children at high risk of exposure, and find and remediate the sources of their exposure.
- v. Ensure access to developmental and neuropsychological assessments and appropriate high-quality programs for children with elevated blood lead levels.

### **Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)-Jeanette Abelson**

Jeanette informed the VICC that Town Halls are going to be in Northern Virginia region next. All of the Town Hall information is listed on the DMAS website. Additionally, Jeanette along with other EI Specialist will be attending the Winchester Medical Center for the Services Coordination and Care Coordination Collaborative meeting as we try to figure out what we need to work on in that area.

DMAS will be fully integrated with CCC+ as of January 1, 2018. A stakeholders meeting was held a few days ago where management talked about the top five CCC+ difficulties and are working on a game plan to address those issues.

### **Virginia Department of Social Services - Aleta Lawson**

The Virginia Department of Social Services is preparing for their biggest initiative. The Head Start Collaboration office will be funding a statewide Trauma Informed Care Initiative for all children but, especially at risk children. The Head Start Collaboration office will be partnering with John Richardson-Lauve. John is the Director of Mental Health and Lead Trauma and Resilience Educator at ChildSavers. This will be a multi prong approach starting with training the Directors of Head Start across the state.

The next step will be our 2017 Health & Family Services Institute for Head Start Directors, Health Managers and Family Services Staff. Head Start adopts the “it takes a village approach” for offering comprehensive services to children and families. Much of our support covers a large scope of issues that can be quite wide-ranging. Head Start staff wear many hats, and often our roles overlap, to create a collaborative effort with the family’s goals in mind. Therefore our annual Health Institute also includes workshops designed for Family Services Staff to help foster this collaborative approach. This year's conference will be held November 15-17, 2017 at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton, VA.

The next step will be to have four regional trainings across the state to train the Head Start staff. Then we will have a training of the trainers, where we will train the Head Start Collaboration office staff to become trainers. The final phase in this project is to have a training or retreat for parents.

### Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia - Bonnie Grifa

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

State Corporation Commission (SCC), Bureau of Insurance- James Young  
No Report

### VICC Members Open Forum

Members discussed the difficulties of transitioning to CCC+.

### Action Items

- Change March 14, 2018 meeting to March 7, 2018 due to the Mental Health Conference.
- Introductory of three new parent appointees.

### December Meeting Agenda Items

- Autism Update
- Fauquier County Coalition of Care

The meeting was adjourned.

**The next meeting of the VICC will be held December 13, 2017 at The Arc of Virginia at 2147 Staples Mill Road, Richmond, VA 23230.**

### VICC Members Present:

Zipporah Levi-Shackleford  
Aleta Lawson  
Dr. Bethany Geldmaker  
Courtney Pugh

### VICC Members Absent:

Dr. Patricia Popp  
Wyvonnies Harsley  
Kristine Caalim  
Joy Spencer

Donald Beatty for James Young  
Kate McCauley  
Lynn Wolfe  
Jeanette Abelson for Adrienne Fegans  
Aleta Lawson  
Cathy Cook  
Dr. Kendall Lee  
Eric Raff  
Jaylene Trueblood for Angela Leonard  
Kelly Hill  
Tracy Deluca for Lisa Auwarter  
Sarah Hulcher for Delegate Hester  
Catherine Hancock for Heather Norton

Dr. Kristen Jamison  
Bonnie Grifa  
Sandra Woodward  
Dr. Dawn Hendricks  
Jeannie Odachowski

**Family Representative Present:**  
Tracey Edman