

Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council (VICC) Meeting
The Arc of Virginia
December 13, 2017
FINAL Minutes

The December 13, 2017 Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting was called to order by Kelly Hill. There were twenty (20) VICC members in attendance. Please see the attendance list following the minutes.

The October 18, 2017 VICC minutes were then approved with Kelly Hill making the motion and Caren Phipps seconding the motion.

State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report and the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) -Kyla Patterson

Updates on the State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report and the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) were discussed.

Public Comment

No Public Comment was submitted.

VICC Business

- Wyvonne Harsley, Kelly Hill, Dr. Kristen Jamison, Jeannie Odachowski, Lynn Wolfe, Joy Spencer, and Sandra Woodward were approved for reappointments. The VICC also has five new appointees: Courtney Pugh as a parent representative; Jaylene Trueblood a provider who is the local system manager of the ITC of Chesapeake; Catherine Childers who is a parent representative; Elizabeth John who is a parent representative; and Katie Webb who is also a parent representative. One vacancy exists and that is the legislative representative.
- 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. The March VICC Meeting date has been changed to March 7, 2018 to accommodate the Early Childhood Mental Health Conference.

Child Find Trends

Catherine Hancock shared information about Child Find Trends. Please review the attached handouts.

Part C Update- Catherine Hancock

The Governor's proposed budget is due to be released next week. Early Intervention is looking forward to finding out if there will be any additional funds allocated to the program.

- Recent presentations include:

- The Autism Advisory Council.
The Disability Commission-with a focus on children with hearing deficits.
- Ongoing projects include:
 - The NICU Project- the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities received an administrative grant to fund the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Referral to Part C project. The NICU Project has a roll out date of January 2018.
 - The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) performed a study on state-supported early childhood development programs. Virginia has 13 “core” early childhood development programs, which include seven voluntary home visiting programs, the Virginia Preschool Initiative, the Child Care Subsidy Program, and two Individuals with Disabilities Education Act programs.

CCC+ Update-Lynn Wolfe

Lynn went over some of the challenges system managers have with CCC+. A few of the concerns discussed were billing and reimbursements.

AGENCY REPORTS

The Arc of Virginia, New Path Program-Tracy Edman/Lucy Cantrell

Tracy Edman announced that Tonya Milling will start her new role as Executive Director on January 1, 2018.

Lucy Cantrell presented a Save the Date for the January 17, 2018 Developmental Disability Advocacy Day. Please see the attached flyer along with information about the Commonwealth of Virginia General Assembly Public Hearing Notice regarding the Governor’s Proposed 2018-2020 Biennial State Budget.

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

Caren Phipps reported that in 2016 the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (VDBVI) identified 92 children ages 0-3 that were blind, vision impaired or deaf-blind. In 2017, that number increased to 165. The VDBVI will be partnering with Bonnie Grifa and the Virginia Treatment Center for Children to be a part of the 56th Annual Children’s Mental Health Symposium that will held March 2018 at the Kings Mill Resort, Williamsburg, VA.

With the help of the Solid Rock Quilters from the Rocks Baptist Church, the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired will be giving young children and their families around Virginia 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.

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

The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH) is currently recruiting people to participate on and give feedback to Virginia Relay Advisory Council. Please review the attached handouts provided by Eric Raff (VDDHH Agency Update, VA Relay Advisory Council and the Commonwealth Caller).

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

No Report

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

Dawn Hendricks presented the VICC with Early Childhood Special Education Child Count Data. Please review the attached Early Childhood Special Education handout.

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

The following update is a written report provided by Dr. Patricia Popp.

Our state plan was submitted to the US Department of Education (ED) in September. We are waiting to hear from ED on the status on the plan. Child count data is being finalized for 2016-17; our preliminary review shows more than 20,000 students were identified as homeless during the last school year – this is a 10.85% increase over the previous year. Only 528 preK students were identified as enrolled in school divisions. Children not enrolled are not captured in these data. McKinney-Vento sub grant school divisions reported *servicing* 346 children birth to three not preK. We are working to ensure young children and being identified and served. This is given emphasis in training, technical assistance, and monitoring. Pat is working on a session for the ECMH conference this spring that will focus on children separated from their parents.

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

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

1. **Epinephrine auto injector** for infants/children in 2018
 - a. <https://community.kidswithfoodallergies.org/blog/first-epinephrine-auto-injector-for-infants-and-small-children-will-be-available-in-2018>
2. **Early Detection Newborn Hearing Screening:** the updated Audiologists, Hospital and PCP protocols were reviewed and voted on at the December 2017 Committee meeting.
3. **Milestones** matter! Encourage parents to track their child’s milestones from age 2 months to 5 years with CDC’s FREE Milestone Tracker app. Interactive checklists with photos and videos make tracking milestones easy and fun. The app generates a personalized

summary to share, offers tips for encouraging development, and information about what to do if parents ever become concerned about their child's development.

The new app offers:

- Interactive milestone checklists for children ages 2 months through 5 years, illustrated with photos and videos
- Tips and activities to help children learn and grow
- Information on when to act early and talk with a doctor about developmental delays
- A personalized milestone summary that can be easily shared with the doctor and other care providers
- Reminders for appointments and developmental screening
 - a. Learn more and get information on downloading the app at CDC's Milestone Tracker website, including free flier or poster about the app that can be printed and shared with families.

4. Opioid Crisis

- a. Resource information: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/commissioner/opioid-addiction-in-virginia/>
- b. Revive training
 - i. FOR MORE INFORMATION: REVIVE@dbhds.virginia.gov; (804)786-0464
 - a. <http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/individuals-and-families/substance-abuse/revive>

5. Holiday Safety

- a. Food safety is important for keeping your holiday gathering happy and healthy. However, food safety can be a challenge during the holiday season. Group gatherings may include more dishes than there is room for in the refrigerator or oven. Guest lists may also include those who are more vulnerable to illness, such as older people, young children, and pregnant women.
- b. Toy safety
- c. Environmental hazards
- d. Stress- take time for yourself

6. It's flu season!

- a. Wash your hands well to prevent the spread of germs, using soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds. This will help prevent the spread of bacteria from raw poultry, too.
- b. Wash all fresh produce to reduce the potential for bacterial contamination.
- c. Don't forget to also wash utensils and work surfaces to protect your food and family!
- d. Get your flu shots

[Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services \(DMAS\)-Jeanette Abelson](#)

Jeanette updated the VICC on CCC Plus implementation. The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is continuing to work on addressing issues of

credentialing, billing, reimbursements and claims. DMAS will be fully integrated with CCC Plus on January 1, 2018.

[Virginia Department of Social Services - Aleta Lawson](#)

Every year the Head Start programs across the state are required to submit fiscal information (also known as the Program Information Report) into the Federal system for their program year.

The Head Start Collaboration office will be partnering with John Richardson-Lauve to offer a statewide Trauma Informed Care Resilience Training across the state for head start. John is the Director of Mental Health, Lead Trauma, and Resilience Educator at ChildSavers. John Richardson-Lauve was the keynote speaker for the 2017 Health & Family Services Institute for Head Start Directors, Health Managers and Family Services Staff. The conference was held November 15th-17 at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton, VA. John Richardson-Lauve will also be the keynote speaker for the 2018 Annual Virginia Head Start Conference that will be held April 10-12, 2018 in Williamsburg, VA.

[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

[Learn the Signs: Act Early-Deana Buck](#)

As an Learn the Signs: Act Early Ambassador, Deana reported that she has the job of letting Virginians know about the Center for Disease Control and Preventions Public Health Campaign. The CDC's "Learn the Signs: Act Early" program aims to improve early identification of children with autism and other developmental disabilities so children and families can act early if you have any concerns and get the services and support they need.

A great tool to use is the Milestone Tracker Mobile App. The app tracks your child's milestones from age 2 months to 5 years with CDC's easy-to-use illustrated checklists; get tips from CDC for encouraging your child's development; and find out what to do if you are ever concerned about how your child is developing. Please see the attached Milestone Tracker app information flier.

[Integrated Training Collaborative-Deana Buck](#)

Please see the attached Professional Development update handout presented by Deana Buck.

VICC Members Open Forum

Bonnie Grifa spoke about the 56th Annual Children's Mental Health Symposium. The conference is presented by Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia and Virginia Treatment Center for Children. The 56th Annual Children's Mental Health Symposium is planned for Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at Kings Mill Lodge in Williamsburg, VA. The theme is "Changing the Lens "Broadening Our Perspective to Support Young Children and Their Families." Please see the attached conference agenda.

Action Items and March Meeting Agenda Items

The Action Items and March Meeting Agenda Items are pending and will be sent at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the VICC will be held March 7, 2018 at The Arc of Virginia at 2147 Staples Mill Road, Richmond, VA 23230.

VICC Members Present:

Jennifer MacRae
Zipporah Levi-Shackleford
Aleta Lawson
Dr. Bethany Geldmaker
Courtney Pugh
Olivia Claude for James Young
Dr. Patricia Popp
Lynn Wolfe
Bonnie Grifa
Caren Phipps

Katie Webb
Wyvonne Harsley
Jeannie Odachowski
Dr. Dawn Hendricks
Dr. Kendall Lee
Eric Raff
Jaylene Trueblood
Kelly Hill
Catherine Childers
Elizabeth John

VICC Members Absent:

Heather Norton
Kate McCauley
Kristine Caalim
Joy Spencer
Dr. Kristen Jamison
Cathy Cook
Sandra Woodward
Lisa Auwarter

Family Representative Present:

Tracey Edman