

**CoPA Meeting Minutes
5/20/13**

Members Present:

Deana Buck - Partnership for People with Disabilities; Act Early Liaison	Beth Pruitt - Child Development Resources; Northside CoPA; Meeting Facilitator	Lynn Blythe – Program Director, Local System Manager in Rappahannock – Rapidan; Northern CoPA
Belinda Hooper - VCU School of Education	Dawn Hendricks - Training Director, Autism Center for Excellence (ACE) at VCU	Cori Hill – Early Intervention Training Specialist, Partnership for People with Disabilities; CoPA Facilitator
Carr-Lou Davis -Shenandoah Valley CoPA, Shenandoah Head Start Consortium	Margaret Vaughn -T/TAC at VT	Francis Ann Rudd -Chesterfield Infant Program
Susan Clarke -PWC Infant Toddler Connection		Cathy Cook –T/TAC at JMU

1. **Celebrations/Announcements-** Beth reported that her meeting with a developmental pedestrian went very well (doctor for military families). Deana’s Annie is home and is transferring to VCU for next semester. Deana left a line open at the Partnership office and retrieved a call from the single point of entry call from Portsmouth. She headed the family in the directions they needed. Lynn is working on a video project on “attachment” with more to come at CCSS. Susan was excited about a more optimistic budgeting forecast and Cori reported that the enthusiasm for coaching is spreading across the state as trainings are continuing with M’Lisa and Dathan.

2. **Discussion-**
VAC Update (Beth P) VAC is working with the Arc of Virginia and the New Paths resources. The SEAC asked for a one-pager on Autism and a committee produced a document with facts and resources. The training for parents is being revised and funds are available to support this work. **Spanish translations will be available.**

ACE Update (insurance and new grant) (Dawn H) From ACE, there are 2-day training sessions for support with planning and implementing strategies. The webcast for insurance coverage for treatments (like ABA) is archived and there is a fact sheet composed for the insurance mandate. The details are coming out and finalized info will be available finally.

Act Early Update (Deana B) A systems change grant has been awarded in Virginia and with this funding plans are being made with a focus on early diagnosis and intervention. Deana reported that pilot programs may be set to work on capacity and sustainability for programming and data collection. Deana sent us the overview of materials from website and asked us to consider making suggestions and recommending edits and additions as we review this information.

Part C Responses to CoPA Questions (note: may not have responses for this meeting and may need to table for next meeting. Karen D) Cori forwarded the edited information to Karen Durst and an extension of time will be needed for response. Cori recommended we review the website at the Administration for Children and Families url where there is a toolkit and webinars for resources.
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd/asd>

CoPA at Beach is still being planned-Rebecca Landa confirmed; reception is being arranged but will also include additional state initiatives including VAIMH and VCPD

Next meeting- CoPA at the Beach-CCSS reception

Next call: 9/23 from 3:00-4:00 pm