

**Statewide CoPA Team  
Meeting Minutes 11/14/11**

**Members Present: Nancy Bailey, Cori Hill, Sharon Jones, Kerry Lambert, Beth Pruett, Frances Rudd, Mary Tobin, Kristin Weatherford, and Margaret Vaughn**

1. **Welcome**-Cori welcomed all members as they introduced themselves. As a reminder, this year we are merging the CoPA leadership team with CoPA leaders and others interested from around the state. Please invite people to join us.
2. **Local Updates**-Members provided updates about CoPA happenings in their regions:
  - *Beth Pruett (Northern Tidewater)* reported that they are working to partner with a private school that serves children with ASD to share resources. They would also like to have a speaker from this program share with their CoPA. This CoPA is also exploring technology applications for use with children with ASD.
  - *Mary Tobin and Sharon Jones (Richmond)* reported that they do not have a local leader so they are brainstorming about next steps and how to proceed.
  - *Kristen Weatherford and Kerry Lambert (Tidewater)* reported that Emily Chebetar (Southside CoPA) was not able to join the call but this group is also trying to regain momentum. They have had PRT as their focus but membership has decreased. They mentioned interest in the Talks on Tuesdays that Tracy Miller, OTR, presented on sensory processing as many were very impressed with Tracy's information. This might be a possible direction for this group.
3. **Collaboration**-Members discussed the multitude of ASD committees, organizations, and groups that are meeting around this topic. We would like to collaborate with the Autism Center for Excellence (ACE) to be the voice for EI and also with the Act Early Task Force to serve in that same capacity. It was agreed that we would invite Dawn Hendricks (ACE) and Deana Buck (Act Early) to our next meeting to share info and collaborate. Beth, Frances, Sharon, and Cori will schedule a time to meet with Deana and Dawn to prepare for this meeting. We also discussed work that is occurring at VT TTAC surrounding evidence-based practices but after discussion we decided that this group is more focused on the preschool age providers.
4. **iPAD Apps**-Beth, Frances, and Kristen shared information about the apps they are using with children with ASD. Cori encouraged them to video these interactions to provide strategies for other providers. Sharon, Margaret, and Kristen will look at developing a list of apps specifically for children birth to three with ASD. Some apps to check out:
  - ✓ **SmallTalk Phonemes:** [www.linggraphica.com](http://www.linggraphica.com) (assists with joint attention, imitating speech sounds)
  - ✓ **ModelMeKids.com** (social skill stories and scenarios about interacting in everyday places such as the hairdresser)
  - ✓ **Doodle**
  - ✓ **Talking Cat**
  - ✓ **Ant Smasher**
  - ✓ **TTAC Online:**  
[http://ttaconline.org/staff/s\\_training/s\\_course\\_info.asp?course=techknowle](http://ttaconline.org/staff/s_training/s_course_info.asp?course=techknowle)

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- 5. Meeting Schedule:** Reminder that we have set the CoPA meetings for the **third Thursday of every other month (Jan, Mar, May, etc.) from 3:00-4:00 PM. The dial in number is always 866-842-5779, code 287-353-3701. Since we did not use the Meeting Wizard to schedule these, you will not receive an email reminder so please mark your calendars now.**

**Happy Holidays to All!**