



Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2021

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 pm

Attendees

Lisa Terry, Cori Hill, Dana Childress, Patty Eitemiller, Geri Stevens, Catherine Hancock, Christine Spence, Lisa Santra, Virginia Chu, Kyla Patterson, Adele Rohner, Ana Brecht

1. Welcome/Introductions & Celebrations/Announcements

- a. Congrats to Dana's son for his acceptance at ODU
- b. Welcome Patty back from her European vacation

2. State and National Activities

- a. Part C Update
 - i. VA awarded 5.1 million dollars in American Rescue funds. Half will be sent to local systems to help with any expenses endured during the pandemic.
 - ii. Signed a contract with a vendor, SSG, to develop the new data system. It can be an electronic health record, case management system, and billing system. This vendor previously created a new program for another state so will be adapting it for Virginia.
 - iii. Working on a new State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) and social and emotional will be the focus for the next six years.
- b. VA DEC
 - i. Christan Coogle did not have a VA DEC update. This group met during the conference.
- c. Conferences
 - i. DEC Conference call for proposals will begin in January and due March 15, 2022. Conference held September 27-30, 2022. They are always looking for practitioners to submit a proposal.
 1. [The International Society of Early Interventionists \(ISEI\)](#) will be co-sponsors
 2. <https://www.deconference.org/>
 - ii. ASHA Conference for SLPs in DC next month. First hybrid conference.
 1. <https://convention.asha.org/about-the-convention/>
 - iii. CEC is in person in January. <https://exceptionalchildren.org/convention>
 - iv. VAAEYC is in Hampton in March: <https://vaaeyc.org/annual-conference/>
- d. Other
 - i. DEC IMH CoP
 1. Lisa Terry is one of the co-chairs and Christine Spence is a Core Team member.



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3. Contribute to the infant mental health (IMH) field by building capacity for professionals around IMH topics, increasing knowledge of IMH topics within local communities (including parents), supporting IHE in providing accessible courses and/or certification related to IMH, increasing awareness of and advocating for IMH within local/state agencies, and exploring funding opportunities for IMH activities.
4. Anyone can join the DEC CoP without being a member of DEC.
5. Join CoP: <https://www.dec-sped.org/infantmentalhealthcop>
6. Join Collaborate: <https://communities.dec-sped.org/>
7. Save the Date for first meeting: December 10, 2021 from 12-1:30 pm

3. Work Plan Highlights

- a. Coaching Implementation Support Group
 - i. 5th cohort completed in September
 - ii. Begin to work on revisions to include the updates from the new Coaching Handbook.
- b. Growing Brain
 - i. 2nd Cohort for new early interventionists completed in September. We had 12 participants and received great feedback from the group. Will plan to continue to offer and work on developing a course for experienced practitioners.
- c. Talks on Tuesday
 - i. Two-part Talks on Tuesday on Technoference by Tracy Walters will be held on November 8th (held on Monday since first Tuesday is Election Day) and December 7th. She will talk about technology use and parent child interactions.
- d. Elevator Speech
 - i. Elevator speeches are short explanations about the early intervention process, roles, resources, and tips/strategies. We received over 35 videos. Will plan to launch in the next week or so. We will post every Tuesday and Thursday morning.
 - ii. Potential additions:
 1. Patty – Explaining EI to Child Care Centers
 2. Explaining EI to families who English is not their first language
- e. ECHO



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- i. Finished the Leadership and Social Emotional ECHOs. Both were well received. The HUB team are the content experts. The leadership ECHO thought it would be interesting to hear from people outside of EI. We hope to continue next year.
 - f. EI Leadership Book Study
 - i. Launches in December. 10 supervisors (4-5 LSMs, and 5 other supervisors). Telisha and Dana will lead the group. Books will be sent to participants. They will be meeting monthly to spread it across time and build community for networking. This will be the pilot. Waiting list of 5 people.
 - g. Course Capacity
 - i. With new courses, we limit the number of people to register for smaller networking groups, but we do want to make sure that people are committing their time each session to not take the opportunity from someone else that can participate.
- 4. Member Ideas and Input**
 - a. Call for New Members
 - i. If you are not able to continue as ITC member or know anyone else who may be interested in joining, please email [Cori Hill](#).
 - ii. Recommended by Lisa Santra to bring up in the LSM meeting since they may know someone not in leadership role who may be interested.
 - b. SE [Learning Path](#)
 - i. We are creating a new learning path focused on Social Emotional. Take a look at topics below and feel free to send us any resources that you may know are already out there that are very helpful.
 1. Temperament
 2. Behavior
 - a. Mona Delahook's podcast
 - b. ABCs (handout link dropped by Ana)
 3. Attachment
 4. Attunement/Responsive Interactions
 - a. Serve and Return
 - b. Technoference
 5. Trauma
 6. Stress
 7. Reflective Supervision/Capacity

5. Resource Sharing



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- a. Love when the Resource Pop Ups focus on specific resources.
- b. There are so many resources out there that we may not know that it's not there.
Need to think about how to share the resources.
 - i. We will be doing a full review of the website to plan to condense resources and find missing links.
 - ii. Ideas
 - 1. Create a 5 min recorded video to showcase the website (Trailer)
 - 2. Part of the initial IFSP include providing information to families about EI from the resources on VEIPD (beginning with this page: https://veipd.org/main/resources_info_families.html) - if a conversation about what is on the VEIPD site is integrated into IFSP meetings on a regular basis, it may also remind providers to look on the site for additional resources.
 - a. VEIPD does not have as much focus for families, but the ITC website has specific information for families: <https://www.itcva.online/>
 - 3. Cori, Dana, or Lisa do a 5 minute drop in to a staff/team meeting (monthly or quarterly) with a new resource
 - 4. Our new VEIPD update is now highlighting an old resource along with the new resources.
 - 5. Adding website on the State association websites such as VOTA.
- c. Resources to assign a provider. For example, how to choose the best provider.
There are times that an OT may have been helpful to see the child earlier on.
 - i. How your expertise might support a family but how your expertise might support another provider in primary provider
- d. Creating IFSP outcomes before assigning a provider

Save the dates for the next meetings on the 4th Monday from 10:30 am-12:00 pm EST in January, April, July, & October
01/24/22, 04/25/22, 07/25/22, 10/24/22