

# Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2021

10:30 a.m. -12:00 pm EST

## Attendees Details

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Link: <https://zoom.us/j/473252863>

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Lisa Terry, Cori Hill, Dana Childress, Kyla Patterson, Patty Eitemiller, Kim Sopko, Christan Coogle, Carol Burke, Corey Cassidy, Lisa Santra, Kim Gregory, Ana Brecht, Virginia Chu, Catherine Hancock, Geri Stevens, Erin Austin, Adele Rohner

## Minutes

### 1. Welcome/Introductions & Celebrations/Announcements

- a. Welcome
- b. The VEIPD team has many presentations at DEC this week.
- c. Patty- Brookes Publishing has reached out to Patty to provide virtual trainings on the ASQ.
- d. Creating Connections to Shining Stars will be held virtually this year on July 15. This will be a one-day event. Save-the-Date will come out soon.

### 2. State and National Activities

- a. Part C Update
  - Continuing to offer telehealth. Some people are providing face-to-face if needed.
  - Infrastructure work group – This is a part of 6-year program focused on improvements.
  - Making progress to new data system that will improve efficiency. More to come.
  - The child count is down for many. A few systems have seen an increase, but overall, the child count is down.
- b. VADEC
  - Christian Coogle – Professional Development Chair on VA DEC board
    - More active on social media including monthly blogs. <https://www.facebook.com/Virginia-Division-for-Early-Childhood-VADEC-399864443727205/>
    - VA DEC website is <https://www.vadec.org>
- c. Conferences
  - [NAEYC Virtual](#) 11/8/20-11/10/20
  - [DEC Virtual](#) 1/21/21-1/29/21
  - Call for proposals open for next DEC; due 3/1/21

- [CEC Virtual](#) 3/8/21-3/13/21
  - Cultural Considerations-Patty, Dana, and Cori presenting
  - 8 Ideas for Professional Development-Dana, Cori, and Lisa presenting
- [VAAEYC Conference](#) is March 11-13, 2021
  - Lisa and Patty will be presenting on Growing Brain: Diving Deeper into Challenging Behaviors

### 3. **Work Plan Highlights** *(will be finalized in February)*

#### a. ECHOs

- Extension for Community Health Outreach (ECHO) – Last year, we did a pilot ECHO which is set-up like a community practice. They receive 20 minutes of a dyadic session, next a focus on case studies or vignettes. ECHOs established many years ago in New Mexico in the medical field for doctors who had specialized training and wanted to share information. The ECHO last year focused on Autism support for Local System Managers. Each ECHO has a HUB team. The HUB team focuses on different disciplines/backgrounds with a variety of perspectives.
- A second ECHO was hosted by another university focused on practitioners supporting children with autism.
- This year, we are hosting two ECHOs. There will be a max of 30 participants.
  - Social and Emotional – It will run from June to October.
  - Leadership – It will run from May to October.

#### b. EI/Preservice Consortium – Meeting of faculty around state teaching EI content. The universities represented now include VCU, Radford, ODU, JMU, and GMU. Meet on a regular basis to think about the needs and build a relationship with LSMs to help get placements around the state. Together, we think about what do the students need and collaboratively problem-solve. Some of the other topics of discussion include writing grants.

- There is a gap of faculty missing in the OT, PT, SLP at this time. There is a need expanding to include faculty from these areas. All of the universities participating are education focused.
- Ana – Fairfax has a group focused on including a holistic approach that includes all disciplines. **Task:** Cori will reach out to Ana to discuss more details. Geri would also be interested in joining the discussion.
- Kim Sopko – Would love to see student placement with an OT, SLP, or PT. One of the issues at a higher university level for some universities- they will only allow placement with a licensed special education teacher.

#### c. Short Courses

- Met with Short Courses stakeholder groups. VEIPD Team is analyzing themes and moving forward on developing the new provider short course.

### 4. **Members Ideas and Input**

#### a. [Podcast](#) Topic Ideas – Two previous podcasts were on Functional Assessment and Teaming &

## Collaboration.

- Ideas for next topic
  - Marketing podcast that really encourages people to consider the field (Kim Sopko)
  - Virtual family engagement for the service coordinator (Ana Brecht). Patty seconds idea for how to build that initial relationship as a SC in the midst of a pandemic
  - Ideas to address equity during pandemic (Lisa Santra)
  - Culturally appropriate reflective questions during ASPs (Lisa Santra)
  - Transition considerations during pandemic – Patty
  - Helping system manager utilize technology to the fullest. (Erin), may be a good resource pop-up (Lisa T.)

### b. Transition Learning Path Content

- <https://veipd.org/main/learningpaths/index.html>
- Will be working on pulling content on transition learning path.
- Learning Path ideas: Building and strengthening relationships with families while examining own implicit biases (Kim Sopko)
  - Lisa Santra shared this could be tied to or based on implicit bias activities from the state's coaching reflective guide from back in the day.

### c. Consent Signatures

- Lisa Santra would like to discuss some concerns about the federal law to get consents now and concerns about inequity.
  - Kyla would be happy to meet with Lisa to further problem-solve together.

- d. Google Drive: We are working on transitioning documents stored on google drive to be uploaded and stored on our website in the future to help with people unable to access Google Drive.

## 5. Resource Sharing

- a. SC Position Statement: <https://www.decdocs.org/service-coordination>
- b. SC now have a professional home built under DEC. The SC Position Statement recently released. Dana was a lead writer.

**Save the Date** for the next meetings on the 4th Mondays  
from 10:30-12:00 pm EST in April, July, & October

*4/26/21, 7/26/21, 10/25/21*