



Meeting Notes

January 24, 2022

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 pm

Attendees

Catherine Hancock, Patty Eitemiller, JoShirlon Capeheart, Christine Spence, Adele Rohner, Adriana Gallego-Gomez, Lisa Santra, Erin Austin, Virginia Chu, Corey Cassidy, Lisa Terry, Cori Hill, Dana Childress

1. Welcome/Introductions & Celebrations/Announcements

- a. Welcome to JoShirlon, SC and Master Coach, ITCN!
- b. Congrats to Erin on the birth of her son, Colton!
- c. Patty got to visit with Cori, Lisa, and Dana over the holiday break for her own Christmas tour of VA!
- d. Cori's younger daughter graduated in December as a pediatric OT and will be working in EI in the Spring!

2. State and National Activities

- a. Part C Update
 - i. We are very happy to receive APRA funds from the Dept. of Ed and we have sent out a portion of these funds. We have until Fall of 2023 to fully disburse funds.
 - ii. We are working on a new data system to replace ITOTS which is called TRAC-IT. We held a demo last week and we are in the process of responding to questions from the demo. The new data system will go live in May. See the [ITCVA Resource Library](#) for ITOTS & TRAC-IT info.
 - iii. Providers are exhausted and we acknowledge that. We appreciate all of the work during this challenging time.
 - iv. We expect telehealth to become permanent through Medicaid so will be watching this.
- b. VA DEC – No update. The VA subdivision is regrouping at the moment. Coordinating the subdivision is challenging without being able to see board members in person or at the conference.
- c. Conferences/PD Opportunities
 - [DEC Conference](#) call for proposals opened January 1 and due March 15, 2022. The conference will be held September 27-30, 2022 in Chicago. It will

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be a joint conference with [The International Society of Early Intervention \(ISEI\)](#). They are always looking for practitioners to submit a proposal.

- [VAAEYC](#) March 17-19 in Hampton
- [Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Conference](#) March 21-23 (call for proposals should be coming out soon)
- [FIPP 50th Anniversary Webinar Series 2022](#) – free monthly webinars about EI

d. DEC SC CoP

- Visit the [SC CoP home page](#) to join and register for web conversations.
- Dana shared that they have a web conversation coming up this spring. They also have task teams working on resource development to support the use of the Joint Position Statement: Service Coordination and Early Intervention and the Knowledge and Skills for SC.
- Dana will no longer be the co-lead for the SC CoP as of Feb 1st. She will be transitioning to co-lead the DEC SC Committee later this year.

e. DEC IMH CoP

- Lisa shared that they hosted their first meeting with 70-80 participants in December. They will be meeting soon to start planning webinars for this year.
- [IMH CoP Home Page](#) and [PADLET](#) (add ideas for deliverables for the CoP)
- [IMH Competencies and DEC Recommended Practices](#)
- Cori asked about how to build awareness of the CoPs among VA providers, SCs, and students. ITC members shared that staff and students are aware but may not always access the resources.
- Virginia will focus on early childhood mental health as part of our SSIP. Tracy Walters is the Early Childhood Mental Health Coordinator.
- PD Opportunity: [2022 VAIMH Professional Development Series Registration](#) – webinars are archived on the [VAIMH site](#).

f. DEC Personnel Prep Committee

- Cori shared that this DEC committee is responsible for developing resources for preservice training in EI/ECSE. They are working on the [Practice-Based Professional Standards for Early Interventionists/Early Childhood Special Educators 2020](#). This group is developing infographics with vignettes to illustrate implementation of standards. The first one will be released in early Spring.

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- ii. Christine also shared that there is discussion among committee members about the need to define the role of the early interventionist/special instructor and determine who is in the role of the educator on EI teams.

3. Workplan Highlights

- a. SE and Leadership ECHOs
 - i. Planning is underway to hopefully launch these this Spring. Successful ECHOs were hosted last Fall.
 - ii. LSMs and supervisors were emailed last week to complete a very brief interest survey for the Leadership ECHO.
 - iii. People on the previous waiting list for the SE ECHO will have first priority to register for this next ECHO.
- b. CCSS 2022
 - i. We are moving forward with a hybrid option with up to 300 people in person and up to 300 who can attend virtually using Zoom. Virtual option will provide access to the keynote and some of the concurrent sessions (three sessions per breakout can be streamed).
 - ii. Keynote speaker, Iheoma U. Iruka, PhD, will talk about diversity, equity, and inclusion.
 - iii. [Call for Proposals](#) is open until Feb 15th. We would love to have proposals from Integrated Training Collaborative members. Please share the call for proposals with staff and colleagues.
- c. Elevator Speeches
 - i. We are launching two new videos each week and expect to continue through the end of May. Check out the Elevator Speeches [Playlist](#).
 - ii. Elevator speeches discuss these topics: Role, Strategy, EI Process, Preservice, Family, and Resources
 - 1. We are looking for more speeches about how to explain different parts of the EI process and what strategies are used to provide EI.
 - 2. Email Lisa at lmterry@vcu.edu if you have any parents who would like to create a video.
- d. EI Leadership Book Study
 - i. The first cohort started in December with 10 leaders and has met twice. Discussions have been very lively with leaders reflecting on their work.
 - ii. This book study will run through June and depending on the feedback, will be offered again in the future.
- e. Dimensions Short Course

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- i. This short 6-session online course is designed for new service providers as an optional PD opportunity within the first year of hire.
- ii. Course content has been drafted and is under initial review. It will be ready for review by Part C staff and ITC members within the next month or two. ITC members will be emailed when the course is ready for review to solicit volunteer reviewers
- f. Next Talks on Tuesdays webinar series – Topic will be reflective supervision. [Registration](#) is open.

4. Member Ideas and Input

- a. Ideas for new learning bytes
 - i. Self-care – sleep and mental health for practitioners with the increased screen time that comes with working virtually (maybe create one for families too)
 - ii. How to talk to families about screen time using a planning tool from AAP
 - iii. Email Dana at dcchildress@vcu.edu with any topic ideas or recommendations for activities you use with staff or students that could be developed into a learning byte.
- b. Suggestions for service coordinators to join SC Chats
 - i. We are seeking SCs to join us for informal conversations during our SC Chats webinars this year. We want to highlight things SCs are doing really well and things they are passionate about. The commitment is for one planning meeting and one webinar with the VEIPD staff taking care of preparing the slide deck, which will be short and consist of open-ended discussion questions.
 - ii. February SC Chat – how to support SCs as they move back to in-person services (Cori will host with Adriana and one of her SCs)
 - iii. Future topic – how to have hard conversations with families
 - iv. Email Dana with any other ideas

5. Resource Sharing

- a. [Video Library for Faculty and Trainers](#)
- b. [ECPC Video Library](#)
- c. [AAP Media Plan](#)
- d. [Infant & Child Development: A Descriptive Guide with Visual Aids](#)

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