



Department of
Education

Tennessee Early
Intervention System

State Interagency Coordinating Council for Tennessee's Early Intervention System

Oct. 20, 2015
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (CST)

Meeting Minutes

ICC Members in Attendance

Ned Solomon - Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities
Karen Pryor - Health Sphere Wellness Center
Amy Jenkins - Siskin Children's Institute Home and Community Based Early Intervention Program
Jessica Beaver - Therapy and Learning Center
Vickie Trice - Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance
Louise Barnes - Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Katari Coleman - Tennessee Department of Human Services
Brad Turner - Parent
Mary Rolando - Department of Children Services
Gary Smith - Department of Education
Kim Wingate - University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Catherine Knowles - Metro Nashville Public Schools

ICC Guests in Attendance

Linda Hartbarger - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Catherine Goodwin - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Jill Rigsby - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Margaret Headrick - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Jill Rogers - LeBonheur Early Intervention and Development (LEAD)
Shannon Nehus - WAVES
Kilbrey Fowler - Erlanger Health Care
Anita Teague - Child Development Center of the Community Development Center
Elizabeth Hailey - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Karen Willis - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Jeanna McCloud - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Georgia Garrett - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Peggy Brittingham - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Cyndi Griffin - Shelby Residential and Vocational Services (SRVS)
Jennifer Ehrentraut - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
Diane Kuhlman - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Vickie Olds - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Katie Gentry - Tennessee Early Intervention System

Regina Bowman - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Shannon Pargin - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Rene Bard - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Joan Kennedy - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Claudia Weber - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Barbara Thomas - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Ruthe Threet - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Lise Earwood - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Mitzi Myers - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Patricia Brownlee - Porter Leath
Jenny Patterson - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Mike Hinricher - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Diane Kuhlman - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Kerry Kaufman - LeBonheur Early Intervention and Development (LEAD)
Kim Ketron - Tennessee Early Intervention System
John Hall - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Amanda Dunlap - Middle Tennessee State University
Sara Hargis – Family Voices
Sherrice Hunter - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Serena Blanton - Tennessee Early Intervention System
JoAnn Hinkle - Tennessee Early Intervention System
Adreean Shanklin - Tennessee Early Intervention System

Meeting

SICC Chair Kim Wingate opened the meeting with introductions of SICC members, guests and lead agency staff.

Approval of Agenda.

Approval of minutes for July.

Agency and Program Reporting

Assistant Commissioner Joey Hassell presented slides showcasing the Department of Education's five-year strategic plan called *Tennessee Succeeds*. It will focus on three education goals: 1) Tennessee will rank in the top half of states on 4th and 8th grade National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in 2019, 2) the average ACT score in Tennessee will be a 21 by 2020, and 3) the majority of high school graduates from the class of 2020 will earn a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree. The state will focus the department's work in achieving these new goals in the priority areas of Early Foundations & Literacy, High School & Bridge to Postsecondary, All Means All, Educator Support and District Empowerment. Two new literacy initiatives called Ready to Read and Read to be Ready were announced that will focus on providing high-quality literacy support for teachers of all grades.

Linda Hartbarger shared that, if approved, the Delegated Grant Authority (DGA) which funds vendor contracts would be on the website by January 1 2016. Multi-year (three year period) contracts with vendors are being discussed. This would help to streamline the process. More information will be forthcoming in January.

A Central Directory will be shared on the website which will feature an Interactive Map of services and locations. It will link TEIS, EIRAs and Vendors together. It will also contain a link to both Pathfinders and Kids Central websites.

For Eligibility Criteria regarding medical documentation there has been an upgrade of ICD9 codes to ICD10 now listed on the TEIS website. Mitzi Myers worked closely with Dr. Larry Faust and St. Jude.

The Quality Improvement Team is focusing on job-embedded support. Instead of workshops, their concentration will be on district specific support with possibly some regional trainings. The Building Best Practices Conference is scheduled for May 10-11, 2016. The conference will be held at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro and will include POE staff this year.

State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)

Part C Monitoring Coordinator Catherine Goodwin shared that work on Phase II of the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) is underway for the development of a plan to improve child-level outcomes for children served through Tennessee's Early Intervention System (TEIS). The components for Phase II work are: 1) infrastructure development, 2) support to TEIS and early intervention providers' implementation of evidence-based practices, and 3) development of a plan evaluation. The State Identified Measureable Result (SIMR) identified through Phase I data and infrastructure analyses was reviewed; it is:

The percent of infants/toddlers who demonstrate improved acquisition and use of knowledge and skills and who function within age expectations by the time they exit or turn three years will increase.

SSIP stakeholder teams held their first meetings in September-October. There are four teams, one for each of the four improvement strategy strands identified within the Phase I Theory of Action. SSIP stakeholder team leads for the four improvement strategy strands are:

- Eligibility procedures: Shannon Pargin
- IFSP team function: Joan Kennedy
- Family centered services: Jill Rigsby
- Early childhood outcomes (ECO) data: Mike Hinricher

The work of first meetings was to review recommended improvement activities from stakeholders during Phase I. Teams worked on recommendations for ideas that may potentially have the greatest impact to improve child-level progress, while addressing root causes of low performance identified in Phase I work.

SSIP stakeholder team leads introduced team members and reported information from first meetings. There was discussion from SICC membership and TEIS Executive Director Linda Hartbarger around an activity recommendation from the family centered services team for TEIS to explore Medicaid reimbursement through a possible agreement with the Bureau of TennCare for the service of Development Therapy which is provided by Early Intervention Resource Agencies (EIRAs). This fiscal resource would potentially enable expansion of services provided

TEIS. SSIP stakeholder teams have second meetings scheduled for November-December to continue work.

TEIS continues to utilize federal technical assistance from Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA), Center for IDEA Early Data Systems (DaSy), and IDEA Data Center (IDC) for the development of our implementation plan. A logic model format is being used to develop the specifics for the implementation plan.

At the January SICC meeting it is anticipated that completed logic models for each of the four improvement strategies will be shared along with a draft evaluation plan. The SSIP Phase II report will be submitted to Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on April. 1, 2016. There will be a scheduled conference call meeting with SICC membership on March 22, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (CST) to review the final Phase II report prior to submission.

Annual Performance Report (APR)

Work has begun to prepare TEIS' FFY 2014-15 federal Annual Performance Report (APR). This report addresses TEIS status on required indicators compared to federal and state targets. The APR will be reviewed with SICC membership at the January SICC meeting. The report will be submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on Feb. 1, 2016.

ICC Business

Ned Solomon with TN Council of Developmental Disabilities shared that once again the council will be conducting Youth Readiness Trainings for interested high schools. Discussions revolve around what kids will do with their life after high school.

Update on ICC Representatives

Jill Rigsby shared that ICC members, Janet Coscarelli and Gayle Coleman, recently retired, therefore, new appointments will be assigned to fill their seats. Jill asked that potential candidates be submitted to her or other members of the Council. Parent representatives are needed as well.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Next ICC Meeting

Jan. 26, 2016 - Holiday Inn/Opryland Airport Hotel