



9-15-25 Agenda and Meeting Notes

Last meeting was 5-12-25. Meeting notes [here](#).

Notetaker for today's meeting: Dana

Present: Sharon Gilbert, Alison King, Christian Coogle, Christine Spence, Erin Geiger, Michelle Thompson, Safiya Ferryman, Sara Miller, Terry Nelligan, Yaoying Xu, Cori Hill, Dana Childress, Sonia Khurana, Heather Walter, Corey Cassidy

Agenda

(Items highlighted in in are today's action items)

- **Celebrations/Announcements**
 - Welcome back after our summer hiatus
 - Sharon is fostering two puppies this semester.
- [Group photo\(s\)](#): screenshot and at DEC [We're cute! Please try to take some photos of our members at DEC and other conferences so we can use in the future.](#)
- **Upcoming Meetings with Notetaker**
 - Fall 2025 meeting proposed: Mostly Third Mondays Sept-Dec (9/15, 10/20, 11/17, ***12/8/25) 9:00-10:30.

9/15/25	Dana
10/20/25 **LSM Collaborative	Christan

meeting	
11/17/25	Corey
12/8/25	Christine

- **Updates from members' programs**

- Sara (Longwood) - Worked over the summer to develop professional studies courses with EI content. This type of coursework can lead to endorsements. Hope to have everything approved by Spring. Currently offering courses as a pilot.
- Sharon (Radford) - RU's undergrad ECSE program is really struggling but has over 70 grad students. Have moved to 7-week classes and are in a consortium with Lynchburg. We also have grant funds.
- We might need to consider recruitment even at middle and high school ages to draw students to EI. DEC has an [EI recruitment video](#).
- Dana (ODU) - Undergrad and grad online programs are shifting to 8-week asynchronous courses.

- **Updates from ITCVA**

- Terri (ITCVA) - Added disciplines in mental health that can see children. Practice Manual has been updated and will be out for public comment soon. Be sure to be added to the [monthly email distribution list](#).
- Cori - As of August, [VEIPD website](#) has moved to a different platform that is more accessible and mobile friendly. Certification courses were also moved to Canvas.

- **Brief Agenda**

- Goal 4: LSM/Consortium Collaborative meeting planning group and discussion of inviting LSM(s) as Consortium member(s)
 - Oct and Apr - During Consortium regular meeting times, we will focus these two months as collaborative meetings with all LSMs.

- Goal 1: Revision discussions
 - See below
 - Goal 3: Schedule meeting; add member(s)
 - Goal 2: Updates
- **Action Plan** (ITEMS HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE ARE TODAY'S PRIORITIES)
 - **Goal One: Celebrate the variety of needs and cultivate relationships between Virginia Universities and local EI systems**
 - Safiya and Terri led the discussion. Proposed new goal language: *Goal One: Increase the number of students graduating from Virginia universities, from all recognized disciplines (i.e., OT, PT, SPL, ECE, ECSE, education, counseling, social work, etc.) who become Early Intervention practitioners in Virginia's early intervention workforce statewide.* All approved this new wording.
 - Revised to focus on increasing graduation of students in all disciplines who get hired in EI in VA
 - See action plan for new objectives
 - Do we want to invite LSMs to join the group as a whole or to work on specific goals?
 - Maybe 1 LSM per TA region? Or have a leader from the LSMs join each meeting and they could rotate? Or have 1-2 LSMs agree to join for the semester/year and then rotate?
 - Maybe invite them to the portion of the meeting that applies to them?
 - We would need to balance the purpose of the meeting and ensure everyone is able to participate.
 - We might have more LSMs who are also adjunct instructors who want to hear higher ed info.
 - Consider how many people we invite with the challenges of managing scheduling these meetings.
 - It would be important to onboard the LSM(s).

- **Recommendation:** Invite 2 LSMs/leaders to join the Consortium as members. Could have additional LSMs to join workgroups if needed. Terri will coordinate to determine the LSMs.
- MOUs - LSMs didn't think their executive directors would agree to a single MOU template but we will keep working on this.
- Terri and Safiya will facilitate the goal along with two LSMs. Sharon will join the work.
- Next collaborative meeting with LSMs will be in October.
- **Goal Two: Establish an Infrastructure to collaborate across universities and systems to enhance high quality research to practice partnerships**
 - 2.1 (*Lead: Yaoying, Members: Terri, Michelle, Christian, Sara, Alison, Sonia*) Conduct a survey on EI service providers about how AI has been used in their work
 - Survey on AI use in EI has been distributed through the Part C Update to EI distribution list. We have only received less than 10 responses so far. Suggestions are welcome to increase response rate to 100-200 respondents. Plan to close survey by early December to begin analysis. Results will be shared at the CRIEI conference.
 - VEIPD can send out the survey directly to the list serv. Terri sent the info to send out to Cori.
 - Should we have a standard acknowledgement statement for the Consortium to include in publications?
 - Yaoying will send Cori some sample statements.
 - 2.2 (*Lead: Yaoying, Members: Terri, Michelle, Christian, Sara, Alison, Sonia*) Conduct a survey with EI families about how AI has been used in the context of receiving EI services
 - See above.

- 2.3 (*Lead: Yaoying, Members: Terri, Michelle, Christian, Sara, Alison, Sonia*) Conduct a survey with EI/ECSE faculty about how AI has been used in the context of personnel preparation
 - See above
- 2.4 Carryout activities for OSEP 325N Grant-Workforce Ready: Supporting Community College Faculty to Prepare Scholars Serving Diverse Young Children with Disabilities (*Leads: Christine and Cori; Heather, Dana, Christian, Terri*)
 - After much nail-biting, we did get continued funding for next year which begins 10/1/25.
 - Significant work being completed on faculty toolkits to embed more disability-related information into assignments.
- **Goal Three: Develop high-quality viable EI coursework at the University level**
 - Cori and Christine will send out a doodle for a workgroup meeting.
 - Workgroup members: Christine, Alison, Michelle, Dana, Erin, Sonia, Christian, Safiya
- **Goal Four: Promote and share the unique strengths of the EI/Preservice Consortium, including professional knowledge, experience, and interprofessional collaboration**
 - 4.1 Seek opportunities to share the strengths of the Consortium members and interprofessional collaboration via interprofessional presentations, symposia, and consultations **statewide**.
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 - [DEC proposal](#)
 - Christan, Michelle, Corey, and Cori preparing session.

- Need quotes from all Consortium members about what the Consortium “has done for me.” Please complete this [form](#) by **9/22/25**.
- VOTA (Fredericksburg, 10/18) - Michelle will be presenting and Christine can join her. Heather, Audrey, Safiya, Christan, and Alison might also be able to join. Presenters do have to pay to attend; Consortium funds may be available to offset cost. Michelle will check about the possibility of presenting-only with no registration costs.
- [ASHA proposal](#) ACCEPTED
 - Corey, Christine, Cori, Christan, Heather, Michelle, Alison will present (Sonia is not presenting but helped put proposal together)
 - Call for papers for professional posters will come out soon. Could submit our CRIEI poster on AI in EI.
- [AOTA proposal](#) - SUBMITTED [Update since meeting: ACCEPTED](#)
- [SHAV](#) proposal SUBMITTED (Richmond March 30-31, 2026)
- [CRIEI](#) (Conference On Research Innovations In Early Intervention) - ACCEPTED a poster session (San Diego). Register for early bird by 11/15. Terri, Sara, Sonia, Dana (not presenting). Alison, Michelle, Yaoying (presenting). Christine can help if needed since she will be attending.
- AFC NRCEC (Admin for Children and Families, National Research Conference on Early Childhood) - Erin is preparing a proposal. The conference is on June 22-24 in Crystal City. The conference is free. Cori, Sara, and Christine can help with the proposal.
- NAEYC - Sharon is presenting in Orlando about student role play.

- 4.3 Join or host two virtual statewide system manager meetings
 - Scheduled for 10/20/25. Save the date has been sent to LSMs
 - Need planning committee-Terri and Safiya will take the lead.
 - Discussion: including LSM(s) as Consortium member(s). See above.
- 4.4 Develop practitioner and leadership papers based on presentations to bring attention to EI as an avenue for employment.
- 4.5 Host a virtual summit.

Other:

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To Do for Next Meeting:

- Prepare for collaborative LSM meeting on 10/20
- Prepare updates for workgroup activities for November meeting

Next Meeting: 10/20/25 LSM/Consortium Collaborative Meeting

Notetaker: Christan