Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2020
10:30 a.m. -12:00 pm EST

Details

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

Attendees

Lisa Terry, Cori Hill, Dana Childress, Kyla Patterson, Carol Burke, Christan Coogle, Kim Gregory, Geri Stevens, Christine Spence, Erin Austin, Adele Rohner, Ana Brecht, Melissa Peacey, Stacie Jackson, Patty Eitemiller, Lisa Santra

Minutes

1. **Welcome/Introductions & Celebrations/Announcements**
   a. Welcome new ITC members Geri Stevens and Kim Gregory!
   b. We are updating ITC Membership list. Please fill out this form if you plan to continue for the upcoming year: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19ZKAKPL8VHWTI_8T5RB5MtJz1Y5xSgWl/edit#gid=280231907

2. **State and National Activities**
   a. Part C Update
      • State office supporting at local level systems around pandemic including telehealth, transition to face-to-face, and community settings.
      • Infrastructure work group looking at how EI is structured within 40 systems (billing, staffing, etc.). The goal is to look at the resources and ways to improve efficiency. Participants in work group are going back to their locality to gather more information to bring back to the work group.
      • Working with DMAS to continue telehealth post-pandemic. At this time, it is extended through end of June/early July.
      • VICC meetings are continuing to meet virtually. The public can still participate.
   b. VA DEC
      • Christan Coogle – Professional Development Chair on VA DEC board
         • Board is restructuring and would love to solicit new board members
         • Focused on outreach and professional development including social media resources, monthly blog postings, and webinars
         • 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
- You can join any session and sessions are going to be recorded. There are multiple discounts and this is a great opportunity to attend the conference since held virtually.
- CEC Virtual 3/8/21-3/13/21
- VA AEYC Conference is March 11-13, 2021

- Other
  - CHKD Insights Autism Conference – Registration not yet live
  - ECHO Autism Groups –
    - ECHO stands for ECHO: Extension of Community ECHO stands for Extension of Community Healthcare Outcomes - it originates through the University of New Mexico, https://hsc.unm.edu/echo/get-involved/#start
    - Two groups (UVA for practitioners and VCU for LSMs)
  - Dana has been providing training and support for teachers collaborating with families to support student learning. It has been very well received.

3. **Members Ideas and Input**
   a. ToT Topics
   - How people can access stuff now to get the professional development training hours needed
   - Hearing loss (updated ones including Telehealth or wearing masks in the home)
     - Terri Nelligan is a great point of contact. There is a lot going on at state level including mentors that could be included into the topic discussing what is in the works.
     - "Irene Schmalz is my go to for hearing loss - she's part of the Partnership"
     - Kristin Karmon is a great SLP that works with Aveanna and specializes with children with hearing loss
   - Vision – How have vision services looked during telehealth because services tended to be more direct in the past. It has been more difficult over the past year.
     - Tracy Deluca at the state department (Partnership) is great for vision
   - Working with families where English is a second language via telehealth
   - Not ToT specific– but a handout on resources or ideas for things available (Dana will follow up with Ana to get more ideas)
   b. SC Chat Topics
   - How to complete work in the world of telehealth
   - SC chat related to accessing interpreting services through the MCOs. This has been a struggle in the field and wonder if having a rep from MCOs or DMAS folks share how to go about this as the need is increasing with telehealth.
     - Kyla – This has continued to remain a challenge. They are aware of the issues and still

working on resolving them. There is a process list to follow right now, but check on it next mid-year to see if people continue to struggle. They are also going to try to add the interpreter contact information.

    c. CSPD (Comprehensive System of Personnel Development) Update Content
- Looking at updating and giving a new look. Specifically we want to consider:
  - Are people reading the Update?
  - What do they find most useful?
  - Is there anything NOT needed?
  - Currently we tie the Update with the Talks on Tuesday topic. Like or dislike?
- Previous CSPD Updates can be found [here](). We would appreciate members talking to their colleagues, staff, etc, and provide feedback.

4. **Resource Sharing**

    a. Knowledge and Skills for Service Coordinators [(KSSC)]()
- New national resource broken down into six topics for the Knowledge and Skills for Service Coordinators (Infant and Toddler Development, Family-Centered Practices, Leadership/Teaming, Coordination of Services, Transition, Professionalism)

    b. Functional Assessment [Learning Path]()
- New Learning Path broken into five different pathways centered around the definition of Functional Assessment
- Feedback: The Google Drive links are hard to access. Staff tries to access on their phone and then the .pdf has trouble loading on their phones.
  - Our team is working on converting all the documents to a .pdf on our website to reduce issues. We will make the Functional Assessment Learning Path a priority.

    c. Short Courses
- Two stakeholder groups (New Short Courses and Experienced Short Courses) have been participating to contribute additional content information.
  - New Short Courses (6 week consecutively)
    - Family-centered Practices and Natural Environments and Cultural Awareness, Routines-based EI and Natural Learning Opportunities, Functional Assessment (Active Listening), IFSP Development, Service Delivery (Adult learning, coaching, & NLEPs), Teaming (working with SC, collaboration with other team members)
  - Experienced Short Courses (4 week consecutively)
    - Course topics: Functional Assessment, IFSP Development, Caregiver Engagement, Routines-based Intervention, Bias, Sharing your Expertise
  - Adele, Ana, Kim would like to participate in pilot

Save the Date for the next meetings on the 4th Mondays
from 10:30-12:00 pm EST in January, April, July, & October
1/25/21, 4/26/21, 7/26/21, 10/25/21