

ITC Quarterly Meeting Mon, Apr 18, 2016 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/946338277

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Attending: Cori, Catherine, Patty, Dana, Corey, Erin, Debi, Stacie, Deana, Beth, Cathy, Carole, Pam, Adrienne, Kara, Tracey

- 1. Welcome, Announcements, & Celebrations
  - WELCOME, STACIE! YIPPEE! also LSM at Staunton-Waynesboro, started in March; big focus on Stacie's work with us will be on helping with service coordination module revisions and Kaleidoscope revisions
  - (*Reminder: No CCSS2016*) Conference will occur every other year from now on. Please help spread the word. Info is available on VEIPD site. Email went out to all participants from last year too.
  - Deana has been reappointed as Act Early Ambassador for another 2 years
  - Stacie hired part-time SC and she started today
  - Erin hired bilingual SLP which is exciting for our area
  - Pam finished first round of book study with coaching guide and it was very successful; already started a new one and are planning to do these 3x/year to reach as many people as possible; for people who are interested in attending (not required) many are doing it because of interest, not because they are getting paid to attend which is great
- 2. State & National Activities (I&TC office, T/TACs, VCPD, universities, local systems, Partnership, others)
  - VCU submitted proposal for NICU grant for transition from NICU to EI. ITC of Richmond will be
    partnering with this. Partnership will also be involved too. Very excited. Will know in May if we get
    the grant. Trying to make transition from NICU a shorter process to ensure we don't lose them in the
    process. Maybe doing intake and assessment sooner, while still in hospital. Will coordinate care
    management and have onsite help. Would hire a part-time person through grant to act as a liaison for
    the system and help families navigate. VA Board for People with Disabilities proposal one of their
    only priorities this year. Three people submitted full proposals.
  - Early Childhood Personnel Center group from VA (Part C, Part B/619, TTAC, VCPD, DSS) who are involved in PD for early childhood workforce will get assistance from ECPC; returning for intensive TA and training in May. Attended last year. Using info to reshape how we do PD in our state. 12 states will be attending too so get to meet others who are doing PD – get to share resources and learn from others.
    - Very exciting for VA!
    - $\circ$   $\;$  Will help with SSIP in Part B and Part C  $\;$
    - Helps with preparing a PD workforce across sectors

- Will spend time to develop teamwork across our state
- The JMU Content Teaching Academy last year focused on Mind in the Making book with a train-thetrainer approach and a strong parent component. At LSM meeting in March, a provider from Fairfax shared how she's using it with families (she's a facilitator). Reached out to Mind in the Making facilitators to see how we could use this info. Info and research in book is some of the best collection of research on brain development and early childhood development. Conducted a Mind in the Making book study a few years ago (collaborative effort between JMU TTAC and EI). People are interested in this again.
  - New app called VROOM parents can put in child's age and get daily email about something relevant to child of that age. Stay tuned more info to come
  - ITC Fairfax did 2 of the 8-week series on this. Fairfax schools trained many teachers and parent resource center offered to parents. Still working on how to pull parents into this. Relevant for families but also our own perspectives with families – great insights. ITC of Fairfax has trained about 30 of their staff.
- Conferences: Inclusion Institute – May, Chapel Hill NC (sold out) DEC 2016 – October 18-20, Kentucky
- 3. Updates on current ITC work and tie to ITCVA Priorities and SSIP
  - Certification Modules Revisions (review chart-handout-Cori)
    - Lots has happened recently new eLearning site is now set up
    - New EI certification will include 5 "packages". Each package may include more than one module. See the module revision chart for details.
    - $\circ$   $\,$  Will need ITC support with reviewing modules as they are finalized. Thanks for your help with this so far.
  - Coaching Facilitation Implementation Groups (Dana)
    - Have been running 2 monthly groups since Nov 2015. Designed to help local systems implement the Coaching Facilitation Guide with their staff. Some programs are running monthly book studies, others are doing staff development. Heard very positive feedback so far. Last meetings occur this week. We will be evaluating the project to determine if we will repeat it with another cohort and if it will be an activity that all systems will participate in (per the SSIP). Survey will be sent to group leaders to assess their experiences with using the Guide with local staff and with participating in the implementation groups. May also survey LSMs who did not participate in the groups to see how they are using the Guide too.
  - Collaborative conference with Deaf/Blind Project (Cori)
    - Conference was held on March 14<sup>th</sup>
    - $\circ$   $\;$  Focused on vision impairments for very young children
    - Group that planned this is interested in continued collaboration with EI to explore who could qualify for Deaf/Blind Project or services through DBVI and how to ensure that we find these children
    - Terri Strange-Boston has been our liaison

- More info to come about future activities. Waiting to hear from project director about ideas for future collaboration. They have funding to do this kind of activity – pay for speaker, space, materials.
- Great conference nice to hear things related to vision
- LSM Meeting (Deana)
  - Meets 2x/year with all LSMs. Last meeting in March.
  - Great opportunity. Part C staff has written into SSIP specific activities that will always be discussed at these meetings.
  - Use expertise of LSMs to share info and plan agenda.
  - If there are really interesting things happening around the state or things happening in your local programs that you'd like others to know about, please let Deana know. Planning group will be meeting soon to plan for September. Will look at evaluation survey results to help with planning.
  - Next meeting Sept 27<sup>th</sup> in Charlottesville.
- Kaleidoscope Revisions (Stacie)
  - Working with a stakeholder group of SCs from around state
  - Have more resources now with VEIPD and modules than when curriculum was originally development. Heard from participants of Kaleidoscope that content is redundant.
  - Focusing on "need-to-know" content in modules, so Kaleidoscope will focus on practical info, answering questions, applying what they've learned in their work as SCs, and share resources/network among SCs
  - $\circ$  Considering how to reduce Kaleidoscope training time, in response to feedback from LSMs
  - Goal new Kaleidoscope will be implemented in Fall 2016
- PD Tasks for SSIP Year 3 (Dana)
  - $\circ$   $\;$  These will drive our deliverables for the next year's contract which will begin July 1st  $^{st}$
- Talks on Tuesdays

May ToT – Talking with Families about Early Mental Health – Jean Odachowski June ToT – Traumatic Brain Injury in Very Young Children – Mandy Tribe from TBI Foundation from Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters No ToTs in July and August

- 4. ITC Member Input
  - Topic Ideas for ToTs
    - CATHY COOK Early executive function and self-regulation skills we do have a ToT on executive function, but maybe we can explore how to talk to families about this? Maybe tie this to info from Mind in the Making
    - ERIN AUSTIN Medicaid waivers are merging in July ToT on the new waivers; DBHDS is also doing some informational presentations on this too (Erin is attending one of them on Thurs); Erin could assist with this. Dana Yarborough at PPD and Arc might also be able to help.
    - Collaborating with local agencies how to collaborate, extent to which local systems are able to do this varies from system to system, maybe hear from folks about how other agencies fit in to our work (Home Visiting, other groups)

- People are not understanding the work of VA Cross Sector PD team (VCPD); it's on a state level; don't understand how this affects work at the local level or work of providers
- Collaboration among home visiting programs (PAT, EHS, CHIP etc.) with Part C dual enrollment
- Collaborating with Child Care Providers around coaching, NLE practices; maybe have a panel of an EI provider and a child care provider? This is a future SSIP activity too.
- Transition seeing missed aspects being found in record reviews; not being aware of requirements for transition planning meetings; this often trips people up in Kaleidoscope too; find a LSM who has a good relationship with their school system to be a presenter; maybe Dawn Hendricks (VDOE) to collaborate, Patty would be willing to share about their local collaboration and transition info sessions in Alexandria (done at night, not required, intended to prepare families for their individual transition planning meeting or for any child and family in the system to get more information; has been very successful). Beth will help with this too.
  - Might be a 2-part session
    - 1 Basic Requirements
    - 2 Dawn could talk about transition to school
- What do you think is top PD need in your region for next year?
  - Pam would like to go back and ask people in Fairfax to see what they think; they are trying to support PSP model there.
  - Adrienne T/TA: Clarification /definitions of the OSEP indicators and process (e.g., as a part of assessment or ongoing assessment); questions about whether you use an instrument for ongoing assessment for this or not
  - Stacie how indicator conversation is being reviewed under SSIP, where this is going? How to build interrater reliability, revamping of child indicator book, etc.; need clarification
  - Beth we are changing term "indicator" to now be consistent with national terminology to be called "global child outcomes" this helps avoid confusion with national efforts; OSEP has always used "outcomes" but VA chose to use "indicators" to avoid confusion with IFSP outcomes; now it makes more sense to be consistent with national terminology
  - Beth documentation of ongoing assessment, important to have outcome assessment on all kids who've been in system for 6 months or longer. We know some children leave sooner, so Part C office is emphasizing doing this on all children so that we have the info needed to complete the ratings. We are looking at ongoing assessment now more broadly than just focusing on child's progress on IFSP outcomes and goals.
  - $\circ~$  Other suggestions? Please go back and ask folks in your system.
    - Email Cori any suggestions from your staff by May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Any other comments?

- Expect calls for help with reviewing modules under development stay tuned!
- This is our last meeting for this contract year. We will check with you to see if you are still interested in participating on ITC. If you know of someone else who is interested, let us know. Will also confirm meeting dates for next year too starting July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thanks for participating!