

Early Intervention Interagency Management Team

Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2006

1. Call to order

Mary Ann Discenza called to order the regular meeting of the Early Intervention Interagency Management Team at 1:30 p.m. on December 20, 2006 at the Jefferson Building. Minutes were taken by Stella Stith.

2. Present

The following persons were present: Mary Ann Discenza, Bonnie Grifa, Carol Granger, Debra Holloway, Mary Ann White (conference call), Sue Mackey-Andrews, Phyllis Mondak, Pat Dewey, Glen Slonneger, and Tammy Whitlock.

3. Part C Update

- a) The issues document developed by Solutions, LLC and the OSEP Finance Indicators were sent to the management team and other stakeholders.
- b) The state interagency agreement needs to be updated. Information about the interagency agreement went out to state agency heads from the Commissioner's office. Follow-up visits will be planned with management team members to discuss specific agreements with each state agency. The interagency agreement will be submitted to OSEP with Virginia's application for funding for FY 2007.
- c) In addition, the budget and federal application including Virginia policies and procedures are due April 20, 2007.
- d) The Part C data system cannot capture the information required by the General Assembly for how state funds are spent for early intervention services.
- e) As a follow-up to the VICC meeting, the Part C office will poll absent management team members about the priority areas of transition and child find identified by the VICC as areas for focused monitoring for the current year.

4. Public Comments to the EIIMT

The following public comment was provided by Carol Granger on behalf of the CoCoA Steering Committee. The public comment is verbatim from written comments provided.

On behalf of the CoCoA Steering Committee, we appreciate the opportunity to offer the following comments to the EIMT. As always, we appreciate the

opportunity to work collaboratively not only with the Part C office, but also other agency partners that participate with the EIMT.

The State Part C office has worked many hours on Virginia's Monitoring indicators and the data attached to those indicators. This is evident in the "Part C Updates" that was provided today. There was a recent phone conference with System Managers that shared this data in aggregate. Localities or systems recognize that these individual indicators represent individual baseline and target data comparison. Localities anticipate receiving this information soon and understanding and developing Corrective Action Plans that will move the system forward. We also hope that the same correspondence will be specific related to what time frame future data will need to be reported. We also understand there will be Focused Monitoring and would like more information on this and how it will be applied statewide, and specifically for individual localities.

In the November 2006 "Report on Virginia's Part C Early Intervention System (Budget Item 334K, 2005 Appropriations Act)" there is reference that in FY 08 there will be reporting on all revenue for Part C. In this same report there is reference to the data system ITOTs being brought back to the Department in February 07. We would appreciate more information on "how" and what "support" localities will have for reporting this revenue data.

Thank you to the Part C office for all the work and efforts for collaboration with CoCoA in the development of the "draft" Policy and Procedures. We recognize they are out for the 60-day public comment. We recognize that this is the opportunity for everyone to make comments. We are aware that Cleft Lip or Palate has been added as a diagnosed physical condition for a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay. There has been conversation from a family member that these children have not received the supports that might enhance their development. We support making sure that this "gap" is filled. We want to caution that this diagnosis alone might not need to be identified as an eligibility criteria, but that training be identified and provided for those systems where related developmental characteristics, such as feeding or speech, do not make these children eligible for services under atypical or 25% delay.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments from the public. CoCoA looks forward to working in partnership with the EIMT to provide services to Virginia's youngest citizens.

5. State Agency Reports

- a) Phyllis Mondak announced that the Shining Stars conference is scheduled for July 13-15 in Virginia Beach and that save the date postcards will be going out to all local system managers.
- b) Debra announced that there will have a new parent to parent coordinator for the Roanoke area.

- c) Tammy Whitlock reported that DMAS is working on cleaning up the data for Part C children who are Medicaid eligible.

6. Adjournment

Phyllis Mondak adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.