

**Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council**  
**March 14, 2001 meeting**  
**Report of Part C Early Intervention Interagency Management Team**

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The Early Intervention Interagency Management Team continues to meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Highlights from the January and February meetings follow:

- **Ability To Pay Procedures** House Bill 2738 was passed in the House and the Senate. It goes to Governor Gilmore next. The Continuous Quality Improvement - Ability to Pay (CQI-ATP) Workgroup finalized draft ability to pay procedures that include a uniform ability to pay scale, uniform appeal procedures and uniform information for families. These have been disseminated along with a letter from Commissioner Kellogg to local interagency coordinating councils, community service boards, private providers and others for public review and comment. The public comment period is from February 15 to April 16. In addition, the draft procedures have been posted on the Virginia Babies Can't Wait! Website.
- **Procedures for Requests for Funds** Procedures for councils requesting additional funding are being finalized. Representatives of CoCoA are providing input concerning the procedures and associated forms. Once procedures have been finalized they will be posted on the Babies Can't Wait! Website.
- **FFY2001-2002 Part C Budget** The Commissioner has advised that additional money be put in direct services. He has asked that contracts be reviewed and eliminated where possible and that the amount of money spent on federally required support services be reviewed and decreased where possible to free up additional money for direct services. The EIAC will be meeting in March to discuss budget priorities and possible shifts in philosophy on spending.
- **Operating Procedures** Team members have been reviewing and updating operating procedures for EIIMT and developing draft Operating Procedures for the EIAC. A table was developed to outline responsibilities of EIIMT, EIAC, and The Lead Agency. Once all items have been finalized and approved they can be found on the Babies Can't Wait! Website.

Respectfully Submitted

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Chair, EIIMT  
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