

Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council
March 8, 2000 Meeting
Report of the Part C Early Intervention Interagency Management Team

The Early Intervention Interagency Management Team (EIIMT) meets every third Wednesday of the month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the ninth floor conference room of the Part C Office in the Jefferson Building. Highlights of the January and February meetings follow.

- ***Part C Scheduled Meetings and Minutes.*** The scheduled meetings and approved minutes of the EIIMT are posted on the Part C Babies Can't Wait WEB page. Anne Stewart (Chair, VICC) and Mary Ann White and Carol Granger (Council Coordinators) have been participating in the EIIMT meetings. The next scheduled meeting of the EIIMT is March 15, 2000.
- ***Part C Ability-to-Pay/ Family Fees Update.*** The EIIMT continues to receive updates from the DMHMRSAS Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Ability to Pay work group and several EIIMT members are participating in the process. The CQI Work Group has begun development of principles for the ability to pay/fee issue, and continues to study the issues and the impact of possible solutions. Recommendations are due to the Commissioner of DMHMRSAS on April 1, 2000. Meeting minutes are posted on the WEB Page.
- ***Emergency Funds Requests.*** The EIIMT has recently received some requests from localities to provide emergency funds. In discussing these requests, the members have been concerned whether all sources of available revenue have been maximized. The EIIMT has discussed a proactive strategy, such as increased assistance from the TA Brokers and technical assistance to localities.
- ***Part C Budget for 2001-2002.*** At the December meeting of the Early Intervention Agencies Committee (EIAC), the Part C budget for the FY2001-2002 was provisionally approved, pending information on federal allocation. The budget will again be reviewed at the May meeting of the EIAC. Meanwhile, the EIIMT has proposed that the budget be amended to include funding for a consultant to evaluate the funding formula (planned, but inadvertently omitted from the budget). The EIIMT will also proposed funds for a consultant to evaluate the number of children eligible for Part C, and for the analysis of agency data systems to determine what is needed to develop an interagency data system if the funding requests are not approved by General Assembly.
- ***Evaluation of the Part C system.*** Since the process for requests for proposal (RFP) is not prescriptive, questions concerning the change in lead agency designation will be provided to an advisory committee for consideration by the consultant that is chosen to conduct the evaluation. The members of the EIIMT have been asked to poll their local counterparts on the questions to be considered.
- ***Increasing Communication and Part C Meetings.*** The EIIMT has discussed ways to increase communication between localities and the EIIMT and the Part C Office, such as attending regional meetings. It was suggested that a schedule of Part C meetings be posted on the Part C WEB site, so members of the EIIMT and others would know when meetings are being held.
- ***Letter to Families in Part C System.*** The EIIMT reviewed the draft of a letter to families in the Part C system. The letter will be distributed to families by council coordinators. Wanda Pruett volunteered to assist with the dissemination of the letter.

Respectively Submitted,
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