

Early Intervention Interagency Management Team Report

September 8, 1999

The Part C Early Intervention Interagency Management Team (EIIMT) continues to meet the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting of the EIIMT will be held September 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the Part C Office Conference Room at the Jefferson Building. Highlights of the EIIMT meetings follow.

, **Ability to Pay Issue.** In response to the VICC recommendation to the EIIMT, the EIIMT discussed the ability to pay issue and made several recommendations including requests for further information at its

July 8 and August 12 meetings. A separate report from the EIIMT has been prepared for the VICC September 8, 1999 meeting.

, **Part C Early Intervention Budget.** The Early Intervention Agency Committee (EIAC) approved the 1999-2000 budget as presented by the EIIMT.

, **Part C Interagency Agreement.** At the September 9 meeting, the members of the EIIMT will submit their revised sections of the State Interagency Agreement to the Part C Office. A draft document will be sent to each participating agency commissioner/director on the EIAC for review.

, **Part C Monitoring and Measurement Improvement System (MIMS).** The EIIMT held an additional meeting August 3 with Jeff Harlow from Old Dominion University to review the findings from the six pilot site reviews, the focus group sessions, and the state review team members. A very positive aspect of the MIMS process is the fact that issues that were identified are being addressed (prior notice and consent, IFSP requirements, documentation). The EIIMT reaffirmed its decision made in a previous EIIMT meeting that the MIMS Task Force should continue and all 40 localities will be monitored in the next two years. In order to accomplish this, it was determined that certain activities needed to be completed by December 31, 1999 by the MIMS Task Force, the EIIMT and the Part C Office as reported in the EIIMT minutes of August 3, 1999. The EIIMT agreed that the MIMS Task Force members need to be recognized for their hard work these past two years.

, **Two Requests submitted to the EIIMT.** Two requests were review at the July 8 EIIMT meeting. The first request was from a LICC for additional funds, later withdrawn. The second request was from Council Coordinators' Association of Virginia (CoCoA) requesting membership on the EIIMT. Any change in the EIIMT membership would require approval by the EIAC with a legislative change in the *Code of Virginia*. Liz Hutton sent a letter thanking the President of CoCoA for their request and notifying them about the process for such a change. She recommended that a method of communication be established between the EIIMT and CoCoA, and indicated that a representative from CoCoA is welcome to attend an EIIMT meeting as it is a public meeting.

, **Review of the Report of Nominations for the VICC.** The EIIMT reviewed the report submitted by the Nominating Committee. The EIIMT recommends to the VICC that the Bylaws section on membership be reviewed and consideration be given to including a representative from insurance and, in addition to Head Start, a representative from a private or public agency providing services to infants and toddlers.

Respectively Submitted,

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