# **ITC Quarterly Meeting**

Date: April 22, 2024

Time: 10:30 AM - Noon

Meeting Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91889154940

Participants: Cori Hill, Lisa Terry, Morgan Colleton, Kyla Patterson, Jessica Hale, Corey Cassidy, Tracy Walters, Dana Childress, Patty Eitemiller, Erin Croyle, Robin Church, Adrianna Gallego, Geri Stevens, Christine Spence, Erin Austin, Rebecca Stickler, Adele Rohner, Ana Brecht, Heather Walter, Lorelei Pisha

# Agenda

### I. Welcome and Celebrations

- Geri Stevens heading to Copenhagen & Iceland
- Morgan Colleton new car
- Dana cruise with Goofy
- Tracy time with grandson, Elliot
- Cori Aliza Jane will be 3!
- Robin Adulting 21 year old son!!
- Patty Boston this weekend, going to RI for first time and 40th state

# II. State and National Activities

- 1. Part C Updates
- SSIP: SE Development & Relationships
  - Webinar launching use of the Pyramid Model Framework in EI
  - Consistent policies for screening and assessment for SE, coming soon
  - DMAS working with DMAS to add new disciplines to the list of providers who can be reimbursed by Medicaid for services related to SE development.
- Discussion around screening and assessment, including
  - Tools, such as ESQ, SEAM, ASQ-3
  - Tools currently in use in some programs represented at this meeting
- Practice Manual
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Undergoing full review and revision to include the following:
    - TRAC-IT
    - Telehealth policies from Medicaid



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- Screening/Assessment for SE
- 2. Conferences/Professional Development
  - DEC Conference, Sept 17th 20th, New Orleans •
    - Patty, Christine, Cori, Lisa, Lorelei, Morgan, Dana
  - CCSS, July 16th-18th, Roanoke
    - Pre-conference 16th
    - Many sessions are hybrid
    - Increased capacity for in person conference
    - Hotel Roanoke is completely sold out alternate hotels are listed on the website
    - Lisa will send out time slots for presentations shortly
  - Annual IECMH Conference: May 14-16th, Virtual
    - Swag has gone out!
    - Registrations are coming in strong, still open, spread the word
  - Zero to Three LEARN Conference: July 31st Aug 1, Long Beach
  - VEHDI conference is May 15-18
  - ARC of VA Conference, Aug 19-21st, VA Beach
    - Growing El portion
    - Contact Robin if you'd like to present/participate
    - Jessica Hale is interested in participating
    - Cori asked for a constant contact to spread the word

#### Other

- Workplan: https://www.veipd.org/main/sub2 about itc.html
- May/June Talks on Tuesdays:
  - May 7th: Intro to AAC in El
  - June 4th: Implementation of AAA in EI
- **Meaningful Moments Podcast:** 
  - Episode 7 Elevating IMH through Policy and Advocacy with Andy Gromm
  - Episode 8 Caring Across Colors: Bridges to Understanding with Kirsten Sippel-Klug and Kena Chambers
- **Growing Brain** 
  - Patty did this training with EC providers, did all 7 sessions, allowed registration for any session, rather than whole training
  - Very popular training for both VEIPD and Alexandria EC









- Substance Use/Substance Use Disorders Workshop
  - Oct 9th
  - Virtual format
- Suspension and Expulsion campaign materials
  - Lisa and Tracy working on this with a team
  - Important current need in EI community
  - Send ideas, articles, resources, etc. to Lisa and Tracy
  - Collaborate with Patty since she works with child care providers
  - Dr. Anjali Ferguson's course is a good resource, she will also be speaking at CCSS
- Dimensions Evaluation Study
  - Mixed method evaluation between ODU/VCU of the Dimensions pilot
  - Initial findings show that the short course was well-received (satisfaction) and an improvement in confidence across the first 6 sessions
- OSEP grant Workforce Ready
  - Site visits underways (3 of 4 complete)
  - Faculty retreat in June
  - Participating Community Colleges:
    - Central Virginia CC Lynchburg; Patrick & Henry CC Martinsville; Eastern Shore CC - Melfa; Southwest Virginia CC - Abingdon

#### III. Member Ideas and Input

- 1. SC Chats topics and facilitators
  - Prior sessions: <u>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCQjRma-0n1Z\_H9hvZyPJ</u> <u>3fzSXoG5p3SK</u>
  - Jessica Hale: Hearing and vision screening update
    - Learning Path coming soon on Sensory Disabilities!
    - Looking for reviewers for learning path Jessica Hale, Patty Eitemiller
- 2. Guest speakers for Meaningful Moments Contact Lisa or Tracy!
- 3. Open Share: Ideas and Input
  - IECMH modules 3 free modules, more to come



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- Jessica Hale Beneficial for EI providers to know about ABA, how to respond when doctors give prescription for ABA. How to support families in understanding.
  - Sarah Germansky is happy to support this.
  - Cori and Kyla: VA Part C doesn't say "ABA", we talk about natural learning environment practices, coaching. Our services are driven by the IFSP. ABA is not a service in EI, it's a modality. Research supports coaching and natural environment practices.
  - Sarah G: It may be helpful to explain how ABA principles are already embedded in EI.
  - Ana B: BCBAs in her program have done some work on explaining in general who ABA providers are and what they do.
  - Robin C: ABA 101 for Families resource
  - Lisa: <u>Developmental Services handout</u> is useful in helping families understand Part C services, as well as Elevator Speeches on the role of the <u>BCBA in El</u>
  - Tracy <u>https://vcuautismcenter.org/te/coursework/abac.cfm</u>

#### IV. Resource Share

Pyramid Model Framework resources

Next Meeting Date: July 22nd is CANCELED. We will send a written update. See you at CCSS! (4th Monday each quarter)



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