



**Early Intervention/Preservice Consortium**  
Relationships, Communication, Preparation

## 12-8-25 Agenda and Meeting Notes

Last meeting was 11-17-25. Meeting notes [here](#).

**Notetaker for today's meeting:** Christine

**Present:** Corey Cassidy (Radford University), Terri Nelligan (ITCVA), Christian Pankiewicz (Coogee; GMU) Erin Geiger (GMU), Michelle Thompson (ODU), Yaoying Xu (VCU), Kendall Lee (ITC-Heartland), Muff Perry (ITC-Harrisonburg/Rockingham), Safiya Ferryman (Hampton), Christine Spence (VCU), Cori Hill (VEIPD), Heather Walter (GMU), Sara Miller (Longwood)

### **Agenda**

(Items highlighted in blue are today's action items)

- **Celebrations/Announcements**
  - Thank you and goodbye to Sharon, who will be retiring.
  - ASHA presentation November 20 - went well; about 60 participants; three individuals want to follow up (Gallaudet, JMU, UVA)
- **Upcoming Meetings with Notetaker**
  - Fall 2025 meetings

9/15/25	Dana
10/20/25 <del>**LSM Collaborative meeting</del>	Corey

11/17/25	Christan
12/8/25	Christine

- Spring 2026 meetings 2:00-3:30PM; **sign up for notetakers**

1/14/26	Corey
2/18/26	Safiya
3/4/26	Christan
**4/29/26 LSM Collaborative Meeting 2-4PM	
5/13/26	Terri

- **Updates from members' programs**
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- **Updates from ITCVA**
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- **Brief Agenda**
  - **Goal 1 (see below)**
  - **Goal 3 (see below)**
- **Action Plan** (ITEMS HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE ARE TODAY'S PRIORITIES)
  - **Goal One: Increase the number of students graduating from Virginia universities, from all recognized disciplines (i.e., OT, PT, SPL, ECE, ECSE, education, counseling, social work, etc.) who get EI certified and become Early Intervention practitioners in Virginia's early intervention workforce statewide.** (Goal Workgroup Members: Safiya, Terri, Sharon, Muff, Kendall)
    - Workgroup needs to finish adding tasks to subtasks and update any completed activities
      - Terri, Safiya, Kendall, Muff met and updated action plan

- 1.5 - will not have a template MOU/MOA - explored possibility but too much variation; will share current MOUs within folders for examples
  - 1.6 - structure for speaker's bureau contact info ready
  - 1.8 - ITCVA host a site that will include job openings at LEIS
    - Early Impact VA (EIVA) had a recruitment/retention initiative, developed handouts, learn from them?  
Update: EIVA does not yet have them posted but Cori will share once we have a url.
  - 1.10 To support individuals new to Virginia Part C
    - Table C with information about roles and degrees needed
- *1.3 Adapt interactive map content for new website and update information*
  - Cori and Seth have begun new map concept. All would be able to update their own info. Cori will be sending a form out that each faculty member and, eventually, all LSMs will complete. Seth is working on the framework.
    - May need new logo added for Hampton
    - Need volunteers to review pilot
      - Corey, Christian, Erin, Muff
  - Volunteers to join Goal 1 group -
- **Goal Two: Establish an infrastructure to collaborate across universities and systems to enhance high-quality research-to-practice partnerships** (Goal Workgroup Members: Yaoying, Dana, Terri, Sonia, Michelle, Christian, Sara M., Alison, Heather)
  - *2.1 Conduct a survey on EI service providers about how AI has been used in their work (link: <https://forms.gle/TWyXuoEK8aZzKYf38>)*
    - 181 respondents as of 12/1
      - Analyze information about attitudes, patterns, experience for CRIEI
      - Draft first manuscript in spring
      - Draft CCSS proposal
  - *2.2 Conduct a survey with EI families about how AI has been used in the context of receiving EI services*

- *0 respondents as of 12/1*
  - *Will consider adjusting recruitment strategies for families; consider attending family events in person*
- *2.3 Conduct a survey with EI/ECSE faculty about how AI has been used in the context of personnel preparation*
  - *10 respondents as of 12/1; will be sending additional email for recruiting*
- *2.4 Carryout activities for OSEP 325N Grant-Workforce Ready: Supporting Community College Faculty to Prepare Scholars Serving Diverse Young Children with Disabilities*
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- **Goal Three: Embed high-quality Part C EI resources in university coursework** (Goal Workgroup Members: Christine, Dana, Christian, Erin, Michelle, Alison, Sonia, Safiya, Sara M., Cori)
  - The workgroup revised the wording of the goal and its subtasks. Consortium members approved as written.
  - *3.2 Maintain and update (annually) [spreadsheet](#) for EI modules embedded within each licensure program (ECSE, OT, PT, SLP)*
    - **SOME MEMBERS STILL HAVEN'T COMPLETED.**
    - ALL members review and update by 11/25/25.**
    - Highlight your name in yellow when completed.**
  - *3.3 Explore options for developing materials for an EI badge (funding, format/structure, where the badge will be housed, etc.)*
    - Workgroup met to discuss potential badging
  - Workgroup discussed potential for EI-focused consortium within Virginia; learn from other consortia in Virginia; GMU reps on other consortium - Kim - vision, Marcy - adaptive; different universities teach different courses, consider faculty load/time; current consortiums have funding/support from VDOE; EI is different since DBHDS probably would not have resources similar to what VDOE provides
    - Add Yaoying and Terri to meeting with Marcy.

- **Goal Four: Promote and share the unique strengths of the EI/Preservice Consortium, including professional knowledge, experience, and interprofessional collaboration**
  - *4.1 Seek opportunities to share the strengths of the Consortium members and interprofessional collaboration via interprofessional presentations, symposia, and consultations statewide*
    - SHAV (3/30-31)
    - ?? PT conferences ??
    - CCSS (7/14-16) - proposal due 1/9
      - Constant contact blast has [proposal requirements](#) and [submission link](#)
      - Kendall, Terri, Corey, Safiya, Christian, Yaoying, Christine, Michelle willing to support proposal development
      - Considering 2 proposals -
        - AI in EI
          - Sara M, Yaoying (lead), Terri, Alison
        - Supporting students/future EI
          - Kendall, Christian, Terri/Safiya, Corey (if/as needed) - will decide lead
  - *4.2 Seek opportunities to share the strengths of the Consortium members and interprofessional collaboration via interprofessional presentations, symposia, and consultations nationally and internationally*
    - ASHA - November 2025
    - CRIEI - February 2026
  - *4.4 Develop practitioner and leadership papers based on presentations to bring attention to EI as an avenue for employment*
    - Corey and Alison taking the lead starting a new paper on interprofessional work
      - Michelle, Christian, Cori, Christine part of writing group also
  - *4.5 Host a virtual summit*

## Other:

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**To Do for Next Meeting:**

- Reflect on Consortium membership. How do we identify? Are there people we want to add? How do we grow but keep our numbers manageable.?
- Add information to [spreadsheet](#) for EI Modules in coursework if have not yet
- CCSS proposals
- Cori respond to interprofessional article email and add to shared drive
- Action plan group 3 schedule meeting to discuss consortium for coursework
- Cori meet with Seth regarding map
- Action plan group 1 meet regarding future LSM/consortium meeting plans

**Next Meeting:** 1/14/26 2:00-3:30PM

**Notetaker:** Corey