



MEETING SUMMARY May 29, 2015

A *regular public meeting* of the New Jersey State Interagency Coordinating Council was held on Friday, May 29, 2015, at Children's Specialized Hospital, New Brunswick, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 11:19 a.m. by Catherine Colucci, who served as acting chair and declared a quorum present.

ATTENDANCE -- *Attached*

WELCOME -- Catherine Colucci, Acting Chair

1. Ms. Colucci *welcomed all attendees*. At her request, SICC members and *15 public members* introduced themselves and identified their connection with early intervention.
2. Ms. Colucci invited *Dr. Gerard Costa and Kaitlin Mulcahy* of Montclair State University to present on the topic of Infant Mental Health Endorsement. In support of this presentation, Ms. Colucci made available to members an informational sheet on the New Jersey Association for Infant Mental Health, list of workshops in infant and early childhood mental health, membership brochure (attached to file).
3. *Joseph Holahan* shared that, not too long ago, children referred to his practice were not connected with early intervention. That has now changed, as the majority of children seen by pediatricians are already participating in early intervention.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the *March 27, 2015 meeting* were approved as distributed -- upon motion by Dr. Holahan, seconded by Chanell McDevitt and unanimously carried.

LEAD AGENCY -- New Jersey Department of Health (DOH)

Gloria Rodriguez, Assistant Commissioner, and Terry Harrison, Part C Coordinator

1. *SFY 2016 State Budget Update* - Currently stands at \$94,517,000 proposed by the Governor and is pending the state budget approval.
2. *County Performance Reports (CPRs)/Determinations SFY 2014* -- CPRs have been shared with the NJEIS provider agencies, with some new changes in terminology. DOH has not received the Part C determination from OSEP and is not clear how child outcomes will be considered in the upcoming determinations. Child outcomes are not included in the CPR determinations for SFY 2014 but will be included for

SFY 2015 reports. For SFY 2014, the county reports document that thirteen (13) counties met requirements; four (4) need assistance; and four (4) need intervention (1 in each region).

3. *Annual Ethics Training* -- Ms. Harrison has met with members individually to request missing documentation.
4. *Family Cost Participation* -- The report was emailed in advance (attached to file). Currently on target for FY '15, the State may end up above the \$6 million target since claims payments have increased, averaging 4.8 million per bi-weekly check run period. NJEIS is projecting fewer families receiving Medicaid based on Medicaid claiming being slightly lower than previous years.
5. *Community Provider Contract Adjustments*: The State fiscal year 2015 Appropriations Act included funding for contracted community providers which includes NJEIS provider agencies. It is one time funding that must be distributed to direct care workers.
6. *Procedural Safeguards Report* -- Coordinator Joseph Pergola distributed a report (attached to file) indicating there were no formal complaints; 633 informal complaints year-to-date; 100 informal complaints since last SICCC meeting re compensatory requests and requests for assistance from families.
7. *Developmental Screening* -- Ms. Harrison attended a Northeast meeting on the topic of improving access to developmental screening for all children by health care providers and other community organizations (childcare, Head Start, home visiting/central intake hubs). Early intervention is supportive of improving developmental screening that leads to appropriate referrals. Ages and Stages is a primary tool used by physicians and community agencies for developmental screening. NJEIS has no intent on providing developmental screening under Part C.
8. *State Systemic Improvement Plan Update (SSIP)* -- Submitted on time to OSEP, Ms. Harrison, Susan Evans, Oliver Giller and Malia Corde (SPAN) attended a meeting on the SSIP phase 2. OSEP has again extended the timeline for the next SSIP report which is due April 2016. The SICCC retreat in July 2015 will focus on addressing components of the SSIP phase two requirements. SSIP materials have been emailed to all SICCC members, who are being asked to focus on the "theory of action" section. Ms. Evans shared a power point presentation with the group. There is a strong focus on utilizing Evidenced Based Practice (EBP) throughout the SSIP and early intervention, in general. The DOH definition of Social Emotional Development was reviewed with the Council.

INFANT MENTAL HEALTH ENDORSEMENT- Presentation

Dr. Gerard Costa and Dr. Kaitlin Mulcahy of Montclair State University gave a detailed power point presentation on the "*Introduction to the New Jersey Association for Infant Mental Health Endorsement System*" (attached to file). They answered follow-up questions from Council members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Administrative** -- Susan Marcario

- The draft FY '16 *SICC budget* was distributed for review and discussion (attached to file). SICC will vote on the budget at the September meeting.
- Upon motion by Danielle Thomas, seconded by Steve Weiss and unanimously carried, **Council ratified the email *budget vote to allocate an available additional \$4,000 to the REICs for 2015 Early Intervention Week activities.***

2. **Early Learning Challenge** -- No report

3. **Family Support** -- Patti Ciccone

The committee has completed the 'phone call interview with families focused on their experience with *exit BDI-2 evaluations*. Data has been forwarded to the state office for analysis and consideration in planning strategies to increase the number of exits evaluations conducted.

4. **Service Delivery** -- Joyce Salzberg

Ms. Salzberg distributed minutes from the *April 24th meeting* (attached to file). The committee met again on May 27th.

REIC UPDATE

Ms. Ciccone presented a summary report on *Early Intervention Week*. A more detailed report will be presented at the September meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

SICC Retreat July 24, 2015 -- Council agreed on the agenda proposed by Ms. Evans (in her 5/19/15 letter to Council members) to assist the New Jersey Early Intervention System (NJEIS) with the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP).

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting dates for calendar year 2016 -- Council agreed on the following, all on a Friday, with locations to be finalized at the July retreat meeting: **January 22, March 18, May 20, July 22, September 23, and November 18.**

PUBLIC COMMENT -- There was none.

ADJOURNMENT -- 1:10

Upon motion by Ms. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Weiss and unanimously carried.

APPROVED 9.25.15