



Department of
Education

Tennessee Early
Intervention System

State Interagency Coordinating Council for Tennessee's Early Intervention System

July 19, 2016
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (CST)

Meeting Minutes

ICC Members in Attendance

Ned Solomon – TN Council on Developmental Disabilities
Rachel Saine – Foundations
Karen Pryor – Health Sphere Wellness Center
Amy Jenkins – Siskin Children's Institute
Katy Blasingame - TennCare
Jessica Beaver – Therapy and Learning Center
Vickie Trice – Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance
Kim Wingate – UTC
Gary Smith – Department of Education
Jacqueline Johnson – Tennessee Department of Health
Brad Turner – Parent Representative

ICC Guests in Attendance

Linda Hartbarger – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Catherine Goodwin – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Jill Rigsby – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Jill Rogers – LeBonheur Early Intervention and Development (LEAD)
Anita Teague – Child Development Center of the Community Development Center
Elizabeth Hailey – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Karen Willis – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Georgia Garrett – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Vickie Olds – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Regina Bowman – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Shannon Pargin – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Rene Bard – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Adreean Shanklin – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Charmaine Woods – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Anne Johns – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Angie Jones – TDH
Megan Wilson - TDH
Mary Rolando – DCS

Dinah Montague - SRVS
Claudia Weber – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Barbara Thomas – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Lise Earwood – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Mitzi Myers – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Kim Ketron – Tennessee Early Intervention System
John Hall – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Serena Blanton – Tennessee Early Intervention System
JoAnn Hinkle – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Chandra Blackburn – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Pam Bouchard – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Dave Williams – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Susan Rollyson – TNAAP
Teresa Winnette - CDC
Glennette Woods – CS Patterson
Angela Rasnic – Hancock County Schools
Belva Weathersby – Head Start
Kendra Wurm-Tennessee Early Intervention System
Anna Ramsbottom – Emory Valley
Charmaine Segó – Project Memphis
Heather Higgins – First Steps
Alacia Stainbrook – TRIAD
Ashley Vogel – TRIAD
Emily Gibson – Hancock County Schools
Daisy Greene – Hancock County Schools
Michelle Fox – Foundations
Cynthia Griffin – SRVS
Katie Gentry – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Diana Burton – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Amanda Dunlap - MTSU HCBEI
Chris Newsom – Health Sphere Wellness Center
Lisa Manis – Physical Therapy Services
Jenny Patterson – Tennessee Early Intervention System
Diane Kuhlman – Tennessee Early Intervention System

Meeting

SICC Chair Kim Wingate opened the meeting with introductions of SICC members, guests and lead agency staff.

Approval of Agenda.

Approval of Minutes for April with a motion by Gary Smith and a second by Ned Solomon.

TEIS Agency Reporting – TEIS Updates

Linda Hartbarger reported that twelve positions have been reclassified for Service Coordinators translating to at least one additional staff being added to each POE office, interviews for those are now ongoing.

Dave Williams is currently the interim state data manager replacing Mike Hinricher who accepted a position in the private sector.

Joey Hassell former assistant commissioner stepped down to accept a position as High School Principal in Lauderdale County. A replacement has yet to be named.

Part C State Determination/SSIP Phase II Status

Part C Monitoring Coordinator Catherine Goodwin shared that Tennessee's annual federal determination for FFY 2014-15 was "Needs Assistance." TEIS achieved a results driven accountability (RDA) score of 75%. The RDA percentage is at least 60% but less than 80%. This was the second year the federal Office of Special Education Program's (OSEP) used Annual Performance Report (APR) results data (Early Childhood Outcomes (ECO) data) along with 618 data collections and compliance data in making determinations.

The area impacting the state's determination was ECO data related to child performance. The two components for child performance are: 1) comparison of TN's 2014 ECO data to other states' 2014 data and 2) comparison of TN's 2014 ECO data to TN's 2013 data.

TEIS continues to experience year-to-year fluctuations with its ECO data. These fluctuations are expected to continue for several years due to ongoing improvements in the process for collecting ECO data. The most recent improvement begins July 1, 2016 with Early Intervention Resource Agencies (EIRAs) completing the Assessment, Evaluation, and Programming System for Infants and Toddlers (AEPS) to collect developmental assessment information. The AEPS generates ECO ratings which are used for entrance and ongoing/exit ratings. This improvement anchors ECO to a single developmental assessment instrument for every collection point.

Catherine also shared that a call has been scheduled with OSEP and federal technical assistant (TA) providers for July 28th to review the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Phase II report, submitted April 1, 2015. TEIS is now in Phase III of SSIP work which is the implementation of the improvement and evaluation plan developed in Phase II across the four improvement strategies: 1) eligibility procedures, 2) IFSP team function, 3) family centered services, and 4) ECO data.

Focus on these four strategies are believed to positively impact the state's identified measurable result SIMR: the percent of infants and toddlers who demonstrate improved acquisition and use of knowledge and skills and who function within age expectations by the time they exit or turn age three will increase [Early Childhood Outcome 3B, Summary Statement 2].

Training Updates

Jill Rigsby shared news of retirement for Margaret Headrick on June 29 with the vacated early childhood consultant position being posted and recently closed. A train the trainer AEPS training is scheduled for November being led by Jennifer Grisham Brown. A Building Best Practices Conference was held in May with 450 in attendance, with both EIRA and POE staff combined. OAE screeners were recently designated to the Department of Health by TEIS. For staff credentialing a mini pilot phase began in July. For Early Intervention Credentialing a study guide is ready for the review committee. Starting in December EIRA employees will complete the EIC by June 30.

The TEIDS operation manual which is in its second revision is due with an anticipated rollout in mid-August.

Jill stated the TRIAD contract was extended to 3 years beginning July 1. It will serve all of West TN except for Shelby Co.

The quality improvement team will be lending their support to EIRA's and vendors later this year.

TN DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Mary Rolando offered a presentation of Building Strong Brains – Tennessee adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) Initiative is a major statewide effort to establish Tennessee as a national model for how a state can promote culture change in early childhood based on a philosophy that preventing and mitigating adverse childhood experiences, and their impact, is the most promising approach to helping Tennessee children lead productive, healthy lives and ensure the future prosperity of the state.

Chronic childhood trauma, or what experts call ACEs, can disrupt a child's brain-building process. Like building a house in a storm or with below-grade materials and tools, ACEs are toxic to brain development and can compromise the brain's structural integrity. Left unaddressed, ACEs and their effects make it more difficult for a child to succeed in school, live a healthy life and contribute to the state's future prosperity — our communities, our workforce, and our civic life. Tennessee is undertaking a comprehensive effort to use this powerful insight to improve the lives of the state's children. Leaders from state government, the business world, advocates, insurers, academia and nonprofit foundations are organized as public and private sector steering groups to guide implementation and provide leadership at the state, regional and community levels.

TN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UPDATES

Angie Jones offered a presentation on the Zika virus that included symptoms, prevention, treatment, transmission, affected areas and testing. The most common symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain and conjunctivitis. Prevention includes wearing long sleeves and pants, using insect repellent and staying indoors in air-conditioned rooms. There is no cure or vaccine available but you can treat symptoms by taking Tylenol to reduce fever/joint pain, getting plenty of rest and drinking fluids to prevent dehydration. Zika is transmitted through mosquito bites and can be passed from mother to child. A blood or urine sample can be tested for the Zika virus. The most common areas affected are U.S. Territories and Africa, Southeast Asia, Brazil and the Pacific Islands. No local mosquito-borne Zika virus disease cases have been reported in US states.

SSIP Updates

Shannon Pargin presented on S.W.O.T Analysis – Team members from the department's division of special populations and student support completed statewide site visits during March in East, Middle and West Tennessee. The meetings wrapped up with a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Analysis activity. This provided attendees an opportunity to reflect on what they consider to be strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for TEIS including internal/external helpful/harmful factors. Preliminary results from the three meetings were prepared and shared at the Early Intervention Resource Agency (EIRA) meeting as well as the State Interagency Coordinating Council meeting in April.

ICC Business

Kim Wingate shared news about an upcoming conference in Franklin TN on October 12-15.

Belva Weathersby is the new Head Start State Collaboration Office Director.

Megan Wilson shared that OAE screeners recently acquired from TEIS have now been distributed across the state.

Susan Rollyson shared news about the Behaviorally Effective Healthcare in Pediatrics (BEHIP) training program and that TNAAP will be providing free face-to-face regional trainings across the state. These trainings will focus on the incorporation of trauma-competent care and psychopharmacology in the primary care setting and highlight caring for children in or at risk of state custody. In conjunction with these regional trainings, TNAAP will be hosting networking events for pediatric care providers and behavioral health professionals. CME credit will be available.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Next ICC Meeting

October 25, 2016

State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) meeting

9 a.m.–12 p.m. (CDT)

Holiday Inn Opryland Airport, 2200 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, 37214