

**SC Interagency Coordinating Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 28, 2024**

**Members Present In-Person:**

Dr. Heather Googe, Chair, University of South Carolina Childcare Inclusion Collaborative  
Scott Falcone-SC School for the Deaf and the Blind  
Sherri Evans-SC Department of Education  
Jordan Desai-SC Department of Health and Human Services

**Members Present Virtually:**

Dr. David Rotholz-University of South Carolina, Center for Disability Resources  
Joyce Kimrey-SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs  
Tara Carroll-SC Department of Health and Environmental Control

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Heather Googe called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Scott Falcone made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Sherri Evans.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Sherri Evans made a motion approve the January 2024 minutes. That motion carried with the change that the attendance be added to the January 2024 minutes.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment.

**BabyNet Director's Report:**

Jennifer Buster provided additional details related to topics of interest during the January 2024 meeting including progress on virtual training for therapists and 2 BabyNet videos.

Discussion regarding the contractor award that is currently posted for the Part C data system. Ms. Buster updated the membership on community events that BabyNet took part in as well as upcoming events. Ms. Buster shared the Part C Grant Application is posted for public comment and displayed how interested parties can navigate to the page on the BabyNet website to provide feedback. A discussion regarding when TCode rate change clean-up would begin and when the state expects to receive feedback from the

Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on the Annual Performance Report (APR). The clarification period usually begins in mid-April.

**SCICC Vision Discussion:**

The membership discussed the vision for future SCICC meetings. There was discussion regarding potentially developing a vision and mission statement, amending the by-laws, and setting up a committee structure. Members were asked to notify the Chair if they were interested in participating in a “By-laws Ad Hoc Committee.” There was discussion regarding how the SCICC had changed over the years and as new members join, how the group can use the meetings as an opportunity to have richer discussions and provide more feedback to SCDHHS as the lead agency.

**State Agency Updates:**

**SCSDB:**

- Working with Gallaudet University
- SCSDB and Alabama State University signed an agreement and Scott Falcone will participate in Alabama’s ICC meeting and assist with an early intervention conference there in May 2024.

**SCDOE:**

- PowerUsers training was provided to school district staff
- SCDOE will be relocating to area near the Farmer’s Market in June
- Event for parents will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> during lunchtime
- Summer University will be held July 15, 2024. Sherri will share additional details with members.

**McKinney Vento:**

- Sherri Evans mentioned she has McKinney Vento contacts for each local education agency (LEA) she can share with members.

**Department of Insurance:**

- No update

**Department of Health and Environmental Control:**

- Updates regarding Camp Burnt Gin
- Discussion regarding the DHEC split and the upcoming name change for the agency

**University of South Carolina/The Team for Early Childhood Solutions (TECS)**

- Nurturing Developing Minds conference went well. It is anticipated it will be held the last Thursday or Friday of February 2025

**Head Start**

- Spring Conference will be held in Greenville April 1-4 and the Fatherhood Conference will be held April 2024.

**Membership Discussion:**

Dr. Googe and Ms. Buster asked members to send names to them for representatives to fill state agency slots on SCICC and indicate if they are interested in the Chair or Co-Chair position. Dr. Googe asked if anyone was interested in participating in a Bylaw Committee to please email her. She also mentioned Senate Bill S1108 related to Preschool Suspension and Expulsion.

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, July 17, 2024