

South Carolina Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2025

Members Present:

Ms. Heather Googe, ICC Chair, University of South Carolina Research Associate Professor

Ms. Laura McCraw, *Provider of Early Intervention Services-Walton Options*
Jensen Jennings, *Walton Options*

Ms. Sherri Evans, *SC Department of Education*

Ms. Tara Carroll, *South Carolina Department of Public Health (SCDPH)*

Ms. Joyce Kimery, *South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN)*

Guests Present:

Willie Stokes, *About Play*

Sarah Edmunds-*University of South Carolina*

Elain Gentry-*South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind*

Dr. Shawna McCaffety, *South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS)*

Welcome and Introductions:

Approval of Agenda:

Ms. Sherri Evans made a motion to approve the agenda and Ms. Laura McCraw seconded.

Approval of Minutes: Approved as amended

The minutes were sent out today, the corrections to be made are as follows:

- Last meeting Ms. Kaura McCraw attended in-person

Motion to approve as corrected: Sherri Evans, and Ms. Laura McCraw seconded.

Public Comment:

No public comment

BabyNet Director's Report:

Jennifer Buster, BabyNet Director, presented her report to the committee. (Please see the attached report).

APR/SPP/SSIP:

Stephanie Donald, BabyNet Data Manager presented on the Annual Report and explained data anomalies. (Please see the attached report).

State Agency Updates:

Family Connection SC

- Hopes and Dreams is March 27, 2025
 - Tanner Smith from Love on the Spectrum will be a Keynote speaker.
- 619/Part B-18 Indicators
 - Least restrictive Environment (No slippage)

- 7,388 preschool 3,4,5 children
 - COS-slippage-made progress, but not at level of same-aged peers
- New IEP system
- TA Center presence at conference
- Summer university

DPH

- Tara Carroll announced the staffing changes with children and youth director
- Camp Burnt Gin is currently accepting applications
- First Sound DHH Conference is February 22
- Hands of Hope
- AI with ASL
- EHDT conference
- LEIS presentations
- Physical move to Dominion location in March

DDSN

- Paused provider application

DMH

- Louise Johnson retired

SCDHHS

- Dr. McCafferty has concerns about Autism knowledge of physicians
 - Lack of knowledge about Autism
 - Making correct referrals
 - RITA-T
 - Proposed recruiting physicians to be trained in screenings
 - 30 physicians to complete in-person training
 - Streamlining access, diagnoses, services with BabyNet

No updates from SCsDB

No updates from Department of Insurance

No updates from DSS (Child Welfare)

No updates from Head Start

No updates from TECS

Membership

- Heather Googe
 - Childcare (Michele Bowers) and Part C (Jennifer Buster) are working together
 - SC Partnerships for Inclusion
 - Community meetings-SCPI
 - Support for SC around transition
 - Families with disabilities
 - Champions Symposium moved to June at the Columbia Conference Center, no longer in August.
 - Brookes Publishing
 - Unpacking the Pyramid Model Infants and Toddlers
 - Inclusion-Leadership Team

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.

Next meeting, March 19, 2025.