

**State Interagency Coordinating Council for Early Intervention
Minutes June 2, 2022 Meeting**

Members in Attendance

Dr. Kate McKinnon	PA Higher Education
Ms. Lisa Parker	Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Dr. Kris Bowman	Provider / EIPA
Ms. Aleasha Redden-Revell	Delaware County Infant Toddler Early Intervention program
Mr. Jason McCrea	Department of Health, Bureau of Family Health
Ms. Lea Sheffield	PA Developmental Disabilities Council
Dr. Nancy Hill	School District

Members Absent

Ms. Breanna Wilkerson	Department of Human Services/Office of Children's Health Insurance Program
Ms. Carmen Medina	PA Department of Education, Homelessness Initiative
Dr. Sadia Batool	Parent
Dr. Sandhya Iyengar	American Academy of Pediatrics
Dr. Michelle Reichard-Huff	PAIU
Ms. Naomi Galman	Parent
Ms. Wendy King	Head Start

Guests

Kim Koteles	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
Gina Federico	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
Molly Martz	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
James Monte	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
Brandi Binakonsky	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
Amy Reed	Cumberland Perry EI
Sheila Stevenson	Centre County IT
Val Snyder	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
Allison Haberman	Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Michelle Davis	Chester County MHIDD
Amy Jacob	IU 9
Sharon Burke	Philadelphia IT
Tina Berthlotte	Fayette County
Lisa Snyder	Include Me Preschool, Family Member
Staci Kenney	Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Jody Bering	LIU 12
Jennifer Lax	Elwyn
Nichole Merz	Teli
Colleen Penzone	NEIU 19
Mary Anketell	Early Intervention Technical Assistance

Ashely Williams	Luzerne Wyoming IT
Noreen Coleman	BARC Developmental Services
Barb Clark	Crawford County EI
Danielle Hagenbuch	Family Member
Janet Manolesdes	Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Kevin Youngblood	Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Tammy Lopreiato	Allegheny County
Michelle Hawk	Westmoreland County IT
Jill Glose	Easter Seals
Pam Keddie	Montgomery County
Dr. Jennifer Furness	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
Lisa Schneider	The Alliance for Infants and Toddlers
Susan Levi	The Alliance for Infants and Toddlers
Heidi Allen	Family Member
Jen Fischer	Family Member
Karen Krise	CIU 10
Roxann Emigh	CIU 10
Ragan Iacullo	Head Start of Beaver County
Heather Vogel	Head Start of Beaver County
Mandra Wilson	Clearfield Jefferson
Sue Tuckerman	Vision for Equality
Thomas DiAgostino	Temple University
Gwendylon Crews	Family Member
Dave Crews	Family Member
Carly Ensor	Cumberland County EI

Welcome and Introductions - Dr. Kate McKinnon welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked everyone to put their name in the chat box to be recorded for attendance. Dr. McKinnon also congratulated Dr. Sandhya Iyengar, the State Interagency Coordinating Council's American Academy of Pediatrics Representative, on the birth of her son, Tanav, at the beginning of May.

Approval of the April Meeting Minutes – Dr. Kate McKinnon asked for any concerns or corrections for the April minutes to be put in the chat box. Seeing no corrections or concerns, the minutes were approved.

Family Story

Ms. Gwendolyn Crews and her husband, Dave, shared their family story. The couple, who live in Cumberland County, have two sons who receive Early Intervention services. The family has had a very positive experience in Early Intervention. Both children have received Early Intervention since they were very young and were referred after stays in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. They have appreciated learning from all of the therapists with whom they have worked. They also appreciated the flexibility their local EI program showed in finding an occupational therapist

that was a good fit for their son's needs. The also shared, while teleintervention was challenging, they were grateful to receive continuing services during the pandemic. Ms. Crews is immensely happy with how easy it has been to receive Early Intervention services. The family credits Early Intervention as being the reason her son is finally able to walk. They look forward to advocating for Early Intervention in the future.

Ms. Carly Ensor, the family's speech language pathologist, added that she has loved working with the Crews family and putting the emphasis on the coaching model and providing the services that the family needs in the moment, based on challenges they are facing or what the children are interested in that week. She likes being able to meet the family where they are to provide the services.

Centre County Local Interagency Coordinating Council Presentation

Ms. Sheila Stevenson and Ms. Karen Krise from the Centre County Local Interagency Coordinating Council presented about their LICC. The Centre County LICC has participants from many local agencies and partners, including Penn State, Head Start and Early Head Start, home visiting programs, and more. Meetings are held monthly and all meetings have been virtual since the start of the pandemic. In addition to the monthly meetings, professional breakfasts that focus on a specific topic, such as trauma informed care, are held throughout the year and have been extremely well received. Currently, the LICC is working on compiling a resource book , promoting the family survey and incentivizing completion of the survey through rewards like books, partnering to support the coaching model, and focusing on supporting children's social emotional learning. While the LICC has had challenges getting parents to participate regularly, they do have a parent listserv, sensory-friendly movie nights, and attend local events held by partners to promote outreach. The LICC is focusing on further outreach, and dining and discussion events for families that will be similar to the professional breakfasts

Local Interagency Coordinating Council Policy Forum Presentation

Dr. Kate McKinnon, Dr. Kris Bowman, and Ms. Lisa Snyder all presented on the recently held LICC/SICC Family Engagement Policy Forum. The purpose of the forum was to support the coordination and collaboration of LICCs and the SICC, as well as to support family participation in both meetings. Family and professional LICC co-chairs, as well as family leaders from across the Commonwealth participated in the forum. Recommendations to support further coordination and collaboration include raising awareness of the SICC and LICCs, having LICC reporting on the SICC agenda, reporting on SICC activities on the LICC agendas, recording the LICC meetings to share and view later, and always offering hybrid or virtual meeting options of the LICC and SICC. Participants have found the LICC presentations at SICC meetings helpful, especially in learning how different LICCs engage families and in the transition process across the state. Additionally, LICC leaders have reached out to new partners in their communities after hearing about partners that were engaged in other LICC meetings. In the future, LICC members would like to hear more about how to craft standing items on an agenda, helping families who are facing transition, and community engagement ideas. Additionally, the group is recommending that the LICC guidelines be revised to update language to strengthen the connection between EI and early childhood

education partners, as well as to reduce jargon. They would also like to see the family co-chair role and responsibilities become better defined. The group is looking for feedback from the SICC and hopes to engage in additional discussions in the future.

TechOWL Presentation

Mr. Thomas DiAgostino of Temple University presented about TechOWL (formerly known as Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT)). TechOWL has regional centers throughout the state to run projects and programs such as Pennsylvania's Lending Library, one-on-one demonstrations, trainings, CreATe Together, and more. TechOWL's mission is to educate, inform, and empower Pennsylvanians about assistive technology. In addition to the lending library, TechOWL also provides some alternative financing resources. TechOWL's CreATe Together program has a 3D printing catalog that allows devices to be created to support individuals' unique needs, such as a wheelchair that allows young children to navigate and play with friends on the floor at center time. Follow @TechOWLPA on Tik Tok and other social media platforms to learn more about all of the great resources and knowledge that they have to share!

Committee for Stakeholder Engagement Update

Ms. Mary Anketell provided an update on behalf of the Committee for Stakeholder Engagement (CSE). In addition to hearing about how the principles of implementation science are being used in the coaching model across Pennsylvania, the CSE took a preliminary look at the family survey data and examining the challenges families are facing when trying to access early childhood settings for their children.

Departments of Human Services and Education, Office of Child Development and Early Learning Updates

Ms. Lisa Parker, Bureau Director, provided updates for the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL). Ms. Parker updated the SICC that Noe Ortega stepped down as the Pennsylvania Department of Education Secretary this spring and that Eric Hagarty is the Acting Secretary of Education. Additionally, Valerie Williams became the Director of the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) in the fall and brings unique perspectives from her prior experience as an advocate and as the parent of a son with Down Syndrome. The [OSEP conference](#) is taking place virtually July 18-21. Ms. Parker extended her congratulations to Toni Miguel from EITA on being appointed as the chair of the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) Family Committee, as well as C2P2 EI graduates, who just finished a year of training, professional development, and relationship building. Ms. Parker celebrated that over 12,000 Early Intervention family surveys have been returned thus far and encouraged programs to continue reaching out to families and asking them to please complete the survey. Finally, Ms. Parker shared the new [Intimate Partner Violence resources](#), including an IPV toolkit and [domestic violence webinars](#), that were recently released.

Open Forum

Ms. Kate McKinnon shared the recently redesigned SICC page of the EITA Portal. On the left hand side, you will find resources, such as the agenda for the upcoming meeting and the family meet and greet flyer. On the right hand side of the page, you will find a padlet of archived resources from past meetings, as well as other resources from OSEP and more.

SICC- Hand-outs: www.eita-pa.org

Next Meeting Date and Time: August 4, 2022 at 12:30 pm

Meeting to adjourn – Dr. Kris Bowman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jason McCrea provided the second.