

State Interagency Coordinating Council for Early Intervention Minutes
February 1, 2024 Meeting

Members in Attendance

Dr. Sadia Batool	Parent
Ms. Lisa Parker	Bureau of Early Intervention Services and Family Supports
Dr. Kris Bowman	Provider / EIPA
Ms. Tia Thompson	Parent
Ms. Lea Sheffield	PA Developmental Disabilities Council
Mr. Jason McCrea	Department of Health, Bureau of Family Health
Dr. Michelle Reichard-Huff	Intermediate Unit Representative
Ms. Jamie Buchenauer	Department of Human Services, Office of Medical Assistance Programs
Dr. Michele Walsh	Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth, and Families
Ms. Nicole Harris	Department of Human Services, Office of Children's Health Insurance Program
Representative Liz Hanbidge	Pennsylvania House of Representatives
Ms. Carmen Medina	Department of Education, Homelessness Initiative

Members Absent

Ms. Jameekia Barnett	Department of Human Services, Office of Policy
Ms. Naomi Galman	Parent
Ms. Tracy Duarte	Head Start
Ms. Ruby Martin	Bureau of Certification Services
Ms. Wenxi Schwab	Parent
Dr. Sandhya Iyengar	American Academy of Pediatrics
Dr. Kate McKinnon	Higher Education
Mr. Mark Beall	Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program
Ms. Jane Stadnik	Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership (PEAL) Center
Ms. Amanda Kurtz	Altoona School District

Guests

Deb Daulton	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
Molly Martz	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
Gina Federico	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
Mary Mikus	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
Mary Anketell	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
Sue Pasquariello	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
Kelly Fisher	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
Val Snyder	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
Shelley Chapin	Early Intervention Technical Assistance/Parent to Parent of PA
Dr. Toni Miguel	Early Intervention Technical Assistance
Deb Noel	Office of Child Development and Early Learning

Caroline Bingaman	Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Janet Manoledes	Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Kevin Youngblood	Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Jennifer Pusateri	Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Christina Harris	Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Wendy Tucker	Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Afi Kossi	Delaware County
Kerry Smith	Fayette County
Tara Korn	Allegheny County
Tammy Delahunty	Allegheny County
Micaela Harrison Malloy	Delaware County
Debi McKeever	Westmoreland County
Arwen Sniatecki	Pennsylvania Association of County Administrators of Mental Health and Developmental Services
Charlene Filsaime	Allegheny County
Cynthia Bosserman	HealthPro Peds
Jen Fischer	Philadelphia Interagency Coordinating Council
Lauren Stuparitz	Family Member
Anthony House	PerformCare
Amy Reed	Cumberland/Perry Counties
Kellie Kline	Danville Child Development Center
Jessica Confer	SAM Inc.
Luz Hernandez	HUNE
Kunal Patel	Family Member
Desiree Rockwell	Nurse Family Partnership
Cathy Nelson	Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21
Debi McKeever	Westmoreland County
Mary Ann Pelva	Intermediate Unit 8
Joyce Black	Cambria County
Tammy Shoff	Dauphin County
Kelsey Kinney	Behavior by Design
Tracy Bordelon	Midwestern Intermediate Unit
Nany Stimson	The Arc Alliance
Lynda Yordy	Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 29
Riley Degelman	Pediatric Therapy Specialists
Linda Osorio	Berks County
Ashley Williams	Luzerne/Wyoming Counties
Melissa Egan Kerr	Family Member
Annie Smith	Strawberry Fields
Danielle Hagenbuch	Family Member
Sheila Stevenson	Centre County
Nichoal Hill	Tri-County Community Action
Bianca Enkulenko	Family Member
Theresa Miller	HealthPro Pediatrics
Jill McDonald	Butler County

Welcome and Introductions – Gina Federico, Early Intervention Technical Assistance, introduced herself and welcomed members and guests to the meeting. She asked everyone to put their name and agency in the chat box to be recorded for attendance.

Dr. Sadia Batool welcomed the following new members: Representative Liz Hanbidge (State House of Representatives), Mark Beal (Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Coordinator), Nicole Harris (Children’s Health Insurance Program), and Jane Stadnik (Parent Education Advocacy and Leadership Center). Dr. Batool also welcomed Tara Korn (Allegheny County) and Annie Smith (Early Intervention Providers Association), who will be joining the SICC in the coming months.

Approval of the December Meeting Minutes – Dr. Batool asked for any concerns or corrections for the December minutes to be placed in the chat box; none were expressed and the minutes were approved. The minutes for the December 7th meeting are posted on the SICC [padlet](#).

Family Story

Ms. Kunal Patel, a parent from Chester County, shared her family’s Early Intervention experience. Her daughter received speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy services starting at 19 months of age. Ms. Patel was grateful for all of the in-person sessions, progress notes, and how parent concerns were well-addressed. Ms. Patel addressed concerns regarding virtual screenings and virtual therapy during the COVID pandemic, and how they would have liked more support when exiting from Early Intervention after the one year reevaluation.

Local Interagency Coordinating Council Presentation

Ms. Desiree Rockwell presented on behalf of the Bradford, Sullivan, Tioga Early Childhood Coalition Local Interagency Coordinating Council. She shared information about resource guides and calendars, Child Find events, and professional development that the LICC has offered.

Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant Update

Dr. Sadia Batool and Ms. Christina Harris shared an update on the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant. They presented on the Maternal and Early Childhood Strategic Plan development process, as well as a draft of the vision, mission, guiding principles, and goals. For more information on the ECCS update, please review Ms. Harris and Dr. Batool’s presentation on the [SICC padlet](#).

Office of Child Development and Early Learning Update

Ms. Lisa Parker, Director, Bureau of Early Intervention Services and Family Supports (BEISFS) provided updates on behalf of the Office of Child Development and Early Learning.

Key updates included information on:

- The Annual Early Intervention Family Survey

- Preschool Development Grant Rapid Response Team grants
- The upcoming OCDEL Conference
- SICC membership, orientation, and retreat updates

Ms. Parker also shared that the LICC Guidelines have been finalized with the Bureau of Early Intervention Services and Family Supports and that they will be shared with the SICC members for final comment and review.

Finally, Ms. Parker shared a high-level overview of the recent Federal Policy Statement on Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in Early Childhood Programs and recommendations for state and local action.

State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) for FFY 2022 Update

Ms. Mary Anketell provided an overview of the SPP/APR for FFY 2022. To review the data shared, please download the presentation, available on the [SICC padlet](#).

Ron Cowell Award Reminder

Dr. Sadia Batool reminded attendees that the nominations for the Ron Cowell Award for Excellence in Service to Young Children with Disabilities and their Families are being accepted through February 16th. The nomination form is available on the [SICC padlet](#).

Open Forum

No updates were provided during the open forum portion of the agenda.

SICC Handouts: The materials from this meeting are available on the [padlet](#).

Next Meeting Date and Time: April 4, 2024, at 12:30 pm.

Meeting to adjourn: Representative Liz Hanbidge provided the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Carmen Medina provided the second.