**State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)**

**Meeting Minutes**
**Date:** August 13, 2025
**Time:** 3:03 – 4:51 PM CST
**Location:** Virtual

**Called to Order By:** Rochelle Holloway, SICC Chair

**Attendance**

**Members Present**

Jodi Berscheid Jolynn Bostrom

Gretchen Brodkorb Sarah Carter

Carrie Churchill Kirsten Ducheneaux

Kelly Gilbert April Hodges

Rochelle Holloway Wendy Honeycutt

Melanie Lundquist Carla Miller

Laura Nordbye Kathryn Schmidt

**Members Absent**

Stephanie Busjahn Joe Hauge

Jordan Mounga Emily Quick

Tiara Selby

**Birth to Three Staff**

Sarah Carter, Program Director

Jennifer Kampmann, Assistant Program Director

Kristin Tostenson, Program Specialist

Kayli Severyn, Program Specialist

Kevin Boring, Program Specialist

Janet Penticoff, Senior Secretary

**Guests**

Linda Turner

Sharon Walsh

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

* The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM CST by SICC member Rochelle Holloway.
* Roll call was taken.
* Introductions were made of Birth to Three staff, DOE staff, and guests.

2. Adoption of Agenda

* Motion by Carla Miller, second by Melanie Lundquist, to approve the agenda for August 13, 2025.
* All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

* Motion by Carrie Churchill to approve April 22, 2025, minutes; second by Wendy Honeycutt.
* All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

* No public comment was offered.

5. Federal Update

* Sharon Walsh, Birth to Three consultant, provided updates on recent federal legislation and discussions.
* Discussion included the potential impact on IDEA programs.

6. 2025–2026 Birth to Three Funding

* Sarah Carter, Program Director, reported that the 2025–2026 IDEA federal funding for the Birth to Three program has been received.
* The federal grant for 2025–2026 was flat funded, remaining the same as 2024–2025.
* Anticipation that 2026–2027 funding will again be flat funded.
* Provider rates increased in conjunction with Medicaid rate increases.

7. 12/1/2024 Child Count

* Kevin Boring, Program Data Manager, presented the official December 1, 2024, child count at the state and regional levels.
* Findings:
	+ Slight decrease from 2024 numbers but still higher than pre-COVID levels.
	+ 99.57% of children receiving early intervention services are served in the natural environment (home or community).
	+ Most frequently listed services: physical therapy and speech.

8. Program Updates

* Service Coordinator Conference: Held August 11, focusing on the new Birth to Three data system and alignment with federal/state regulations. Longevity awards presented.
* Early Intervention Conference: Held August 12 in Mitchell; over 100 attendees. Theme: *“Bloom Where You’re Planted.”*
* Provider Onboarding: Nine new providers joined in the last quarter (Speech, Special Instruction, PT, OT). Increased interest in provider enrollment.
* FFY 2024 Reporting: Period concluded (7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025). The State is analyzing data for inclusion in the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report.
* Family Surveys: Effective July 1, 2025, surveys distributed with the child’s annual IFSP instead of at program exit. Data is now captured in the program data system.
* OSEP Monitoring: South Dakota Part C 2026 visit postponed. No new date: states will receive 12 months’ notice when scheduled.

9. State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)

* Jennifer Kampmann and Sarah Carter reviewed progress toward SSIP goals.
* Recommendations for next steps were provided for each of the four identified areas.

10. 2025 End-of-Year Meeting

* Discussion held regarding the format for the end-of-year meeting.
* Options: in-person in Pierre or virtual.
* Members asked to notify the state program of their preference.

11. Adjournment

* Motion by Jolynn Bostrom, second by Carrie Churchill, to adjourn.
* All voted in favor. Motion carried.
* Meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM CST.