**Meeting Minutes for the**

**State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)**

**August 2, 2023**

**Via ZOOM/In Person**

**Members Present:**

Carla Miller

Carrie Churchill

Emily Quick

Debra Willert

Gretchen Brodkorb

Jaze Sollars

Senator Jessica Castleberry

Joe Hauge

JoLynn Bostrom

Jordan Mounga

Katherine Schmidt

Kirsten Ducheneaux

Wendy Honeycutt

Melanie Lundquist

Michelle Martin

Rochelle Holloway

Renae Hericks

Sarah Carter

**Members Absent:**

Cindy Fischer

Cindy Michelson

Jodi Berscheid

Laura Nordbye

Carie Green

**Birth to Three Staff:**

Sarah Carter, Director

Crystal Goeden, Program Specialist

Steve Livermont, Program Specialist

Jen Kampmann, Program Specialist

Daniel Krier, Program Specialist

Janet Penticoff, Senior Secretary

**Guests**

Sharon Walsh, OSEP sponsored Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA) and the Center for Early Childhood Data Systems (DaSy)

Tony Ruggiero, DaSy

Kellen Reid, ECTA/DaSy

**Public:**

No public were in attendance.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The State Interagency Coordinating Council was called to order at 3:33 pm. Central Time by SICC chairperson Rochelle Holloway; roll call was taken.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Motion by Kirsten Ducheneaux, second by Wendy Honeycutt to approve the August 2, 2023, agenda. All voted in favor: Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Carla Miller to approve the April 26, 2023, minutes, second by Joe Hauge. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was offered.

**Birth to Three Program Updates:**

Sarah Carter, Birth to Three Director, reviewed federal reporting indicator C 11 otherwise known as the State Systemic Improvement Plan’s (SSIP) Theory of Action. There are four action strands that guide the programs work, Data Quality, Accountability, Professional Development and Child Find & Workforce. The remainder of the meeting was reported out according to these strands.

Professional Development

Carter shared on August 4, 2023, the state will host a statewide Early Intervention Conference in Mitchell, SD. At time of meeting over 150 participants had registered to attend. Jennifer Kampmann, program professional development specialist explained the Birth to Three program was offering two courses during the summer of 2023. The first course, Simple Signs, for providers and service coordinators working with families who have children who are deaf or hard of hearing; the second Children’s Book Study, designed to build providers understanding of language and literature for infants and toddlers and their families and how they contribute to this. Cohort 11 of Bright Beginnings will start in this fall. Bright Beginnings trains providers in the implementation of the routines-based family engagement evidence base practice in early intervention.

Child Find and Workforce

Carter described three pilot projects the program is currently exploring with three different service coordination regions. Two of the projects are focusing increasing awareness of early intervention in their respective regions which affect child find efforts. The projects also are implementing options to increase qualified personnel to meet the early intervention needs of their areas. The last pilot is gathering data on annual assessment of children currently in the program, measuring progress and appropriateness of services.

Data Quality

ICC members were updated on progress towards a new comprehensive Birth to Three data system. An RFP was posted June 9, 2023, with a closing date of July 23, 2023. Currently, the Birth to Three team is reviewing submitted proposals with the goal of having a contract in place no later than September 30, 2023.

2023 State Determinations

The US Department of Education issued its 2023 determinations for states on their implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for Part C and Part B. The IDEA statue requests the US Department of Education to issue an annual determination, based on State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (ARP), which evaluates the State’s efforts to implement the requirements and purposes of the IDEA, and describes how the state will improve its implementation. Carter reviewed the calculation and determination categories. South Dakota Part C received a Meets Requirements determination, which is the highest category possible. South Dakota Part C and Part B both received this determination. South Dakota is only one of 12 states across the country to have both programs receive a Meets Determination.

Guest speakers from the OSEP sponsored technical assistance centers ECTA and DaSy joined ICC members to provide insight into the complicated calculations OSEP uses to make the Determinations. Information related to Child Outcomes, or federal reporting indicator C3 was shared. Members were reminded of the measurements for this indicator and the breath of this outcome. Measuring infant and toddlers social-emotional skills, acquisition and use of knowledge and skills and use of appropriate behaviors to meet needs. Members were appraised of how South Dakota Birth to Three had performed over time and how the program compares to nationally. During the next ICC meeting, members will join TA specialists and state team members analyzing data surrounding Child Outcomes in relation to targets set in 2020 and explore potential anomalies that may impact future performance measurements. \*Refer to ICC presentation for data details.

Next meeting will be a full day, in-person meeting in Pierre, SD. Date to be determined.

Moved to adjourn the meeting by Melanie Lundquist, second by Debra Willert. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.