

North Carolina Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)

Quarterly Minutes Draft

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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TEAMS

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Welcome/Introductions

Brian Deese welcomed everyone to the ICC meeting.
Welcome Hannah Bridges, New ICC Chairperson

NC ICC Council Appointments Update
Brian Deese, Part C Coordinator

Welcome Hannah Bridges!

Hannah will be facilitating the ICC meetings going forward.

We are in the process of getting these seats assigned. The Governor's office are the ones that review the applications and duty appointments. There were talks about hiring a temp for what was called a Community Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator, but the name is changing to Community Partner Engagement Coordinator. A temp has been hired (Sanaa Sharrieff) and will start May 1st. Sanaa will assume responsibility for the ICC, arranging the meetings and will be working with the Governor's office. There will be a continuous effort to try to get these seats assigned.

Part C Updates:

Brian Deese, Interim Part C Coordinator

- **APR/SSIP Update**
- **Part C Grant:**

The APR and SSIP were submitted on time. Congratulations to us and all the parties involved in developing this APR. The only PR comment we received was the transposing of the dates on the compliance indicators.

The Part C grant is currently posted on the website. The pilot review period was March 15th through April 13th, and the public comment period is currently open and will be open until May 13th.

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/child-and-family-well-being/north-carolina-infant-toddler-program-nc-ity/program-data-reports-and-research#PublicReviewComment-4438>.

You can go there to review and make comments.

We have not yet received our funding allocation for the upcoming year from OSEP. The grant applications is posted with current 2023 funding amounts. Once we receive that allocation we will go in and update and it will be reposted at that time. The Federal Government did not increase Part C funds, so we have the same funding from last year.

Infant, Toddler, and Family Certificate (ITFC)

Brian Deese, Part C Coordinator

Need feedback from people around adding some extra degrees to the certification. Historically we do get a lot of applications from people wanting our certification that have degrees in communication disorders, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. As of right now we must deny these requests because those degrees are not part of the excepted degree fields. There are people struggling to find workers or providers to work for. An Infant Toddler Family Certificate workgoup was formed and they reviewed our current process and came up with recommendations.

<p>LICC Mini-Grants Kerri Myers and Moet Hearne Winston-Salem CDSA Business Office</p>	<p>A total of 40 applications were submitted by the deadline: just waiting for a couple more. Every county was required to submit a W9 form as well to get everyone in the system. Planning to send applications for the next physical year in the fall. Currently at the stage to process the payments for the LICC grants. Asking that the individual LICC's send their Child Find information and the ones that are awarded for the 23-24 year to supply that data and information by September. The new applications for next physical year will go out in September. Keep in mind that without the Child Find information being turned in, you would not be eligible to receive a grant for the fall, all information must be on file.</p>
<p>Part B/619 Updates Dawn Mendonca Meskil Keashia Walker</p>	<p>Have submitted Part B APR and is currently in the clarification period. There are no details on the clarification that were asked of Part B. Once the clarification period is closed, it will be finalized and ready for discussion at the next ICC meeting. The grant is currently posted for public review (Link was dropped in the chat).</p> <p>Part B grant applies to children ages 3 through 21 with disabilities. This team discuss activities regarding children 3 through 5 which is a bigger Part B grant, APR, and funding process. The team has made a transition from a contract partnership to an internal team. This team are in the Department of Public Instruction and the department is broken down into offices, the Office of Exceptional Children and in the section within that office.</p> <p>This partnership needs to look at the state level to support inclusive practices to make sure children with disabilities can be in a classroom setting with high quality support.</p> <p>(Slide show will be made available with more information)</p>

Part C SSIP Updates

**Debbi Kennerson, Greensboro CDSA
Director**

Kasey Melvin, Greenville CDSA Director

At the previous meeting there was an overview of what the State Systemic Improvement Plan/SSIP looked like. Providing this meeting are some updates from each of the sections.

Coaching and Natural Learning

Environment Practices: FIP (Family Infant Preschool Program), Sheldon and Rush models are used for coaching and natural learning environment. There has been work created, coach refresher and ongoing support for people who are providing support to the direct service staff and ensuring the quality of their coaching practices. Also, implementation coaches which are fidelity coaches work with CDSA's and ensure their process and their sustainability. In the process of reviewing coaching and natural learning environment tool kits. The toolkit was implemented in 2019 and is reviewed every two years. Hoping this will happen sometime in July.

Pyramid Model: The pyramid Model supports the social emotional development of the children in the ITP. Pyramid implementation is one of the things that has started and looking at how to ensure that trauma. Informed care has been part of pyramid implementation from the beginning. Looking at some of the pre implementation preparation practices and recommendations and making some modifications, working with NC PAL on some changes.

Winston Salem and Greenville CDSA's have continued their implementation of the pyramid model and applications went out. The state management team has chosen Elizabeth City CDSA to continue starting their journey of implementation of pyramid model which will begin on April 29th.

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am	
Quarterly Meetings for the year: July 10, 2024, 10:30-12:00 October 16, 2024, 10:30-12:00	Projected ICC meetings for the remainder of the year. Hope to keep these dates active. <i>Meeting invites will be sent out.</i>

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 10, 2024