

## South Carolina Interagency Coordinating Council

Meeting of December 9, 2010

### Minutes

#### Members and Guests in Attendance:

Beverly Buscemi, Jennifer Buster John Castro,, Melissa Curtis, Jennifer Dennehy-Jennings, Mary Eaddy, Shannon Erickson, Scott Falcone, David Goodell, Heather Googe, Martha Hinson, Krista Kustra, Sherry Larson, Nancy McCormick, Melody McGlaughlin, Kristie Musick, Scott Ramsey, Kay Richardson, Rosa Rivers, Ginger Ryall, Gail Shelly, Teri Todd, Cheryl Waller, Sheila White, Rosemary Wilson, Danny Varat, Dan Wuori, Andy Young

#### Introductions

Introductions were made, with special thanks to all members and guests in attendance today.

#### Review and Approval of October 2010 Minutes

No changes to the minutes were noted; motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded.

#### Public Input

No comments were received.

#### Presentation of Proposed ICC Strategic Plan

ICC Strategic Planning workgroup (Scott Falcone, Jennifer Dennehy-Jennings, Danny Varat, and Sharon Ringwalt) met since the last meeting to review the proposed plan. Due to impending changes in proposed initial eligibility criteria, various cost savings efforts, and data on system fiscal status have changed what was planned a year ago. These new realities will be addressed in a second draft of the ICC's strategic plan later in the spring of 2011 and will be developed by the ICC members listed above in addition to Representative Erickson.

#### Collaborating Agency Updates

DDSN: DDSN Central Office is working very closely with Dr. Varat, Rep. Erickson, and Dr. Wuori to identify cost efficiencies. The timing of proposed BabyNet policy changes is critical to whether the cost savings will be quick enough to address the system deficits. The Office of First Steps has agreed to continue provide supplemental funding to insure continued services to children not eligible for Medicaid AND with delays in only one domain. Savings are poised to come. Seventy-five percent of data from DDSN sample has been analyzed (approximately 400 children or 10% of those served by DDSN). DDSN anticipates final findings shortly after the first of the year.

SCSDB: the Early Intervention Outreach Office is still working together with DHEC regarding identification of children with sensory impairments; also in process of making changes to the current hearing/vision screening tool relative to the established risk diagnoses. SCSDB reported a drop in service coordination caseload from 900 to 400 children over the last few years. Mr. Falcone also stated that SCSDB has capacity to increase its service coordination caseload. SCSDB will continue to serve children with sensory impairments regardless which service coordination agency is serving the child.

DHEC: First Steps BabyNet state office staff met with DHEC Health Services staff regarding extension of current MOA from December 31, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Health Services management is currently conducting a series of planning meetings to determine changes required by anticipated budget cuts. Impact on BabyNet services cannot be determined until these planning meetings are concluded and more precise indications of budget reductions. DHEC staff have scheduled meetings the week of December 13 with BabyNet program staff from DDSN and School for the Deaf and Blind regarding transition planning for elimination of DHEC responsibilities for on-going service coordination resulting from BabyNet policies to be implemented by April 1, 2011. The nature of these services requires significant advance planning which will be the responsibility of service coordinating agencies as discussed during November interagency program manager meeting. DHEC looks forward to receiving detailed plans for training associated with policies to be implemented in April 2011, as well as the final versions of the policy manual.

DMH: No contact from DMH since the last outreach from Dr. Varat

Lead Agency Update: Ms. Musick made the BabyNet system update presentation, to include current fiscal information and the proposed changes to BabyNet initial eligibility criteria. Public hearings for the proposed changes will be held in 4 locations on December 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>. A meeting to gather stakeholder input on the Annual Performance Report for the State Performance Plan will be scheduled in early January.

ICC Chairperson's Update: Dr. Varat stated he should have a clearer picture of the state budget situation by the next meeting in February 2011. It was also stated that the Legislative Audit Council report draft is expected in mid- to late January; final report will be pending coordination of timing of ICC and LAC board meetings in February. The ICC meeting schedule for 2011 will be announced shortly after the first of the year; meetings will likely continue to be held on Thursday afternoons.

Respectfully submitted,  
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ICC Supports