



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Meeting

July 8, 2022
9:30 am-3:30 pm

Table with 4 columns: Present, SICC Members, Affiliation, Role. Lists attendees such as Ronjanette Taylor, Alberstein Pickett, Anitra Townsend, etc.

Additional Attendees:

- Aggie Sikora, MS Thrive, Project Manager
Alyssia Thomas, MSDH, Lead and Healthy Homes
Amy Franklin, MSDH, North Central LEIP Coordinator
Angela Ladner, MS Psych Association
Anissa Pace, MSDH, EI Region 3 Coordinator
Audrey Gill, Coordinator for MCH Workforce Development
Bevin Glass, Interpreter
Callie Poole, Social Service Research Center at MSU
Casey Prestwood, Associate Commissioner for Academic & Student Affairs for Higher Learning
Chelsea Panse Borone, Assistant Professor, MSU

# MISSISSIPPI FIRST STEPS EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM (MSFSEIP)

Claudia Shedd, *MSDH, LEIP 2 Coordinator*  
Connie Clay, *MS State University, Education & Training Specialist*  
Danielle Seale, *MCH Workforce Development Director*  
Denise Carter, *Hinds County Human Resource Agency Project Head Start*  
Gina Smith, *MSDH, Coastal Plains LEIP Coordinator*  
Halle Ricketts, *AIM*  
Henry Moore, *Families as Allies, Director of Family Driven Practice*  
Jacquelynn Taylor  
Jim Lesko, *ECPC, Technical Assistant Specialist*  
Lakeshia Unger, *MSDH, Hearing Follow Up Coordinator*  
Lauren Elliott, *MS Thrive, Nurse Practitioner*  
Linda West, *MS Families for Kids, Executive Director*  
Lisa Bonds, *MSDH, SW LEIP Coordinator*  
Marty Chunn, *Hearing LTF/D Consultant*  
McKinley Walsh, *Public Health Advisor*  
Melissa Cox, *MSDH, EI Northern Region Coordinator*  
Miranda Richardson, *MSDH, EI Operations Director*  
Misty Gibson, *Interpreter*  
Monika Lorinczova, *MSDH, EI Monitoring/Family Support Coord*  
Natasha Roberts, *MSDH, Program Specialist*  
Paulita Childs, *MSDH, CW LEIP Coordinator*  
Renetha Faust-Robinson, *MSDH, EI Southeast LEIP Coordinator*  
Sandra Kelly, *Dir of Student Services with MS Inst. of Higher Learning*  
Sara Jenkins, *MSDH, Public Health Program Specialist*  
Shoshana Oppenheim, *John Hopkins*  
Stacy Callender, *MSDH, Part C Coordinator*  
Tamiela Ramsey, *MSDH, NW LEIP Coordinator*  
Valecia Davis, *MSDH, Health Services Operations Director*  
Viola Jones, *MSDH, Public Health Program Specialist*

## MINUTES

### **Welcome/Introductions (R. Taylor)**

R. Taylor opened the meeting at 9:30 am. She welcomed all SICC members and attendees. All participants provided brief introductions.

### **Review and Approval of Minutes (R. Taylor)**

Minutes from the April 22, 2022, meeting was reviewed. Minutes were approved as written (motion by J. Parker, second by G. Woodard).

### **Public Comments/Announcements**

No public comments were shared

### **SICC Business**

The following business items were discussed:

#### **Elect SICC Chair**

R. Taylor will be stepping down as Chair and C. Henington will stand in as Vice Chair for the next committee meeting in October. The committee will resume elections again in January 2023.

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### **Select Transition Standing Committee Chair**

L. Junkin requested to be the chair of the Select Transition Standing Committee.

### **Select Provider Issues Ad Hoc Committee Chair**

B. Coatney requested to be the chair of the Select Provider Issues Ad Hoc Committee.

### **Review/Revision of the Bylaws**

No current updates were provided to the bylaws. An update will be provided at the October committee meeting.

### **SICC/Committee Priorities and Annual Goals**

The committee would like to set aside some time to design a group of priorities and annual goals so the State SICC can help with the direction and needs and be in sync with the state office. We will work on a time to get with the SICC members on this.

### **SICC Committee Reports**

The following updates were provided on the work of the SICC Committees:

- **Personnel Preparation Committee:** J. Parker, Chair, reported that they had a meeting and discussed how they can help pre-service programs really embed competency so that we can have students who are emerging out of their discipline with a level of confidence that we feel good about in regard to working in context of the Part C program. We had discussions on how we can increase providers from a pre-service perspective, what can we do to make sure that our providers have the communities that they are serving and working with those pre-service programs to enhance that experience of competency knowledge even prior to graduation. We also continue to work on the survey that will go out in the Fall to pre-service programs and that is coming together nicely. We decided to add a demographic component to that to get some idea who is being actual pushed out into the field. We discussed that we need to make sure that we are providing opportunities for those who are highly qualified or are disciplined. We are looking at neighboring states and doing some benchmarking about what those qualifications look like and think about what kind of ideas might come out of our committee in the near future for that.
- **Public Awareness Committee:** M. Richardson, Member, reported for the committee that she asked the committee to help with updating the website with information that we need and with that information we will be developing new materials for the Early Intervention program and with that component we will have information for EI providers, physicians, families and just a broad general classification of our Early Intervention to go along with our public awareness campaign that we are rolling out. We are still in the process of getting information on what is needed to be on the website and on the brochures.
- **Transition Committee:** No updates were reported.
- **Provider Issues Ad Hoc Committee:** S. Callender reported that the intention of this committee is to share and brainstorm ideas for us to work toward. This committee was developed to bring issues brought forward and an opportunity for us to hear what some of the issues are for providers.

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## **MS First Steps EI Program Updates**

The following updates were provided by the Program personnel:

### **Staffing Changes**

Early Intervention Open Positions:

- Service Coordinators (CW, CC, CP) – Public Health Program Specialist I or II
- Service Coordinator/Evidence-Based Coaches (SE, CP) – Public Health Specialist III
- 2 Program Coordinators (NC, CC) – Public Health Program Specialist Team Lead
- State Office Personnel(Training Coordinator, Data Manager) – Public Health Program Specialist Team Lead

**RDA Determination Designation:** M. Richardson reported Mississippi Part C has received an Annual Determination of *Needs Assistance* based on 77.38% rating overall based on an average compliance (71.43%) and results (83.33%) scores for FFY 2020. She provided an overview of the compliance and results metrics the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) used to create this rating.

**Monitoring Updates:** No updates were reported.

### **Announcements**

- The Special Education Law Conference will be held on July 27, 2022, at Mississippi College and a stipend will be available to families to cover their registration. L. Jenkins will send the flyer to M. Richardson who will then send it out to everyone.
- The MHSA/MECE conference will be held July 18-22, 2022, Infant and Toddler week and July 25-29, 2022, Pre-K. The conference will be in two sets of mini sections.
- There is a statewide resource directory that is being built for treatment, prevention, and education opportunities of opioid use in all 82 counties. For more information you can contact A. Ladner thru her email: [aladner@nextwavegroup.net](mailto:aladner@nextwavegroup.net)
- The Comprehensive System of Personnel Development Leadership Team Meeting (CSPD) will be held today after the committee meeting adjourns at 1:30 p.m.
- Next Committee meeting will be October 14, 2022 (9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

### **SICC Committee Meetings**

Breakout rooms were opened for each Committee to have a quick meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.