

Department of Children, Youth & Families

Early Support for Infants & Toddlers (ESIT) Program

July State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) | Virtual Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Welcome | SICC Vice Chair E Renae Antalan

- Valerie Arnold, ESIT Strategic Innovations Administrator, acknowledged and gave gratitude for being on ancestral territories.
- Members reviewed the February minutes and the July Agenda.
- Discussion of Chair transition plan. Introduction of new ESIT Partnership & Collaboration Manager, Will Moncrease.

Micro-Training: How to Make Meetings More Accessible (Vanessa Allen & Jahla Brown)

Vanessa Allen and Jahla Brown reviewed ways to make meetings more accessible for all with companion materials. SICC and audience members had the opportunity to continue learning about accessibility.

Break 9:48 AM – 10:00 AM

Parent Stories: ESIT Services (Focus on Rural Families' Stories) (Vanessa Allen)

Peter George and Lori Osburne share their experience with receiving ESIT services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Both families shared moments to give council additional insights on their struggles and successes. Laurie thanked parents for sharing.

COVID-19/Vaccination (Dr. Deborah Fuller)

Dr. Deborah Fuller, Professor, Department of Microbiology, University of Washington, School of Medicine presented the latest information on COVID-19 variants and vaccine types. Fuller explained how vaccines worked, gave more information on social distancing, masks efficiency, new variants and transmission.

PIE Graduation (Vanessa Allen)

Vanessa Allen gave a brief background on the 12-month PIE Program. Allen shared how graduates devoted their time to learn topics, such as SICC, and take leadership trainings such as PAVE. She introduced them and congratulated them for their accomplishments. Parents shared how the program benefited and supported them, allowed them to network, learn leadership qualities, and gave them better understanding of birth to three. Laurie extended her gratitude to program and to graduates.

Lunch Break



SICC Committee Updates

The SICC committee chairs will share updates, move motions and/or make recommendations to the council. Sarah Burdette shared continuing foundations work health, equity, improving awareness, family based focused groups, and improving connections. Magan Cromar gave a brief year in review and American Rescue Plan Part 3 changes, "Receiving a Part C grant may establish a system of payments but may not include in that system family fees or out-of-pocket costs to families for early intervention services." Laurie and Tatsuko shared on recent work groups, stating there was tremendous support with referral sources.

Lisa Greenwald approved motion. Cindy Carol seconded the motion.

Finance Committee Motion: Public policy and finance committees track and respond to the potential impact to funding and insurance billing for Part C services that may be caused by the no out-of-pocket concept. ESIT engage their DCYF lobbyist to advocate on behalf of Washington State Part C providers and connect directly with our federal and state representatives to ensure adequate funding and protect our ability to still be able to bill insurance and Medicaid. **Motion passed.**

Public Comment

Audience shared comments and feedback.

Evaluation & Wrap Up

Members had an opportunity to share their input and make recommendations for future meeting.

Next SICC Meeting:

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 | Virtual