

State VICC Meeting  
**Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council (VICC)**  
June 11, 2025

**Call to Order and Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05AM by VICC Chair, Tricia Peny. A list of attendees is included at the end of this document.

**New Member Announcements**

One newly appointed member was recognized:

- Will Ritter (Parent)

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the March 12, 2025, VICC meeting were motioned and approved without modifications.

NOTE → A final version of the minutes is now available online on the ITCVA [VICC Meetings webpage](#) and on the [Commonwealth Calendar](#).

**ITCVA Part C of IDEA Update**

Kyla Patterson, Early Intervention Program Manager, provided the following information and updates on behalf of the ITCVA Part C Office:

- TRAC-IT — System enhancements will be released on June 23rd. Some of these anticipated updates include easier tracking of Medicaid enrollments, services tracking in case headers and a new provider identification field to reduce duplication of effort.
- Child Count — The past several months have seen a slight increase in child counts birth-to-1 and birth-to-3.

- Cytomegalovirus (CMV) — Based on public comment at the December VICC meeting, DBHDS is gathering data and medical input on whether to continue requiring symptomatic congenital CMV for automatic eligibility for early intervention services or allow asymptomatic CMV as well. Further discussion will occur at the September VICC meeting.
- Additional Provider Types — Virginia is working to expand the list of professions that may become certified to provide early intervention services, including Residents in Counseling, Psychology and Social Work; Teachers of English as a Second Language; Child Life Specialists; and QMHPs (Qualified Mental Health Professionals).

### **Presentation: Family Voices**

VICC parent representative Florije Shala shared her experiences as a parent navigating resources and advocating for her daughter and family.

### **Integrated Training Collaborative (ITC)**

Cori Hill, VEIPD Center Director, provided an overview of the ITC's work and accomplishments during the previous quarter. An ITC infographic is included within the [VICC 2025-06-11 Updates and Presentations .zip file](#) posted online.

### **New Path Update**

Robin Church, New Path Family Support Director, provided an overview of New Path's work and accomplishments during the previous quarter.

### **Public Comment**

No requests for public comment were received prior to or at the meeting.

### **Presentation: Part C Finance Overview**

Kyla Patterson provided an overview of funding streams for Virginia's Part C early intervention system. State funds and Medicaid reimbursement are the two largest funding sources, followed by local (public) funding and then federal funding. Family fees and private insurance contribute to lesser degrees. Kyla explained that in the President's proposed budget, all funding streams under IDEA have been combined into a single "block" of funds – except for Part C funding, which remains separate in the proposed budget. A final budget agreed to by Congress is expected to be released in Fall 2025.

## **Agency Reports**

VICC member agency reports are attached. Highlights shared include:

### **Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Service (DBHDS) – Kari Savage**

We have had our first HB 1760 work group meeting. The HB 1760 work group is tasked with developing a plan to create a mental health training and assessment tool to assist with early identification of mental health issues for children in early childcare and education settings that focuses on early detection, intervention and support for emotional and behavioral challenges in children. The HB 1760 work group is also tasked to provide mental health consultation with resources and training to early childhood education providers, pediatric health care providers and families. I will provide an update about the HB 1760 work group at the September VICC Meeting.

### **Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) – Donna Cox**

No Report

### **Virginia Department for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (VDDHH) – Eric Raff**

Please see the attached agency report submitted by Eric Raff

### **Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) – Dr. Dawn Henricks**

Please see the attached agency report submitted by Dr. Dawn Henricks

### **Virginia Department of Education-Project HOPE– Dr. Patricia Popp**

Dr. Popp went over the broad definition of homelessness and the importance of keeping children stable and in school.

The role of local homelessness liaisons, also known as McKinney Vento liaisons, were highlighted emphasizing their responsibility to connect families to community resources. The funding for the McKinney Vento program is about \$2.4 million and serves 21,000 students.

## **Virginia Department of Health (VDH) – Toni Hayes**

Title V/Maternal and Child Health block grant team is in the process of completing our Needs Assessment that will inform programing within this grant for the next five years.

- Focus groups were conducted September-November 2024.
- Title V staff currently aggregating data in preparation for writing our state report that is due to HRSA mid-July.
- This annual report reflects on Virginia's Maternal and Child Health services as well as areas of improvement and reporting out on National Outcome Measures (NOMs) and National Performance Measures (NPMs) (these use population-based, state-level data sourced from national data sets), Evidence-Based Strategy Measures (ESMs), and State Performance Measures (SPMs).

Working in partnership with Division of Prevention & Health Promotion to present a database of dentists who are willing to work with children and families diagnosed with mental/physical/bleeding disorders. Database also can search for dentists who accept Medicaid. <https://apps.vdh.virginia.gov/livewell/findadentist/>

Within the Child Development Centers network:

- Waitlists currently range from 8 months-1 year.
- Outreach and maintain relationships with UVA and Inova Health Systems.

## **Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) – Karla Callahan**

Please see the attached agency report submitted by Karla Callahan

## **State Corporation Commission-Bureau of Insurance (SCC) – Rebekah Allen**

Rebekah Allen reported that there have been no early intervention complaints, or any other issues reported regarding § 38.2-3418.5 of the Code of Virginia.

## Open Forum

The Family Voices presentation highlighted the need for more direct public awareness about early intervention to families and the general public. Members discussed ways the VICC could be involved in these efforts.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45PM.

## Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Seat/Role</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Dawn Ault	Head Start		X
Victoria Bhardwaj	Public Provider		X
Amanda Bishop	Parent	X	
Dana Childress	Personnel Preparation		X
Tracey Deal	Provider		X
Christina Harrison	Private Provider	X	
Kristen Heinan	Private Provider?		X
Kirsten Hodge	Parent	X	
Sheila Holas	Private Provider		X
Sarah Jeffries	Parent	X	
The Honorable Emily Jordan	Legislator		X
Teddi Kenyear	MH Provider		X
Nyesha Nicholas	Parent		X
Tricia Peny	Early Intervention	X	
Will Ritter	Parent	X	
Floriye Shala	Parent	X	
Stephanie Tharp	Parent	X	
Katie Vance	Parent		X
Leann White	Parent		X
Jill Yates	LSM	X	

<b>Name</b>	<b>State Agency</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Karla Callaham	DMAS		X
Donna Cox	VDBVI		X
Toni Hayes	VDH	X	
Dawn Hendricks	VDOE		X
Pat Popp	VDOE - Project HOPE	X	
Eric Raff	VDDHH	X	
Marly Santoro / James Young	Bureau of Insurance	X	

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Kari Savage	DBHDS	X	
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