**State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)**

**Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday, April 14, 2022

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** VirtualZoom Meeting

**Members Present:**

Jennifer Hannon

Kathryne Hart

Ursula Oustalet-Meaux

Charles “Mike” Billings

Marilee Andrews

Joy Pennington

Ann Phillips

Bambi Polotzola

Kahree Wahid

Tracy Barker

Chriscella Metoyer

Leslie Doyle

Libbie Sonnier

Brenda Sharp

**Members Absent:**

Marc Garnier

Soundra T. Johnson

Rebecca DeLaSalle

Susannah Boudreaux

Colleen Klein-Ezell

Antiqua Hunter

Rep. Rodney Lyons

Angela G. Lorio

Tawnya Moore

**Others Present:**

Alishia Vallien

Matthew Wallace (in person)

1. **Call to order**: at 1:00 PM by SICC Chairperson, Kathryne Hart
2. **Roll Call and Introductions**

**Quorum Present**: 14 of 23 Committee members present (13 required)

1. **Old Business**
2. **Review and Approval of Minutes from Past Meetings**:Minutes of the  **April 14, 2021,** quarterly meeting were reviewed.

**Motion to approve January 13, 2022 minutes by Libbie Sonnier, Seconded by Ursula O. Meaux, Motion carried**

1. **New Business**
2. **Executive Directors Report:** **Alishia Vallien**

ED’s activities for the month were discussed. ED mentioned the need for a focus group to work with Andy Gomm to develop recommendations to increase the number of infants and toddlers and their families who participate in early intervention services through EarlySteps.

**B. Lead Agency Report:** **Brenda Sharp** *(see attached report for full details):*

Brenda Sharp thoroughly went over the submitted Lead Agency Report. She also discussed the LDH Business Plan Activity to increase referral rate. Ms. Sharp explained Andy Gomm’s project and the need for members to become involved in the focus group to increase referral numbers to EarlySteps. SPOE contracts are still in approval process.

Joy Pennington discussed a focus group with FFCs and providers. They are advocating for a rate change. There has not been a rate change in 19 years. The group has been meeting with legislators. Representative Edmond is leading the initiative for rate increases.

**State of the Region:** *See attached report*

**C. SSIP Committee Reports** *See attached reports*

**a. Family Assessment Workgroup (Monica Stampley)**

* Reviewed next steps

**b. Service Delivery Supports Family Priorities (April Hearron)**

* Reviewed scale up plan

**c**. **Team Based Practice Supports** – Did not meet

1. **Other Business**

* Presentation on Act 421 (TEFRA) by Janice Louis and Brandy Croft
* Presentation on Early Learning Standards by Leslie Doyle

1. **Public Comments**

* ED reminded group of the importance of participating in the focus group.
* ED requested updated email addresses from members and stakeholders.

**VII. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn by Ursula O. Meaux, seconded by Libbie Sonnier. Motion carried.**