

**Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (MICC)  
Quick Notes  
November 5, 2020**

**Action Items:**

► The MICC accepted available data for the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) to be submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on February 1, 2021.

**Information:**

- The vice chairperson and Executive Committee member-at-large positions are vacant and will be voted on at the February 4, 2021, MICC meeting. Members who are interested in filling either position should contact Barb Schinderle, [schinderleb@michigan.gov](mailto:schinderleb@michigan.gov).
- The Established Conditions Ad Hoc Committee shared a presentation with their recommendations for updates to the Established Conditions list. After discussion, the ad hoc committee will add additional members to the committee and reconvene to finalize the work.
- The next phase of the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) is underway and 11 service areas were selected to work with MDE to implement strategies designed to increase social emotional outcomes for infants, toddlers, and their families.

The service areas will participate in the following activities:

- The Pyramid Model Infant Toddler Train the Trainer Series and Coaching.
- Training on the use and implementation of the DECA/IT.
- Virtual Community of Practice (CoP) meetings for *Early On* Coordinators with prepared monthly data reports by local service area.
- Materials with messages about the importance of social emotional development for use with families in *Early On*.

The work will take place from Fall 2020 through Spring 2022.

**Updates:**

**Restructuring at Michigan Department of Education (MDE)**

The Office of Great Start (OGS) Offices of Early Childhood Development and Family Education (ECD&FE) and Preschool and Out-of-School Time Learning, in consultation with the Office of Special Education (OSE), are excited to announce the internal restructuring of programs and services within unified programs by adapting the ECD&FE Early Intervention/*Early On* Unit to now include IDEA, Part B/Section 619, or Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE). This combining of Early Intervention/*Early On* and ECSE into one unit within ECD&FE will be named the Birth-5 Early Childhood Special Education Unit and led by a program manager, who will also take on the role of *Early On* Coordinator. The intended end will result in improved and aligned programs and services for children.

**State School Aid Act (SSAA) Section 54d Funding**

Michigan Part C retained \$7.15 million dollars in SSAA Section 54d funding for state fiscal year 2021. These funds enhance the federally funded grants to intermediate school districts (ISDs) under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Funds are distributed based on the *Early On* federal funding formula.

**Discussion:**

The field is concerned that data will be impacted by COVID-19 and would like guidance from MDE on how to report the obstacles local service areas faced as a result of the pandemic. The *Early On* team will look into this further and shared that there hasn't been a report to the legislature yet, but when we have data, we could include explanations about why data look different because of the pandemic. MDE is also interested in learning what has worked well through service provision to families during the pandemic.

### Early On – GEER - Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Funding

One million dollars in GEER funding was distributed to the 56 *Early On* local service areas in the same manner as the federal funding formula. The GEER funds are to be used for three specific purposes related to COVID-19 relief and include: purchasing personal protective equipment for providers or families, technology equipment and connectivity for families, and program and assessment materials to be left with families.

### Differentiated Monitoring and Support (DMS) 2.0, OSEP

Michigan’s Part C program was scheduled for an on-site monitoring visit from OSEP in April 2020; however, due to the pandemic, the visit was cancelled. In the meantime, OSEP has launched a new system for monitoring and support called DMS 2.0 which involves cyclical rather than risk-based selection for monitoring. We recently learned that Michigan Part C will be one of the states engaging in the first three-year cohort of DMS 2.0.

DMS 2.0 is:

- Focused on improved outcomes and results for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities and their families in conjunction with compliance.
- Comprised of eight defined components – Data, State Performance Plan, Improvement, Dispute Resolution, Implementation of Policies and Procedures, Fiscal Management, Technical Assistance & Professional Development, and Integrated Monitoring Activities.
- Integrated across components.
- Designed to address States’ emerging needs and issues.

The three-year cohort is designed as follows:

- Year 1 – Pre-site and Preparation – this year involves OSEP reviewing publicly available information, collecting documents from the state, interviewing state personnel. There may be specific requests for information from stakeholders during this phase.
- Year 2 – Monitoring – this year will include an onsite visit by OSEP. The focus of the monitoring visit will be determined by the information gathered in year 1. Targeted involvement from stakeholders will be included during this phase.
- Year 3 – Post-visit Correction and Technical Assistance – this year will involve correction of any identified non-compliance and support for improving outcomes. Stakeholder involvement is anticipated to be greatest during this phase.

### Data Ad Hoc Committee

OSEP recently extended the deadline for target setting to February 2022. The Data Ad Hoc Committee has met regularly since February and has made recommendations to MDE regarding targets for the SPP/APR results indicators for the next six years (Federal Fiscal Years 2020 – 2025). Due to the uncertainty related to COVID-19, the committee is planning to revisit the targets regularly to ensure they are attainable and rigorous.

### Appointments made to the MICC

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 2007-43 the following appointments and reappointments were made to the MICC:

- Mr. Joseph Clark of Ingham County appointed to represent Michigan Legislature
- Ms. Monica Gaines of Wayne County, appointed to represent the general public
- Ms. Cheryl Granzo of Ionia County, reappointed to represent service providers
- Dr. Tami Mannes of Ottawa County, appointed to represent service providers
- Ms. Lisa Perugi of Wayne County, appointed succeed Barbara Corbin and represent service providers

**2021 MICC Meeting Dates:**

Thursday, February 4, 2021

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Thursday, November 4, 2021

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