

Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers (FICCIT)
 Quarterly Meeting
 December 08, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Member Name	Member Seat	Present (In Person)	Present (Via Phone)	Absent
Kim Carr	Public/private provider of early intervention services		X	
Dr. Judith Levin	Member from personnel preparation program		X	
Rob Porcaro	Public/private provider of early intervention services		X	
Misty Porter	Parent of child with disability age 12 or younger		X	
Kathleen Vergara	Public/private provider of early intervention services		X	
Dr. Ilene Wilkins	Public/private provider of early intervention services		X	
Member Name	Member Seat	Present (In Person)	Present (Via Phone)	Absent
Vacant	Parent of child with disability age 12 or younger	--	--	--
Vacant	Parent of child with disability age 6 or younger	--	--	--
Vacant	Parent of child with disability age 12 or younger	--	--	--
Vacant	Public/private provider of early intervention services	--	--	--
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Vacant	Member from the agency responsible for children's mental health	--	--	--
Vacant	Member of the state education agency responsible for preschool services to children with disabilities	--	--	--
Vacant	Member from a Head Start Program	--	--	--

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Vacant	Member from the State Legislature	--	--	--
Vacant	Member from the state agency responsible for childcare	--	--	--
Vacant	Member from the state child welfare agency responsible for foster care	--	--	--
Vacant	Member from the state agency involved in the provision of, or payment for, early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families	--	--	--
Vacant	Member from the agency responsible for the State Medicaid and CHIP program	--	--	--
Vacant	Office of Coordination of Education of Homeless Children & Youth	--	--	--
Vacant	Member from the agency responsible for the State regulation of private health insurance	--	--	--
Guests	Affiliation	Present (In Person)	Present (Via Phone)	
Alicia Blue	Early Steps State Office		X	
Andrew Smith	Early Steps State Office		X	
Angela Marcus	Early Steps State Office		X	
Celica Coleman	Early Steps State Office		X	
Debbie Stephens	Early Steps State Office		X	
Dusty Stern	Early Steps State Office		X	
Emily Keeney	Early Steps State Office		X	
Ericka Horne	Early Steps State Office		X	
Jasmine Wallace	Early Steps State Office		X	
Jessica Meyer	Early Steps State Office		X	

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John Shupard	Early Steps State Office		X
Liz Gonzalez	Early Steps State Office		X
Luc Toussaint	Early Steps State Office		X
Marcy Hajdukiewicz	Early Steps State Office		X
Marie Mathis	Early Steps State Office		X
Marisol Rose	Early Steps State Office		X
Mary Hilton	Early Steps State Office		X
Megan O'Malley	Early Steps State Office		X
Monica Paris	Early Steps State Office		X
Reneeka Rogers	Early Steps State Office		X
Relesia Jones	Early Steps State Office		X
Risa Davis	Early Steps State Office		X
Robert French	Early Steps State Office		X
Bryan Peters	Florida Office for Insurance Regulation		X
Annalise Campisi	Bay Area Early Steps		X
Emily Shaffer	Bay Area Early Steps		X
Ellen Schrot	Gold Coast Early Steps		X
Kathy Carroll	Gold Coast Early Steps		X
Kim Werner	Gold Coast Early Steps		X
Anna Marie Pedraza	Gulf Central Early Steps		X
Jeremi Grosser	Gulf Central Early Steps		X
Nelsy Crowell	Gulf Central Early Steps		X
Tina Cordell	Gulf Central Early Steps		X
Stephanie Ellis	North Beaches Early Steps		X
Doris Tellado-Gonzalez	North Central Early Steps		X
Tamelia Malcolm	North Central Early Steps		X

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John Lee	Northeastern Early Steps		X
Beverly Montgomery	Southernmost Coast Early Steps		X
Jana Khoury	Southernmost Coast Early Steps		X
Olabisi Baruwa-Castro	Southernmost Coast Early Steps		X
Talli Menchion	Southernmost Coast Early Steps		X
Trina Puddefoot	Southwest & Gulf Central Early Steps		X
Althea Puzio	Space Coast Early Steps		X
Shelli Buckley	Space Coast Early Steps		X
Susan McCain	Space Coast Early Steps		X
Paula Burns	West Central Early Steps		X
Victoria Bentson	West Central Early Steps		X
Christy Nichols	Western Panhandle Early Steps		X

Call to Order – *Dr. Ilene Wilkins, Chair*

Dr. Ilene Wilkins called the meeting to order and Liz Gonzalez completed Council member roll call. The presence of a quorum was unable to be established with the members in attendance via phone. The Council was unable to vote to approve the September 21, 2022, Meeting Minutes.

Media Campaign – *Liz Gonzalez, MPH, Early Steps Program, Florida Department of Health*

Liz Gonzalez informed attendees that the Early Steps Program would be launching a second media campaign, building upon the previous campaign. The kick-off meeting took place a week prior to the FICCIT meeting, and additional updates would be provided in future meetings as the campaign progresses.

Data System Kick-Off – *Jessica O. Meyer, MSW, Early Steps Program, Florida Department of Health*

Jessica Meyer provided an update on the Data System kick-off, informing attendees that discovery meetings the vendor, Strategic Solutions Group (SSG), had begun on-site the week prior. Jessica discussed that subject matter experts (SMEs) would be participating in several discovery meetings to assist with the process.



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Medicaid Update – Marcy R. Hajdukiewicz, MS, Director, Division of Children’s Medical Services

Florida Department of Health

Marcy Hajdukiewicz discussed the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) rulemaking hearing related to early intervention services that took place on November 14, 2022. Marcy informed the attendees that during the rulemaking hearing, there were updates to language pertaining to telehealth, as well as the licensure requirements for early intervention services (EIS). Marcy stated that the Department was continuing conversations with AHCA about licensure requirements for EIS services.

Child Find Coordinator Update – Marie Mathis, M.Ed., Early Steps Program, Florida Department of Health

Marie Mathis informed attendees that there was a new part-time position at the Local Early Steps (LES) level: Child Find Coordinator (CFC). Marie described the position’s responsibilities surrounding public awareness activities and outreach and discussed the monthly coordination calls that take place between the CFCs and State Office.

Early Steps Annual Report – Andrew Smith, Early Steps Program, Florida Department of Health

Andrew Smith shared the 2022 Early Steps Annual Report, describing the various figures throughout the report. The 2022 Early Steps Annual Report can be found on the FloridaEarlySteps.com website.

Public Comment –

There was no public comment.

Motion: Adjourn the meeting.
Motion Made By: Ilene Wilkins
Seconded Motion:
Discussion: None
Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned –