

Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers (FICCIT)  
 Quarterly Meeting  
 January 29, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Member Name	Member Seat	Present (In Person)	Present (Via Phone)	Absent
Matt Bracket	Member from the agency responsible for the State Medicaid and CHIP program		X	
Kim Carr	Public/private provider of early intervention services		X	
James Dunn	Member from the agency responsible for the State regulation of private health insurance		X	
Senator Anitere Flores	Member from the State Legislature			X
John “Skip” Forsyth	Office of Coordination of Education of Homeless Children & Youth		X	
Erin Hough	Member from the state child welfare agency responsible for foster care			X
Renee Jenkins	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	X		
Dr. Judith Levin	Member from personnel preparation program		X	
Cheryl Miller	Parent of child with disability age 6 or younger			X
Rob Porcaro	Public/private provider of early intervention services		X	
Misty Porter	Parent of child with disability age 12 or younger		X	
Melissa Pyzik	Public/private provider of early intervention services			X
Lourdes Quintana	Public/private provider of early intervention services		X	
Kathleen Vergara	Public/private provider of early intervention services		X	
Dr. Monica Verra-Tirado	Member of the state education agency responsible for preschool services to children with disabilities		X	
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Dr. Ilene Wilkins	Public/private provider of early intervention services		X	
Vacant	Parent of child with disability age 12 or younger	--	--	--
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Vacant	Member from the agency responsible for children's mental health	--	--	--
Vacant	Member from a Head Start Program	--	--	--
Vacant	Member from the state agency responsible for child care	--	--	--
Guests	Affiliation	Present (In Person)	Present (Via Phone)	
Sharika Farlin	Early Steps State Office	X		
Robert French	Early Steps State Office	X		
Dawn Lynch	Early Steps State Office	X		
Lakera Reddick	Early Steps State Office	X		
Sierra Robinson	Early Steps State Office	X		
Jackie Gaylord	Early Steps State Office	X		
Luc Toussaint	Early Steps State Office	X		
Allison Rudd	Early Steps State Office	X		
Jasmine Wallace	Early Steps State Office	X		
Angela Marcus	Early Steps State Office	X		
Kathy Carroll	Central Florida			X
Mary Hilton	Early Steps State Office			X
Lori Colon	Central Florida			X
Kelly Rogers	Early Steps State Office	X		
Kim Porter	Early Steps State Office			X



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Ellie Schrot	Gold Coast Early Steps	X
Marcy Hajdukiewicz	Early Steps State Office	X

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

Ms. Kelly Rogers called the meeting to order and completed Council member roll call. The presence of a quorum was established with twelve of the sixteen members in attendance in person or via phone. The Council voted unanimously to approve the October 30, 2019, Meeting Minutes (pending one revision) with no abstentions, or negative votes.

**Motion:** Approval of the October 30, 2019, Meeting Minutes  
**Motion Made By:** Rob Porcaro  
**Seconded Motion:** Lourdes Quintana  
**Discussion:** Amend Action Item #1 to include the request from the Council for the Early Steps State Office work with Mr. Dunn to address the issues submitted by LESs.  
 Motion Passed

**Early Steps State Office Program Update** – *Renee Jenkins, Part C Coordinator*

Ms. Renee Jenkins shared that the Early Steps State Office (ESSO) State of the State and informed the council on the plan for the upcoming year. Dr. Wilkens had a question about the staffing update. Topics of discussion:

- Staffing Update
- Upcoming Stakeholder Meeting set for March 31, 2020
- Children Served
- Early Steps Annual Report and State Plan
- Early Steps Budget
- Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Update
- Child Outcomes
- Preschool Development Grant (PDG)
- Medicaid Managed Care Transition
- Data System Update
- 2020 State Strategies

**Annual Performance Report** – *Lakera Reddick, Quality Assurance and Accountability Unit Supervisor*

- Lakera explained that ESSO’s Annual Performance Report .
- Some Indicators are increasing, while others continue to not meet the targets.
- Indicators 1-10 were reviewed individually.
- The APR will be submitted on or before 2/03/2020.



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The Council requested local performance data that includes additional analysis of who’s bringing down the state numbers. A short summary of programs and percentages.

**Next Steps** – *Allison Rudd, Government Operations Consultant III*

Ms. Allison Rudd informed Council members she will now be coordinating their meetings and is looking forward to working with them to achieve their intended purpose.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Ellie Schrot expressed concerns regarding the following:

- System updates with the Managed Care Plans
  - Mr. Matt Bracket stated that he will look into this matter.
- Lack of responsiveness from private insurance companies.
  - Mr. James Dunn offered his assistance.

**Motion:** Adjourn the meeting.  
**Motion Made By:** Mr. Skip Forsyth  
**Seconded Motion:** Dr. Monica Verra-Tirado  
**Discussion:** None  
 Motion Passed

**Meeting Adjourned** – *Dr. Ilene Wilkins, Chair*



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