

Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers (FICCIT)
 Quarterly Meeting
 March
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 Draft 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)	
Marcy Hajdukiewicz	Early Steps State Office		X	
Dusty Stern	Early Steps State Office		X	
Jessica Meyer	Early Steps State Office		X	
Emily Keeney	Early Steps State Office		X	
Liz Gonzalez	Early Steps State Office		X	
John Shupard	Early Steps State Office		x	
Andrew Smith	Early Steps State Office		X	
Haylie Mistrot	Early Steps State Office		X	
Nichole Wiman	Early Steps State Office		X	
Ericka Horne	Early Steps State Office		X	

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Monica Paris	Early Steps State Office		X
Joanna Martin	Early Steps State Office		X
Marisol Rose	Early Steps State Office		X
Robin Masterson	Early Steps State Office		X
Debbie Stephens	Early Steps State Office		X
Alicia Blue	Early Steps State Office		X
Jasmine Wallace	Early Steps State Office		X
Marissa Barrera	Easterseals		X
Stephen Stearly	Ascension Healthcare		X
Bryan Peters	Florida Office for Insurance Regulation		X

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

Dr. Ilene Wilkins called the meeting to order, Emily Keeney 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 December 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

ESSO Upcoming Professional Development Conferences– *Liz Gonzalez, MPH, Early Steps Program, Florida Department of Health*

Liz Gonzalez informed attendees that ESSO recently participated in public awareness activities, including Developmental Disabilities Day at the Capitol. There are upcoming public awareness events, including Children’s Week and the ongoing Public Awareness Campaign. In addition, there are upcoming conferences ESSO staff will attend, including the One Goal Conference and Family Café.

Data System Update– *Dusty Stern, BSN, RN, Chief, Bureau of Early Steps and Newborn Screening, Florida Department of Health*

Dusty Stern shared that the Data System Project continues to move at a swift pace, with staff meeting three times a week for three hours. Two BAs were hired to support the process, and the team continues to work diligently toward launching the new data system.



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Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C Application– *Jessica O. Meyer, MSW, Early Steps Program Administrator, Florida Department of Health*

Jessica Meyer informed attendees the Federal Part C Application for the coming fiscal year was released approximately one month ago, and staff members have been working on updating the application. In addition, there are many proposed policy changes this year. Both the Part C Application and the proposed policy changes will be posted for public review on Friday, March 24, and that there will be a public meeting approximately 30 days after that.

Early Steps State Office Program Updates– *Jessica O. Meyer, MSW, Early Steps Program Administrator, Florida Department of Health*

Jessica Meyer provided an update that ESSO was recently invited to the Pre-K Conference in Orlando, FL, which had a focus on the transition process from IDEA Part C to Part B. Many LESs participated in the conference, including co-presenting certain sessions. Jessica Meyer informed attendees that ESSO has developed a partnership with the Family Network for Disabilities, part of the OSEP TA community. Through this partnership, family educational materials are being developed. Additionally, ESSO continues to work on public awareness activities, including developing a HIPAA compliant web referral form, a TA website, and developing short digital videos to help educate and inform families about Early Steps Procedures.

FICCIT Membership Update– *Marcy R. Hajdukiewicz, MS, Director, Division of Children’s Medical Services Florida Department of Health*

Marcy R. Hajdukiewicz informed the FICCIT attendees that there are no significant membership updates. ESSO is working with the Governor’s Office and the Legislative Affairs team to process the applications quickly, and that ESSO will share more once we have an update.

Public Comment –

There was no public comment.

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

Meeting Adjourned