

**FICCIT Quarterly Meeting
Orlando, Florida
October 9-10, 2003**

Meeting was called to order at 10:05.

Ilene welcomed everyone.

Members present: Beth Albert, Mary Lou Behnke, Mary Bryant, Gail Connolly, Judy Corso, Lori Fahey, Cynthia Fuller, Randee Gabriel, Arthur Guilford, Jean Johnson, Paula Kendig, Pam Lindemann, Gail Martell, Barbara Moore, John Walker, Ilene Wilkins, Pat Grosz

Part C Coordinator: Monica Rutkowski

Guests present: Carole West for Michelle Polland/Shan Goff, John Hall for Donna Fassett, Phyllis Sloyer, Janice Kelley, Lynn Marie Price, Renee Jenkins, Susan Duwa

Ilene gave an overview of the day and reviewed the role and mission of FICCIT.

Monica Rutkowski presented the new meeting format that will be followed during future quarterly FICCIT Meetings. The new format is based on the meeting format of the State Advisory Council for Part B meetings. Ilene discussed the differences between the State Advisory Council for Part B and FICCIT.

John Hall asked FICCIT to clarify their role in order to have a better understanding of the Council.

Monica introduced Dr. Phyllis Sloyer. Dr. Sloyer presented on the transition of the Bureau of Early Interventions, which the Early Intervention Program is a part of, to the Children's Medical Services (CMS) Network and the goals of the CMS Network. There was a request for a CMS organizational chart. The CMS organizational chart is located on the CMS website. Copies of the chart will be provided at the January meeting.

Monica presented an overview of EIP challenges and the current status of the program.

Janice Kelley presented on the Continuous State Improvement Monitoring Process.

Renee Jenkins presented on the General Supervision activities and the OSEP Monitoring visit.

There was a period of questions and answers until the break for lunch.

Janice Kelley presented on the 2003 Stakeholders Implementation Plan.

Janice Kelley presented on the Comprehensive System of Personnel Development.

Susan Duwa and Janice Kelley presented on the Training Management and Tracking System and New Policy and Procedures for Provider Enrollment, Training and Approval.

Lynn Marie Price and Susan Duwa presented on the Policy Paper entitled "Provision of Early Intervention in Natural Environments."

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FICCIT Membership

A motion was made to recommend two names to the Governor's Appointments Office for appointment to FICCIT. The motion was seconded and passed.

New representatives from the local Early Intervention Program and the Comprehensive System for Personnel Development (CSPD) will be solicited to fill positions being vacated on FICCIT.

The Department of Children and Families and the Florida Partnership for School Readiness have been contacted regarding representation on FICCIT.

Orlando Early Intervention Program Presentation - Linda Stone

Committee Updates

Program Quality: Mary Bryant shared the draft FICCIT report. Comments should be shared in writing by 10/24.

Outcomes: Pat Grosz shared the current draft of the FSP. Comments on the draft should be shared with Pat Grosz via e-mail by 11/30. The final document must be reviewed and approved by legal in the Department of Health and the Department of Education prior to use and further dissemination.

Public Policy: The April 1 party at the Capitol for Part C was discussed. It was suggested that a different date be considered since April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and major activities are usually scheduled at the beginning of the month. The FICCIT Public Policy Committee will provide updated info.

Training and Education: Follow up from the Infants and Toddlers Early Intervention Program Fall Statewide Meeting was discussed. Other issues that need further investigation include provider enrollment, one-year experience, two years RN degrees. Florida State University has received a new grant for Infant and Toddler Developmental Specialist and the University of Central Florida is applying for a second grant.

Training needs are to be expected as a result of the move to natural environments. Buy in from state associations is needed.

Paula Kendig made a motion that FICCIT endorse the natural environments policy paper and support the Department of Health in implementation. The motion was seconded and passed with Randee Gabriel voting no due to reservations with the closed provider network.

Minutes: Paula Kendig recommended Corrections to the draft meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the draft minutes of the July as amended. PASSED.

Agency Reports

Department of Insurance: Several statewide commissions regarding health insurance. Health insurance is going to be a major focus. There is also focus on narrowing scope

of health insurance and flexibility regarding construct of health care. Parents are encouraged to communicate with legislature regarding needs of children with special health care needs.

Consumer Action Network is one group that will be monitoring this. Florida Legal Services will be involved in this discussion.

Agency for Health Care Administration: Provided summary of Medicaid services and provided an update on Medicaid.

Department of Education: Report was in the packet.

Copies of Federal Regulations regarding ICC's were distributed and discussed. Suggestions were made to have a more formalized meeting agenda and minutes process. It was also suggested that the FICCIT Executive Committee undertake a review of the bylaws and meeting operations.