

Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers (FICCIT)

Quarterly Meeting
July 24 – 25, 2007

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Miami, Florida

Members Present: Roni Bader-Tables, Dominique Fethiere, Cynthia Fuller, Randee Gabriel, Sally Golden- McCord for Phyllis Sloyer, Lou Ann Long, Angella Malave, Elaine Mathews, and Carole West for Bambi Lockman.

Members Absent: John Walker

Members Absent with Notification: Judy Corso, Lori Fahey, Martha Harbin, Paula Kendig, Sue Ross and Jeanne Sisco

Non-members Present: Annalise Campisi, Patty Corder, Tameka Davis, Pat Grosz, Becky Maquire, Kelly Purvis, Susan Duwa, Marie Severe, Debra Basinger, Michele Gaston, Gwen Phillips, Lourdes Quintara, Joanne Rainey, Ray Rodriguez, Maria Calejo, and Carmen Fajardo.

FICCIT Business

Approval of Minutes – Randee Gabriel

Discussion: The Executive Committee Chair called for a vote to approve the minutes from the April meeting.

Conclusion: Members voted to approve the minutes with no modifications needed from the April meeting.

| Action | Person(s) Responsible | Date Due |
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| Post April Meeting Notes to the web. | Tameka Davis | ASAP |

Membership

Dates/Locations 2008 – Randee Gabriel

Discussion: The Executive Committee discussed locations and dates for the Quarterly meeting for the upcoming year as follows:

1st quarter;

January 29 & 30, 2008 or February 12 & 13, 2008 – Tallahassee, Florida

2nd quarter;

April 15 & 16, 2008 or April 26 & 27, 2008 – Gainesville, Florida

3rd quarter;

August 26 & 27, 2008 or September 9 & 10, 2008 – Ft. Myers, Florida

4th quarter;

October 22 & 23, 2008 or November 13 & 14, 2008 – Orlando, Florida

Conclusion: Members came to a consensus that July is not a good meeting month. Meeting dates will be finalized at next conference call.

| Action | Person(s) Responsible | Date Due |
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| Finalized meeting dates will be sent out to all members via email. | Ranee | Before next meeting |

Local Early Steps Program- Elaine Matthews, North Miami Coordinator

Discussion: The North Miami Early Steps presented the Council with updates with their success, key issues, concerns, and programs **(See attachment # 1)**

Local Early Steps Program- Marie Severe, South Miami Operations Manager

Discussion: The South Miami Early Steps presented the Council with updates with their success, key issues, concerns, and programs **(See attachment # 2)**

Early Steps Update- Sally Golden-McCord, Early Steps State Office

Discussion: The Early Steps State Office presented the Council with updated information about:

- Policy and Guidance Documentation
- Provider Enrollment/Recruitment
- Public Reporting
- Determinations
- Child Outcome Measurement Systems
- Treasure Coast Early Steps

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Ranee Gabriel

Discussion: Committee was unable to meet. A conference call is scheduled. Notes from call will be forwarded to council.

Conclusion:

| Action | Person(s) Responsible | Date Due |
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| Forward conference call notes to Council via email. | Ranee | ASAP |

Personnel Development and Training – Susan Duwa on behalf of Judy Corso

Discussion: See Training Plan **(See attachment #3)**

Conclusion: Revisions are being made to ensure clarity.

Family Leadership – Lou Ann Long

Discussion: Lou Ann shared verbal overview of the Conversation with Families from the previous evening, a total of 42 attendees including children, FICCIT/Family Leadership Committee members and 1 FICCIT member. Generous sponsors were:

Kaplan- 6 \$25.00 gift certificates
Miami Children’s Hospital/Southernmost Coast Early Steps- Boston Market dinner
Children’s Forum- Spanish translation Creole translation
North Central Early Steps- Creole translation

Families were very positive about the meeting. Families asked many questions in search of more education and resources.

The categories of discussion included:

- Child Find
- Evaluation/Assessments
- IFSP/Services
- Transition

Families were not familiar with the IFSP and were confused about the IFSP process.

The committee’s goals and objectives that will take priority for next year will be:

- Conversation with Families
- Focus on reviewing the state Family Involvement Plan.

Conclusion: Family Leadership Committee will provide a copy of the IFSP at the next scheduled Families with Conversations to better educate families.

| Action | Person(s) Responsible | Date Due |
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| Kelly will forward the draft data form to Lou Ann. | Kelly | ASAP |

Public Affairs – Randee Gabriel

Discussion: A draft copy of the palm cards was shared with the council. The Committee has agreed to rewrite the Palm Cards and distribute to council for review.

Other goals include the following:

- Condensing FICCIT manuals for new members.
- To edit the announcement that goes out to stakeholders and add that public attendance is always welcome on the 2nd day.

Conclusion: The committee will continue to work on revisions and hopes to have the Palm Cards completed for review within four to six weeks.

Membership – Randee Gabriel

Discussion: Martha Harbin has resigned. The Public Affairs committee is currently with out a chair.

Conclusion: Randee will meet with Committee members to discuss where to go with committee and review pending family applications for possible chair.

| Action | Person(s) Responsible | Date Due |
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| Contact Martha for an official resignation letter and send copy to the Governors office. | Tameka | ASAP |

Agency Updates – Sue Ross, Department of Children and Families Report in writing only (see attachment #4)

- Support for Local Infant Mental Health Chapters
- CAPTA Agreement Update
- Participation in the Maternal & Child Health Bureau ECCS Grant to Florida and Upcoming Training opportunities

Agency Updates – Carole West, Department of Education Report (See attachment #5)

- Bureau Staff Update
- Florida Determination for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Proposed Rules for Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 2004
- BEESS URL Change
- 2007 K-12 Conference and Innovation Fair Call for Proposals
- Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Parent Surveys
- Statewide Meeting of Prekindergarten Program for Children with Disabilities Contacts
- VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate
- Florida Symposium on Early Childhood Hearing Loss
- Hearing Specialist Training and Recruitment

Agency Updates – Becky Maguire, Agency for Persons with Disabilities Report (See attachment #6)

- Update on Service Changes as a Result of Legislation
- Service Adjustments
- Eliminated Services
- Two New Waivers

Agency Updates – Cynthia Fuller, Department of Insurance

Cynthia announced to Council that she has assumed a new position -- with the Office of Insurance Consumer Advocate. The Insurance Consumer Advocate is appointed directly by the Chief Financial Officer. After assuming office in January, 2007, CFO Alex Sink appointed General Bob Milligan to this post. General Milligan most recently served the State of Florida as its statewide elected Comptroller. The offices of Comptroller and Treasurer were later consolidated into the single office of Chief Financial Officer. Cynthia stated she will be

consulting with FICCIT Chair Randee Gabriel and Early Steps Bureau Chief, Janice Kane regarding her FICCIT Membership status.

Cynthia also reminded the Council that while not directly affecting the affairs of FICCIT, that in the coming months, an important insurance issue will affect millions of Floridians. Effective October 1, and unless the Legislature meets in Special Session to determine otherwise, the automobile insurance "no-fault" system will end. She urged Council Members to monitor the news about the changes in Personal Injury Protection (PIP) insurance requirements and what kind of benefits (coverage) changes will affect the state's driving public.

Member Updates- Lou Ann Long, Children Forum

ESSO increased FCF contract by \$15,000. Throughout the state 15 families are currently contracted with the focus of:

- Advocacy
- Mental Health
- Therapy

The Central Directory is at a 100% response rate with follow-ups to families.
0-3 foundation will be held in Orlando on November 29th - December 2nd, 2007.

Public Comments

None

Meeting Adjourned

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October 23-24, 2007 - Daytona