

Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers



Quarterly Meeting

June 24, 2014

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FICCIT Business
Cynthia Fuller,
Former Acting Chair

Call to Order & Roll Call

Members Appointed by Governor Scott on May 27, 2014

Lorraine Allen

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Kim Carr

Elizabeth Cayson

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Susan Donovan

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Misty Porter

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Deborah Russo

Kathleen Vergara

Monica Verra-Tirado

Ilene Wilkins

(Johana Hatcher)

Call to Order & Roll Call

Committee Members

Danielle Austin

Annalise Campisi

Sue Cannon

Jeannie Carr

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April Smith

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Approval of January Meeting Notes

Briefing Packet Material

- Updated Membership Roster
 - Please send any revisions to Katie Williams at kathryn.williams@flhealth.gov
- FICCIT Consent to Serve Form
 - If you are interested in serving on the Executive Committee, please return the form via email to Cynthia Fuller Cynthia.Fuller@flor.com and Katie Williams kathryn.williams@flhealth.gov
- ESSO Organizational Chart with FICCIT Role
- July Quarterly Meeting Announcement
 - Please submit agenda items to Cynthia Fuller and Katie Williams by COB June 30, 2014
- FICCIT Federal Regulations
- Public Records and Government in the Sunshine Presentation



Early Steps State Office Update
Renee Jenkins,
Policy Director, Acting Bureau Chief

Early Steps Overview

- The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is governed by the US Department of Education
- The IDEA distributes funds to states to serve eligible children ages birth to three under Part C
- Each state must apply annually for funds to implement IDEA, Part C and provide assurances that state will comply with regulations
- Each state has a designated lead agency
- In Florida, the lead agency is the Department of Health, Children's Medical Services, Early Steps State Office

Early Steps Overview

Florida Part C Structure

- DOH/CMS/Early Steps State Office
 - Contracts with 15 local lead agencies across the state
 - General oversight and accountability monitoring to the local lead agencies
- Local Early Steps Offices
 - Public awareness/child find
 - Service coordination
 - Most eligibility evaluations
 - Some ongoing early intervention
 - General oversight for community providers
- Community Providers
 - Some evaluations
 - Most ongoing early intervention services

Early Steps Philosophy

Team-Based Primary Service Provider Approach

- Key Principles
 - Build on activity settings and learning opportunities
 - Promote child participation in activity settings that have development-enhancing qualities
 - Support adult capacity and competency to respond to child's needs

Early Steps Eligibility

- A child under the age of three is eligible for services if he/she has a developmental delay or has a diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay.
- There are no financial eligibility requirements.

Early Steps Numbers Served Annually

- FY 2012-2013: 42,314 enrolled
 - 24,995 served under an active IFSP
- FY 2011-2013: 42,638 enrolled
 - 24,747 served under an active IFSP
- FY 2010-2011: 45,727 enrolled
 - 26,021 served under an active IFSP

CMS – K.I.D.S (Kids Integrated Data System)

Third Party Administrator

- FY 2012-2013 – Began phase-in implementation
- March 2014 – All Local Early Steps programs using system
- Features:
 - Data collection
 - Claims processing/payment
 - Reporting
 - Embedded IFSP
- Opportunity: automation of functions
- Challenge: “learning curve” for all

Care Coordination System

- Pilot Areas
 - Space Coast
 - Central
- Features:
 - Case Notes, Service and Evaluation Notes
 - Activity Reminders for Service Coordinators
 - Task assignments by supervisors
 - Data for productivity
 - Calendar templates
 - Reporting
- Projected Completion – November 2014

Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) program

- 2011 – Florida Legislature directed the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to create the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) program
 - Implementation between May 2014 & August 2014
 - 14 companies serving the state as general, non-specialty Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) plans
 - Children’s Medical Services Network Plan rolls out August 2014
 - Plans contracted with AHCA for 5 years
- Early Steps Challenges related to SMMC
 - Inadequate Provider Network
 - Enrollment Issues
 - Authorization Issues

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

- IDEA, Part C regulations specify required components of an early intervention system, which includes (but is not limited to):
 - Provision & coordination of early intervention services to eligible infants and toddlers & their families (34 CFR §303.120)
 - Monitoring, enforcement, provision of technical assistance & correction of non-compliance (34 CFR §303.120)
 - Data collection & reporting (34 CFR §303.120)
 - Dispute resolution (34 CFR §303.120)
 - Establishment of an interagency coordinating council or ICC --known as “FICCIT “in Florida (34 CFR §303.125)

Early Steps & FICCIT

- Per the IDEA, the state lead agency (DOH/CMS/Early Steps):
 - must be a public agency (34 CFR §303.223)
 - must control and administer any funds received under IDEA, Part C (34 CFR §303.223)
 - is responsible for ensuring that any federal funds received under IDEA, Part C (including any funds allocated for operation of FICCIT) are spent in accordance with the regulations (34 CFR §303.201 & .221)
- IDEA, Part C regulations at 34 CFR §303.600 - .605 specify requirements for a state interagency coordinating council (ICC):
 - Council Establishment
 - Composition
 - Meetings
 - Use of Funds by the Council
 - Functions of the Council—required duties
 - Authorized Activities by the Council

Early Steps & FICCIT

Clarification from the Office of Special Education Programs at the US Department of Education

- Council membership must be appointed by the Governor
- Individuals who have not been appointed by the Governor may not act as an ICC member
- Potential council members may be invited to attend council meetings and provide input during allotted time; but they cannot vote.
- Council by-laws or operating procedures cannot contradict the IDEA statute and regulations
- Florida may allow council members to serve expired terms until they have been either replaced or reappointed.

Early Steps & FICCIT

According to the Florida Constitution, Article X Section III:

" SECTION 3. Vacancy in office.—Vacancy in office shall occur upon the creation of an office, upon the death, removal from office, or resignation of the incumbent or the incumbent's succession to another office, unexplained absence for sixty consecutive days, or failure to maintain the residence required when elected or appointed, and upon failure of one elected or appointed to office to qualify within thirty days from the commencement of the term.

Article II Section V(b):

" and thereafter shall devote personal attention to the duties of the office, and continue in office until a successor qualifies."



State Performance Plan/
Annual Performance Report
Sally Golden-McCord,
Quality Assurance and Accountability
Director

SPP/APR

Accountability in Early Intervention

- IDEA Reauthorized 2004 –Individuals with Disabilities Education and Accountability Act
- Outgrowth of accountability in U. S. government for federal monies
- Historical focus on regulatory compliance, resulting in improved compliance
- Not seeing improved results for children and youth with disabilities
- Results Driven Accountability- more balanced approach

SPP/APR

2013-2018:

- Indicator 1: Timely Service Delivery
- Indicator 2: Services in Natural Environment
- Indicator 3 & 4: Child and Family Outcomes
- Indicator 5 & 6: Infants 0-1 and 0-3 are identified
- Indicator 7: 45 day timeframe
- Indicator 8: Timely, effective transitions
- Indicator 9: Hearing Requests resolved through Settlement Agreements
- Indicators 10: Mediations resulting in agreements

AND ...

SPP/APR New Indicator

- Indicator 11: State Systemic Improvement Plan – a comprehensive, ambitious, yet achievable multi-year plan for improving results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families

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SSIP Activity by Phase

Year 1 - FFY 2013 Delivered by April 2015	Year 2 - FFY 2014 Delivered by Feb 2016	Years 3-6 FFY 2015-18 Feb 2017- Feb 2020
Phase I Analysis	Phase II Plan	Phase III Evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Analysis; • Identification of the Focus for Improvement; • Infrastructure to Support Improvement and Build Capacity; • Theory of Action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure Development; • Support for EIS Program/LEA in Implementing Evidence-Based Practices; • Evaluation Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of Ongoing Evaluation • Extent of Progress • Revisions to the SPP

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Family Café 2014 Overview
Sue Cannon,
State Parent Consultant

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Public Records and Government in
the Sunshine Training
Florida Department of Health

Questions?

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