



**Quarterly Meeting
October 7-8, 2014
Gainesville, FL**

Members Present: Lorraine Allen, Laurie Blades, Kim Carr, Elizabeth Cayson, Lilli Copp, Susan Donovan, Cynthia Fuller, Penny Geiger, Johana Hatcher, Lourdes Quintana, Kathleen Vargara, Ilene Wilkins

Member Delegates Present: Carole West for Monica Verra-Tirado, Courtnie Wheeler for Shan Goff

Members Absent: Anitere Flores, Arwyn Holmes

Other Attendees Present: Misty Porter, Liza Smith, Sue Cannon, Lou Ann Long, Carla Richards, Penney Norton, Suzanne Mahoney, Pam Kissondyal, Harry Fogle, Doris Tellado, Ellie Schrot, April Smith, Paula Kendig, Althea Puzio, Annalise Campisi, Tameka Footman

Conference Call Attendees: Sharon Paul, Gail Underwood, Katie Williams, Donna Phillips

October 7, 2014

FICCIT Business: Ilene Wilkins, Acting Chair

9:30 AM – Call to Order and Introductions

Motion to approve July Meeting Notes. Motion carried.

FICCIT Chair Update

Ilene Wilkins will be Interim Chair of FICCIT for the next two meetings. She hopes that will give adequate time for new members to get acclimated to FICCIT. This topic will remain a standing agenda item until a new Chair is elected. Anyone interested in this position, please contact Ilene Wilkins.

Membership Update – Members were asked to review the membership list and submit any corrections to Tameka Footman. In addition, Ilene reminded those members whose terms will expire in January 2015 to submit a new application to the Governor's Appointments Office.

Presentation: North Central Early Steps

Carla Richards and Doris Tellado

- Presentation attached

Presentation: ESSO Update

Penny Geiger, Early Steps Bureau Chief

- Presentation attached

12:00 PM – Adjourn for Lunch

Presentation: FICCIT Meeting Policies Ad-Hoc Committee

Council members reviewed draft document and made suggestions. The committee will compile suggestion and meet again to make appropriate changes.

Committee Meetings:

The Personnel Development and Training Supports (PDATS) Committee and the Marketing & Partnership Committee met for the remainder of the day. The Executive Committee did not meet due to lack of Chair and Vice-Chair.

October 8, 2014
FICCIT Meeting Continued

8:30 AM – Full Council Reconvenes

Agency Reports:

Office of Insurance Regulation – Cynthia Fuller*

- No written report available

*Cynthia Fuller was awarded for her services on the FICCIT council and was wished well in her retirement.

Department of Children and Families:

Office of Child Welfare/Prevention - Johana Hatcher

- Please see attached written report

Office of Child Care Regulation and Background Screening – Representative Not Available

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health – Laurie Blades

- No written report available

Department of Education:

Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS) - Carole West

- Please see attached written report

Homeless Education – Lorraine Allen

- No written report available
- Awarded 3.4 million to the school districts. They will be reviewing data to clarify the number of homeless students. To date, there are 71,000 students homeless. Senate Bill 260 is being amended to clarify the definition of a homeless youth.

Office of Early Learning – Courtnie Wheeler

- No written report available
- OEL has asked for an additional 46 million. The dollars will be distributed as such:
 - 2.3 million – VPK
 - 30 million – Reduce school readiness wait list
 - 1.5 million – TEACH program
 - 2.5 million HIPRY

- 2 million- Help Me Grow
 - 2 million- Teacher training project
- OEL will also focus on sending more staff to conferences so that they are well represented.

Head Start Collaboration Office – Lilli Copp

- Please see attached written report

Public Comment: No Comment

Committee Reports:

Please see attached reports from the Executive Committee, the Personnel Development Training & Supports (PDATS) Committee, and the Outreach Committee

FICCIT New Business – Ilene Wilkins

A tentative calendar was proposed for 2015:

January 14 – 15	Tallahassee
March 31 - April 1	Ft. Myers
July 7 – 8	Tallahassee
October 6 - 7	Pensacola

**All dates and locations are tentative pending availability of meeting locations.

FICCIT Meeting Adjourned.