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## Illinois Professional Development System

### Family Specialist Credential Committee Telenet

January 10, 2017

9:00 – 10:30 am

Minutes

#### Attendees:

Christine Westerlund

Kennye Westbrook

Stephanie Hellmer

Diane Scruggs\*

Shauna Ejeh

Tami O'Daniel

Jamilah R. Jor'dan\*

\*denotes co-chair

**Welcome** – *Jamilah R. Jor'dan co-chair*

#### Approval of December 13, 2016 Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes made by Kennye Westbrook.
- Motion seconded by Shauna Ejeh.
- Motion passed and minutes approved.

#### Announcements

- Anne Wharff from the Illinois Department of Human Services retired as of December 30, 2016. Her contributions to the field were immense and her participation will be greatly missed.

#### Competencies – Jamilah R. Jor'dan (Attachment A & B)

- As previously discussed during the December telenet, all Gateways Credentials are moving toward a competency model. Through an Early Childhood Education Preparation Program Innovation (EPPI) grant, Nancy Latham at Illinois State University and Johnna Darragh at Heartland Community College were contracted as consultants to review the ECE Credential benchmarks.
  - The FSC Work Group consisted of Robert (Bob) Hughes from the University of Illinois, Cindy Berry from the Illinois State Board of Education, and Jamilah R. Jor'dan from Chicago State University and FSC Committee Co-chair.
  - The FSC Work Group met on November 16<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup>, and December 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Content Area titles must remain consistent across all Gateways Credentials because they are in statute.
  - The FSC benchmarks were not leveled but sorted into competencies required at each level. No benchmarks were lost in the shift to the competency model.
  - Question: Can the documents showing this shift to competencies be shared with the committee?
    - INCCRRA staff will email a copy of the benchmarks with track changes to show the shift to competencies to the committee.



- The FSC competencies will be shared with the Qualifications and Credentials Committee during the telenet on January 11, 2016 and with PDAC Steering during their retreat on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in Bloomington.
- Illinois Community Action Agency is developing core standards for families. Trainings are developed using competencies. A competency model will allow for a clean federal reporting path.
- The FSC competency table is inclusive of competencies required for each level. Some content areas do not have competencies at each level.
- The work group reviewed job titles and degree attainment for applicants who earned a Gateways Family Specialist Credential. There were no consistent job titles or roles specific to each level. This is consistent with the initial survey sent to employers at the inception of development of the Family Specialist Credential.

**Review FSC Applicants—(Attachment C)**

- N5575 – Awarded FSC Level 5
- N62673 – Awarded FSC Level 2
- N247504 – Awarded FSC Level 5
- An applicant was awarded a FSC Level 5 on January 6<sup>th</sup> with a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work from a nationally accredited program verified on [www.cswe.org](http://www.cswe.org)
- Two entitled route students from Lake Land College were awarded a FSC Level 3\* (missing HSP 120 Intro to Social Work).
  - \*After this telenet, faculty confirmed these students completed HSP 101 Dynamics of Domestic Violence in place of HSP 120. Both entitled route students were advanced to the FSC Level 4.

**Course Description Review—(Attachment D)**

- Training and course descriptions were reviewed and assigned FSC Content Areas.
- More information is needed for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) training to determine appropriate FSC Content Areas.
  - INCCRRA staff will request additional information.
- More information is needed for the National Child Passenger Safety (CPS) training to determine appropriate FSC Content Areas.
  - Shauna Ejuh will contact a co-worker for more information.
- Work experience was approved for the following applicants:
  - N136932
  - N274412
  - N216971
  - N315470
  - N307349 (needs CASA training)
  - Once the education and training also reviewed today is entered, these five applicants may be awarded a Family Specialist Credential if eligible.

**FY17 Meeting Dates**

February 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	telenet	9:00 am – 10:30 am
March 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	telenet	9:00 am – 10:30 am



April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017            telenet            9:00 am – 10:30 am  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017            (possible face to face)    10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
    ○ If face to face the date may change  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017            telenet            9:00 – 10:30 am

**Attachments available upon request.**  
**Adjourned at 10:35 am.**

