



What has been accomplished:

- Wrote a VPSC grant to include a strand of training for charter school authorizers.
- Provided PMI training for 20 authorizers in central Florida and throughout the state.
- Developed a model renewal document for the state based on the consensus processes and Performance Management Institute training.
- Developed a model accountability plan and processes.

What are the Outcomes?

- Model renewal processes field tested in Polk County during 2008 -2009, resulting in:
 - More than 400 charter school student seats added during the renewal process.
 - Self closure of a failing charter school.
 - District charter school principals expressing interest in PMI training and accountability planning assistance.



Next Steps for Florida

- Continuation of VPSC grant (currently starting year three of a five year grant).
- Focus for the upcoming year on the development and implementation of a model contract.
- Working with charter school authorizers, operators, school board attorneys and DOE to develop model contract.
- Authorizer 101 workshop in partnership with DOE at Florida Charter School Conference.

Next Steps for Polk County

- Wrote a grant to provide PMI training for all Polk County Charter Principals.
- Grant would also train additional school district staff to assure consistent implementation of PMI and BCSQ.
- Work with other districts to thread BCSQ Foundation Practices and Consensus Processes into monitoring and annual evaluation instruments.



How did Florida get to this point?

- Created Best Practices Authorizing Handbook in 2001.
 - Plan was to update handbook annually.
 - Lost funding, charter centers and project faded away.
- Authorizers began meeting informally 5 years ago
 - Met sporadically, driven by legislative changes, challenges with charter schools or unresolved issues.

How did Florida get to this point? (cont.)

- Group began to schedule quarterly meetings based on charter timelines
 - Fall application and appeal cycle
 - Winter contract and renewal cycle
 - Spring non-renewal and legislative cycle
 - Summer Celebrate surviving another year
Planning for upcoming year
- Summer workshop became a two day event with agenda and funding from grants and projects to support authorizer activities.

How did Florida get here? (cont.)

- Moved to meeting every other month, with set agendas.
 - Sample agendas located at the back
 - Work samples from group
- Organized as FACSAs (Florida Association of Charter School Authorizers)
 - Wrote mission and goals
 - Incorporated as non profit corporation
 - Set up web site as part of VPSC grant activities
 - Built legislative platform
 - Created mentor/mentee program for authorizers
 - Created work group committees Renewal, Legal and Contract, Applications and appeals, Best Practices



Additional Information on Polk Processes and FACSA

- Polk County VPSC Voluntary Public School Choice grant website
 - www.fpscc.net
 - Click on school choice resources
 - Click districts, scroll to bottom, click Polk County Voluntary Public School Choice
- Polk County Website
 - www.polk-fl.net keyword school choice