

is functional, however, because of the number of discrepancies and errors in the system the Coalition is still unable to pay Providers using the EFS MOD.

2. SR Attendance Status Update – The Coalition is providing training for Providers on how to input SR attendance. Inputting SR attendance into the system is now on hold until further instructions given by the Escambia Coalition. Even though the data is accurate in Legacy there remains to be discrepancies in EFS MOD.

3. Provider Profiles and Contracting – Provider Profiles are due April 15, and in early April the SR contract applications were sent out with the VPK applications to follow. Provider Profiles can now be updated for 2019. The Coalition is recommending that the Provider Profiles be completed by April 5, 2019. However, Providers must wait to move forward with Contracts. Contracts are scheduled to be done in May and June.

c. OEL Accountability Review Update

The OEL Accountability Review was conducted January 2019. The Review on site went well. The Coalition had nothing to report because they are waiting on the preliminary report.

d. OEL Financial Review

The Coalition received the final report for the OEL Financial Review. The Corrective Action Plan is due the end of April. There were two findings. One was for stale checks and one because OEL decided one expenditure should be assigned a different Organizational Cost Allocation (OCA) code.

V. Status Reports

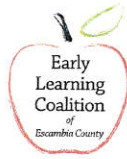
a. SR/VPK Fiscal Year Benchmark Report, Enrollment /Wait List Status Report, and Contracting Summary Report:

1. Benchmark Report

Mr. Watson began the discussion by sharing with the Committee issues that had been addressed during the March OEL ED and AELC meeting in Tallahassee. The primary areas of interest centered on the functionality, and the operational effectiveness of the EFS MOD system. Nine months after the initial startup on July 1, 2018 many of the Executive Directors present are still not convinced that this system will provide the critical operational functions needed for the Coalitions to operate effectively and efficiently. The following issues were discussed at the meetings:

a. Several of the critical functional features needed to account for children in the system and to do reimbursements are still not functioning correctly.

b. The Tableau program, the adjunct program OEL purchased for doing reports that works by pulling data from the EFS MOD database, is still producing incorrect, irrelevant, and error prone reports. Also, OEL still will not allow Coalitions access to the data directly to run their own reports. This issue was raised and OEL said because the new system is an “open system”, meaning granting access to Coalitions would allow them to see the data for the entire state and not just their Coalition, they do not think they can allow Coalitions to have direct access to the data. The rebuttal to this from the ED’s



was why cannot we have access to the data from the whole state, our confidentiality agreements are applicable for all data and not just local data.

c. VPK attendance from August to January was entered into EFS MOD. Attendance was initially done for six months but data did not match what was on paper or in Legacy.

d. Often the OEL managers or overseers of the EFS MOD development program are either not aware or are not informed of issues and problems that Coalitions are experiencing while attempting to use EFS MOD. For instance, at the meeting Melanie May stated she did not know Coalitions were unable to run reports and were not getting the reports they need. The ED's were floored when they heard this as this has been an issue since the program went live.

e. The outcome of this discussion led Executive Directors to make a recommendation to have Federal Intervention via HHS involved in correcting the EFS MOD issues. However, it was recommended to first have this system viewed by the Governor's office prior to any further action taken by a Federal Agency. It is doubtful that OEL will take these steps to fix this system.

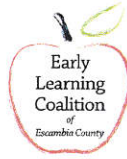
SR Grant Status: Two-thirds into the fiscal year, the Coalition has spent only 58.5% of the grant award. Normally 66% should be expended up to this point. This difference results in the Coalition having a surplus of approximately \$1,263,000. The singular reason why the Coalition has under executed is because there are not enough children enrolled to expend all the grant award. In particular, not enough parents and their children are applying for services. At this point it is not only unlikely the Coalition will be able to expend all the grant agreement, but the surplus will increase to \$1.7 million. At the beginning of the year the goal was to have 3,600 children enrolled. This goal was never achieved and instead from November enrollments have declined from around 3,300 to just over 3,000.

Mr. Watson recommended the Board agree to have the Coalition De-Obligate \$1M back to OEL so that the Coalition can begin the reconciliation and adjustments necessary to advances and other bookkeeping processes. A motion was made by Ms. Winstead and seconded by Ms. Jackson to recommend to the Board to approve the De-Obligation of \$1M back to OEL. The motion was accepted and approved without objection.

The State Legislature has prepared the budget for 2019-2020, and in this budget the Coalition will receive \$14M for the School Readiness Program again next year.

2. Enrollment/Wait List Status Report

Currently there are 3,078 children enrolled in the School Readiness program of which 1,164 are school age children. The Coalition continues efforts to enroll new children. Each month the enrollment goal must increase to use this budget surplus. Reaching the goal of 3,600 is highly unlikely and even if reached there is not enough time between now and July to use all the grant agreement. The Coalition will cap enter 2019-2020 with a goal of 3,600 children enrolled. There are no children on the Wait List as the Coalition continues to pull all applicants off the Wait List weekly.



The Coalition is concerned with the sustained low enrollment rate for new applications. Approximately 50% of parents who apply do not answer respond to the funding notifications or do not complete their eligibility application.

This year, the Coalition saw a drop in VPK enrollments to just below 2,000 children, as compared to the average of 2,200-2,300 each year. Why enrollments are down is unknown, and this is a big concern to the Coalition. Whether this is only a local issue, or a statewide trend is unknown. Mr. Watson intends to ask the School District in August how many children enrolled in Kindergarten. The answer may explain why this years' VPK enrollments were lower than expected.

3. Contracting and Fraud Summary Report

Currently there are 88 SR Providers and 77 VPK Providers. There is no fraud to report and no Providers have been terminated. However, there is one termination forthcoming because the Provider was placed on the National Disqualifying List. The Provider requested a Review Hearing, and it is scheduled for April 17, 2019.

b. Mid-Year Operational Reports

In the interest of time the Coalition deferred summarizing and discussing the Mid-Year Operational Reports until the next meeting in April.

VI. Committee Recommendations

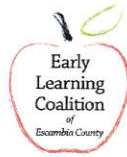
a. Termination of Coalition QRIS, Stars Over Escambia, Program

The RDC recommended that the Board approve termination of the Stars Over Escambia QRIS Program. The recommendation to terminate the QRIS was made because it the new Program Assessment based rate incentives proposed by OEL will make the QRIS redundant. However, since the RDC met OEL proposed changes to Rule 6M-4.500, Child Attendance and Provider Reimbursements, that would not offer these rate incentives to many of the Coalitions Providers. Specifically, the proposed change to the Rule is to not pay providers who score between 3.00 and 3.99 on their Program Assessment a rate incentive as the Coalition originally anticipated. Therefore, the Coalition recommended that the EXCOM disapprove this recommendation in favor of revising the program to align with the pending OEL Rule so as to ensure the Coalition has the option to revise the local QRIS to ensure all providers are adequately incentivized to improve quality. On a motion by Ms. Winstead and seconded by Ms. Jackson the Committee approved without objection the disapproval of the RDC recommendation to terminate the Coalition's QRIS Program. As result of this decision the issue will not be raised at the next Board meeting.

VII. New Business

a. ECSD Career Academies, Education Business Partner of the Year

The Coalition was recognized as the Escambia County School District's Education Business Partner of the Year and will receive this award at a luncheon next week.



b. Donation: Society of the Charity Debutante Cotillion.

The Coalition received a donation of a \$1,000 from the Society of the Debutante Charity Cotillion for programs to serve those in need in our communities.

c. Seussabration, February 28, 2019 Update

On Dr. Seuss's birthday the Coalition staff participated in the annual NEA's Read Across America Day celebration by coordinating volunteers to read at several Providers facilities. One Board member traveled to Camp Fire Century to read.

d. Annual Early Learning Summit, May 22, 2019

The Coalition is hosting the 7th Annual Early Learning Summit on May 22, 2019 from 7:30-9:30 at the Studer Community Institute. Guest Speaker, Mr. Matt Guse, CEO of Florida Children's Council, will share and discuss what Children Services Councils are, what they can do for our community and how do we get one in our area.

e. New Board Member Orientation April 11, 2019

The Coalition will conduct a Board Member and Staff Orientation training on April 11, 2019. Eleven member/staff personnel are scheduled to attend. Lunch will be provided.

f. ELCEC 4300.1B, Developmental Screening Process Policy and Procedure, 11APR19

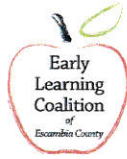
The Coalition revised the y ELCEC 4300.1B, Developmental Screening Process Policy and Procedure. On a motion by Ms. Winstead and seconded by Ms. Jackson the Committee approved without objection the recommendation that the Board approve revisions to the policy ELCEC 4300.1B, Developmental Screening Process Policy and Procedure.

g. Contracting Eligibility Policy

As part of the Coalition Plan approval process OEL reviewed the Contracting Eligibility Policy and they want it revised to remove the provision that the Coalition will not contract with Providers who have too many Class 2 or 3 violations. It is OEL position that not that statutes afford the Coalitions authority to not contract with Providers that have one or more Class 1 violations coalitions cannot deny contracts for Class 2 and/or 3 violations. The Coalitions position is that the statute does not limit local authority in this matter. Just because the subject is not addressed does not mean it is prohibited. The limits in the Coalition policy are taken from the OEL Health and Safety Handbook wherein it states too many Class 2 or 3 violations are grounds for contract termination. This information was provided for discussion and notification of the stance the Coalition intends to take.

h. Medical Support Team Complement

Special thanks and recognition were received for the Coalition's Medical Support Staff Team, Ms. Boyd and Ms. Blalock as the result of their vision and hearing screenings. A parent informed the Coalition that she was grateful because the hearing screening her child received revealed a hearing defect that was corrected, and now the child can hear properly.



VIII. ED/Chair Travel

- a. ED and Chair: AELC/OEL ED/ELAC, March 25-26,2019, Tallahassee

IX. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 25, 2019 - 8:30 a.m., at the Early Learning Coalition Office, 3300 North Pace Boulevard, Suite 210, Pensacola, FL 32505

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