

**Early Learning Coalition
Resource Development Committee**

May 17, 2016 – 10:00 AM

Roger Thompson and Tammy Hicks, Co-Chairs

Committee Members:

Roger Thompson	Tammy Hicks	Brittany Curtis	Brenda Hardy
Pam Hagan	Beth Ramirez		

Staff:

Vicki Pugh	Sarah Whipps	Christy Zukowski	Holly Stratton
Bruce Watson (call-in)			

Partners/Public:

Melanie Perritt	Deborah Goldberg	Phyllis Gonzalez	Melissa Jones
Debbie Layton			

I. Welcome and Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Roger Thompson. The Agenda was approved on a motion made by Ms. Beth Ramirez with a second by Ms. Brittany Curtis.

II. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

III. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2016

The Minutes of the March 15, 2016 Resource Development Committee meeting were approved on a motion made by Ms. Tammy Hicks with a second by Ms. Curtis.

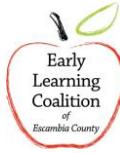
IV. Program Reports

a. Nursing Services Report

The nurses conducted 154 screenings in April. CPR training classes were held in April and May.

b. CCR&R Update

Ms. Sarah Whipps informed the Committee that in the month of March there were 84 calls to CCR&R, of which 22 were previous callers. The majority of the callers were one adult households who were working. The main inquiries were for child care affordability, cost, location, transportation and schedules. Most requests were for information regarding full time care, child care centers, and school age care. In the month of April, there were 74 calls, of which 16 were previous callers. The majority of the callers were one adult households who were the biological parents and were working. The main inquiries were for affordability, cost, location, transportation. Child care centers and large family child care homes were the top requested. The Coalition is beginning to give out resources for summer programs and activities.



c. Program Support Summary

Ms. Vicki Pugh briefed the Committee on the data listed in the summary. There was one Review Hearing for parent fraud. The Coalition has had a couple of pre-site visits for new centers and new family child care homes. Ms. Pugh reminded the Committee that VPK Gold is going away in the VPK requirements. The main thing to remember is the June 15 deadline for providers to submit their information. Providers who do not meet this deadline could lose their contract for up to five years. There are currently about ten providers who have not submitted any documentation to date.

V. Old Business

a. Teaching Strategies Gold

The Coalition will pay the subscription for any provider who chooses to keep using Gold.

b. Local Training

There will be a new local training calendar posted for the 2016/2017 year. The training will be very heavy in curriculum and books will be provided by the Coalition. Ms. Pugh encouraged providers to have their staff attend this free training.

c. QRIS

Ms. Pugh shared with the Committee that an article about QRIS made the front page of the Pensacola News Journal. Ms. Pugh and some of her staff will be attending a national meeting in July 2016 in New Orleans to learn more about QRIS.

d. Wait List and Contract Summary

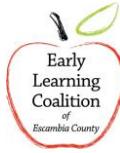
Mr. Watson notified the Committee that the wait list has been pulled through the first week of April and the letters will be sent out this week. The last pull was up to a 53% enrollment rate. Mr. Watson has Ms. Paula Rollins doing research on the pulls. He thinks there may be parents who are applying multiple times, but not calling back the Coalition when they are notified to make an appointment for eligibility determination. The Coalition has been tracking around a 45% application to enrollment rate for the year. Each time there is a pull, the Coalition has to pull twice as many children as desired because half of them will not be enrolled.

There are almost 30 providers in School Readiness who missed the deadline of May 16, 2016 to contact the Coalition regarding whether or not they were going to make application. An email has been sent to those providers giving them until noon on May 23, 2016 to submit their application. If any of the providers do not make the deadline on May 23, they will not be able to contract until September 1, 2016, and the Coalition will have to transfer their children.

VI. New Business

a. Infant/Toddler Institute Advisory Work Group

Ms. Pugh shared with the Committee the draft implementation schedule for the Infant/Toddler Institute Advisory Work group, which will begin in June 2016. This group will first focus on centers. They have gathered from Eligibility a list of centers that have the most birth to 15 months old School Readiness children. The Coalition will send an email to these centers. Ms. Pugh hopes



to have 20-25 classrooms with all the provider's teachers participating. She would like to have all the memorandum of agreements signed by July 2016 so all three class observations can be done in the first year. This is a two-year initiative based on the advice of the work group. All of the classes will be funded out of Quality.

b. Inclusion/Behavioral Advisory Work Group

The Inclusion/Behavioral Advisory Work Group will meet in June 2016. Ms. Kim Carmody will be the lead person for this work group. The group will work on drafting expulsion policies and processes that are clean with the state. Ms. Pugh has staff in her department who will be going to a state network meeting regarding this subject.

VII. Community Partner Updates

a. ARC Gateway

No report.

b. Early Steps

Ms. Goldberg is glad to see how brain science, early development, parent/child interaction, early care learning, school readiness, and child mental health are all coming together and uniting. Early Steps has a new logo since Department of Health Services told them that state programs would not be able to have their own logos anymore. On October 13, 2016 there will be a locally available free statewide training day via live streaming with nationally known speakers. The Vision Council local chapter would like to use this as an opportunity to bring as many people as possible together to learn about social emotional development of children. Early learning is the number one focus for Early Steps for the next two years. The other big agenda item is that Early Steps is getting ready to roll out the competency system that Florida is about to adopt.

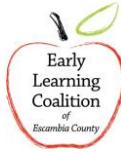
c. School District Academies

Ms. Melissa Jones attended the meeting on behalf of Ms. Aisha Adkison. Ms. Jones announced that there are eight students from four different high schools who have received national CDA certification.

d. DCF Licensing

Mr. Thompson announced that an e-mail will be going out soon regarding background screenings; all providers and their staff will have to be re-screened so they can be tracked in the new system. He encourages everyone to go to the DCF website once every other week and see what is new. Ms. Hardy is concerned with the cost that is going to be incurred upon the providers and or the staff individuals.

Ms. Phyllis Gonzalez handed out at the meeting the new 2016 Parent Resource Guide. She spoke about child abuse prevention and the community alliance meeting that took place May 13, 2016. In the month of April, DCF removed 70 children in the circuit, which is down about three classrooms. Between January to April 2016 there were 158 children adopted. Ms. Gonzalez shared with the Committee that anyone who is interested in sharing ideas to help prevent child abuse can contact her, and we need our community involved to help prevent child abuse. There



are areas in Brownsville that are 56-58% child poverty. Ms. Gonzalez currently has eight free child abuse prevention training classes scheduled.

e. Pensacola State College

No report.

f. Gulf Coast Kids House

No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.