

**Early Learning Coalition
Resource Development Committee
May 15, 2018 – 10:00 AM**

Persons in Attendance

Committee Members:

Roger Thompson	Mary Ann Winstead	Shawn Jennings
Cindy Kirk	Aisha Adkison	Mary Ann Bickerstaff
Phyllis Gonzalez	Alison Hand	Brenda Hardy
Deirdre Patton		

Staff:

Bruce Watson	Vicki Pugh	Sarah Whipps
Anne Cynkar	Melissa Stankard	Kelly Todd

Partners/Public:

I. Welcome and Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Mr. Roger Thompson. The Agenda was approved upon a motion made by Ms. Winstead and seconded by Ms. Bickerstaff.

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2018

The Minutes of the March 20, 2018 Resource Development Committee meeting were approved upon a motion made by Ms. Adkison and seconded by Ms. Kirk.

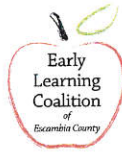
IV. Program Reports

a. Medical Support Services Report

The medical support staff screened 150 children in March and 256 children in April. Ms. Jennings reported that in March there were 18 vision referrals and 17 hearing referrals, and in April there were 20 vision referrals and 28 hearing referrals. Ms. Jennings also shared that 15 children received glasses after their screenings. They conducted a total of 389 education classes in March and April and year to date have conducted 1,268 education classes.

b. CCR&R Update

In the month of March there were 146 calls to CCR&R, of which 40 were previous callers. In April there were 160 callers of which 52 were previous callers. Most of the callers were one adult households, parent/step parent who were working. The main inquiries were for location, transportation, quality, and affordability/cost. The most frequent requests were for information regarding full time care, child care centers, and school age care. On a bitter-sweet note, this will



Ms. Sarah Whipps last RDC meeting as she will be leaving the Coalition. We wish her all the best.

CCR&R is handing out information to parents about upcoming community events and free activities in the area for children and families for the summer. Some of these free activities include; bowling and roller skating. AMC theaters is also holding a summer movie camp every Wednesday at 10 a.m. for \$4.00. This will include the ticket and a kids-pack. Another activity for children is the Read Aloud Program which allows children to interact with parents and loved ones who love to talk, read or sing to them. The Barnes and Noble “Summer Reading Journal” Program for kids in grades 1-6 will kick off this free activity on May 15, and the program goes until September 3, 2018.

c. Program Support Summary

The highlights addressed by Ms. Pugh for the Program Support report for March and April 2018 were in the areas of program accountability, Corrective Action Notices, and the current fall VPK enrollments.

At present Fraud investigations have remained minimal. However, there is one pending fraud case that coincidentally the Provider has requested a Review Hearing to address other contractual issues. The provider did not follow proper standard operating policy and procedures as required by their contract with the Coalition and the State of Florida.

V. Old Business

a. Wait List and Contract Summary

Mr. Watson again addressed the Committee about the upcoming changes to HB1091 which was passed in legislation. These statutory changes will begin to take effect on July 1, 2018. One change that will affect all SR providers is that every program must receive performance assessments every year starting this year. One of the uses of the results of these assessments will be to determine the eligibility of Providers to have an SR contract. The Coalition anticipates with these new changes there will be Providers who will not be allowed to contract in 2019/2020.

As of May 5, 2018, there were 3,221 children enrolled in the SR Program. Because the Coalition has been under executing the budget, for the past two months there have been no children placed on the Wait List, and presently the Coalition is serving all children through 12 years of age. Unfortunately, still only 47% of the children of applicants are getting enrolled in the program. Far too many parents still do not respond after we inform them we have funding to place their children into care. Even with all the strategic efforts and financial incentives the Coalition is offering the Providers, the issue of low enrollments, results in the Coalition under executing the budget. The numbers of infants and toddlers in care has doubled from approximately 100 to 200 infants and 200 to 400 toddlers over the past year. Several reasons for this increase were discussed during the meeting, and while protective service numbers have gone up, there was no conclusive evidence that supported why the numbers changed.



There are 1,670 children enrolled in VPK for school program year 17/18, and already 1000 approved for the VPK school program year 18/19.

No changes to the SR report in the last 2 months. There are 94 SR providers and 79 VPK providers under contract.

b. Grow With Me/LENA Update

Ms. Pugh updated the Committee on the Grow With Me /LENA Program (Child Care Centers), and LENA Start Program (With Parents). A report will be given at the July meeting on recruiting and the expansion of the programs for the fall. Ms. Pugh also shared, that her department staff took a trip to Tallahassee to discuss and share with the employers at Big Bend about how Early Learning Coalition ideas connect with infant/toddlers initiatives. It was a very productive and interesting visit.

c. Star Over Escambia (QRIS) - Rating Application Review and Approval

The second Stars Over Escambia Rating Application was presented to the Committee for review and approval. The application includes the Provider's scoring breakdown and totals. Mr. Watson walked through the scoring results and pointed out how the Provider scored in each category and what their bonus points were for. Upon a motion by Ms. Hardy, and seconded by Ms. Winstead, the Committee approved that Jamison Street Preschool Inc. be rated a 3 Star program in the Stars Over Escambia QRIS Program.

d. Coalition QRIS

Mr. Watson emphasized that if any Provider intends to enter the QRIS process in the upcoming contract year that they start now. With the statutory changes of HB1091 this will be the last year that the Stars Over Escambia Program offers incentives at their current levels. Because of the increased need to perform more performance assessments and support other quality initiatives, Mr. Watson and Ms. Pugh are getting ready to hire one or two new positions. If the person, or persons, hired are already CLASS certified the starting pay will be higher as a result.

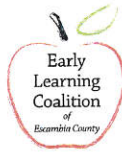
e. OEL PFP – Performance Funding Program

Mr. Watson stated that because bill HB 1091 was passed this will be the last year of the current version of the OEL PFP. It is recommended that all Providers consider enrolling in the OEL PFP to get ahead of meeting many of the requirements contained in HB1091.

VI. New Business

a. School Readiness Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual ELCEC 2501.1B (Eligibility Manual) - Revision Approval

Upon a motion made by Ms. Hardy and seconded by Ms. Kirk, the Committee recommends the Executive Committee send the School Readiness Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual ELCEC 2501.1B (Eligibility Manual) Revision to the Board for approval.



b. Provider Contracting Eligibility Policy, ELCEC 3201.1D - Revision Approval

Upon a motion made by Ms. Adkison and seconded by Ms. Hardy, the Committee recommends the Executive Committee send the Provider Contracting Eligibility Policy, ELCEC 3201.1D Revision to the Board for approval.

c. Provider Contracting Eligibility Procedure, ELCEC 3201.2B Cancellation

Upon a motion made by Ms. Bickerstaff and seconded by Ms. Winstead, the Committee recommends the Executive Committee send the Provider Contracting Eligibility Procedure, ELCEC 3201.2B to the Board for cancellation.

d. 2018 Legislative Update

HB1091 and HB7055 were both passed. The requirements and responsibilities for Providers will be explained at the Contract Briefing and Signing meetings. More training and information will be provided by staff throughout the year. HB7055 says Coalition may not contract with Providers who receive a Class 1 violation from DCF. HB1091 provides for program assessments and rate incentives from these assessment results. It also allows Coalition to develop local eligibility priorities. A proposal will be presented at the Committee meeting in July.

VII. Community Partner Updates

a. ARC Gateway

Ms. Bickerstaff announced that there will be a free public lecture sponsored by Achieve Escambia on May 22, 2018 at the WSRE Amos Studio from 6-7pm. The guest speaker, Dr. Paul Dworkin, will discuss Connecting Families to Life Saving Supports. This topic is designed especially for parents, families, caregivers, physicians, providers and child advocates. For more information contact Kimberly Krupa, director@achieveescambia.org

b. Early Steps

No representative was present to report, but Alison Hand was a guest at our meeting and may be the new representative for Early Steps.

c. Florida Association for Infant Mental Health FAIMH

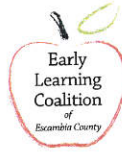
No representative was present to report.

e. Department of Health 5-2-1-0

No representative was present to report.

e. School District Academies

Ms. Adkison announced that students who earn the National CDA will receive 9 college credits. Also, efforts are being continued to hire more students at child care sites. She also shared with the Committee a special thanks to Joyce Griffin on her outstanding coaching and mentoring practices for the Child Care Academy students and teachers.



f. DCF Licensing

Mr. Thompson announced that his staff will be attending the State DCF Licensing training this week.

g. DCF Outreach

No representative was present to report.

h. Gulf Coast Kids House

No representative was present to report.

i. VPK School District

No representative was present to report.

j. Pensacola State College

Ms. Kirk announced that her AS degree students qualify for 3 certificates upon completing the Pre-K, Infant-Toddler and the 36-hour Intervention programs and continues to work with the Admissions Department to have these certificates automatically included upon completion of the program. In April she attended a very productive Network meeting in Tallahassee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Next Meeting: July 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.