

**Early Learning Coalition
Resource Development Committee
July 25, 2017 – 10:00 AM**

Committee Members:

Tammy Hicks	Cindy Kirk	Peggy Steward
Mary Ann Winstead		

Staff:

Bruce Watson	Paula Rollins	Vicki Pugh
Holly Stratton	Christy Zukowski	

Partners/Public:

Debbie Goldberg	Roger Thompson	Melissa Jones
Paula Doty	Kathleen Murdoch	Phyllis Gonzalez

I. Welcome and Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Watson as the Committee currently does not have a Chair. Committee members present agreed to allow Mr. Watson to conduct the meeting in absence of the Chairs. Mr. Watson asked everyone to introduce themselves since two new Board members were present, Ms. Winstead and Ms. Steward.

With the Chair and Co-Chair positions now being vacant and the six provider voting representatives now dwindled down to two, neither of which were present at the meeting. Mr. Watson extended the invitation to Ms. Winstead, Ms. Steward, and Ms. Kirk to consider being the Chair of the Committee. Ms. Steward will think about it. Ms. Hicks accepted a provider representative position with voting powers.

II. Public Comments

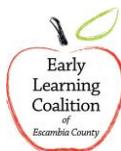
No public comments were made.

III. Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2017

Ms. Pugh noted corrections to be made to the May 16 minutes. On page 2 section IV.c., “the busy books” should be “the Disney books”, and on page 3 section V.f., “Mr. Curtis” needs to be corrected to “Ms. Curtis”. The Minutes of the May 16, 2017 Resource Development Committee meeting were approved as amended.

IV. Program Reports

a. Nursing Services Report



Ms. Jennings was unable to attend the meeting today, so she asked Mr. Watson to present the Nursing Services Report in her absence. The nurses saw 44 children in May and 62 children in June. Mr. Watson let the Committee know that the nurses are doing a great job. In the previous fiscal year, there were 1,612 children in education classes with 401 consultations.

b. CCR&R Update

In the month of May there were 79 calls to CCR&R, of which 36 were previous callers. Most of the callers were one adult households, parent/step parent who were working. The main inquiries were for location, transportation, schedule, and affordability/cost. The most frequent requests were for information regarding full time care, child care centers, and school age care. In the month of June, there were 90 calls, of which 33 were previous callers. Most of the callers were one adult households, parent/step parent who were working. The main inquiries were for location, transportation, schedule, and affordability/cost. Again, the most frequent requests were for information regarding full time care, child care centers, and school age elementary care. CCR&R is keeping track of school events and resources, such as the past event on July 22 at Bayview Park where free school supplies were given out.

c. Program Support Summary

Ms. Zukowski provided an update to the Committee. There were no events for the month of June. GOLD was completed in June and will begin with new providers for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. There were a couple of fraud cases in June. The validations on ASQs has begun. Training classes have been scheduled for almost every weekend for the next few months. Ms. Pugh added that Inclusion/Behavior support has been tracking the number of suspensions and expulsions. There have been 15 expulsions for the year and most of those have been 3 and 4 year olds.

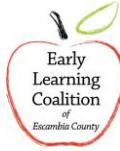
V. Old Business

a. Wait List and Contract Summary

As of July 16, there were 2,914 children enrolled. There was an unexpected dip in enrollment numbers partly due to re-determinations and a drop in TANF numbers. There are currently 1,059 children on the Wait List, of which 353 are school age. The Wait List has been pulled through February 11, 2017. Good news is that as of July 24 there are almost 1,700 children already approved for VPK in fiscal year 2017-2018. There are currently 103 SR providers and 82 VPK providers under contract. The reason for the decline in SR providers is mostly due to economic reasons, and providers not finding child care fun anymore due to programmatic changes, such as mandatory curriculum and monitoring requirements.

b. Grow With Me

Ms. Pugh provided a brief overview of Grow With Me (GWM) data reports. There were 14 classrooms, some infant and some toddler, in 6 centers. There has been great improvement in the classrooms. In the second year of LENA, the Coalition wants the Directors to take MMCI classes. Mr. Watson thinks there is enough data collected to do a summary report of the first year results. Ms. Gonzalez would like to receive the data report. In the second year of GWM, in addition to



using the LENA in the centers, parents of children at some of the GWM centers will be offered the opportunity to use the LENA devices with their child in their homes.

VI. New Business

a. Performance Funding Program

Ms. Todd spoke to the Committee about the Performance Funding Program. The program is a way for SR providers to earn extra compensation by improving the quality of their programs. The application deadline has been extended to July 30. Ms. Pugh encourages providers to apply for this program.

b. Quality Budget

The Quality Budget was provided to the Committee as an addition to the Committee package. Mr. Watson gave a brief review of the Quality Budget. The School Readiness budget for FY17-18 is \$14,584,099. The portion of this dedicated to the Quality Budget is 8%, or \$1,166,728. From this amount will come staff labor dedicated to quality, the medical support contract, infant/toddler Gold Seal costs, miscellaneous quality programs and the costs to implement a rate based Quality Rating Improvement System.

VII. Community Partner Updates

a. ARC Gateway

No representative was present to report.

b. Early Steps

No representative was present to report.

c. School District Academies

No representative was present to report.

d. DCF Licensing

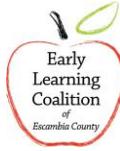
Mr. Thompson shared that there are SR providers who are license exempt who have still not had a health and safety inspection. Approximately 75%-80% of the inspections are completed. Also, all the background screenings required by the new screening process are not yet completed

e. DCF Outreach

Ms. Gonzalez provided an update to the Committee.

f. Gulf Coast Kids House

Ms. Doty provided an update to the Committee. Gulf Coast Kids House (GCKH) provides prevention programs for children ages 4 through high school. Last year there were 4,300 reports of child abuse, and most of those children were 5 years old or younger. On the third Tuesday of each month at the GCKH offices, GCKH presents a class on how to prevent sexual child abuse. They saw 3,600 cases last year and taught 1,200 people.



g. VPK School District

No representative was present to report.

h. Pensacola State College

Ms. Kirk has been working with Ms. Pugh and Ms. Aisha Adkison to do a training at for the Child Care Career Academy program. She has been getting a lot of phone calls for Child Development Associate (CDA) course, but the callers are turned off by the cost of the course. Ms. Kirk will email the flyer for the CDA course to Ms. Pugh and her staff. Ms. Kirk shared a few ideas for items that Ms. Pugh can put in the brain bags. One of those items is the Period of Purple Crying video clip.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.