

Early Learning Coalition
Resource Development Committee
July 21, 2015 – 10:30 AM
Roger Thompson, Chair

Committee Members:

Sissy Carter Brenda Hardy Tammy Hicks Pam Hagan
Malena Moorehouse

Staff:

Vicki Pugh Dawn Engel Kathy McKechnie Christy Zukowski

Partners/Public:

Debbie Layton Melissa Jones Deborah Goldberg

I. Welcome and Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 am by Ms. Tammy Hicks, acting Chair. The Agenda was approved on a motion made by Ms. Brenda Hardy with a second by Ms. Sissy Carter.

II. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

III. Approval of May 19, 2015 Minutes

The Minutes of the May 19, 2015 Resource Development Committee meeting were approved on a motion made by Ms. Brenda Hardy with a second by Ms. Pam Hagan.

IV. Program Reports

a. Nursing Services Report

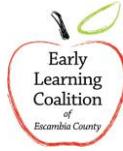
Ms. Pam Hagan reported that they have ended the year with lower number the last couple of months but that is to be expected during the summer months. Screenings are down but education numbers are up. The nurses are making appointments for the fall and adding more of the 5210 program into their training and education.

b. CCR&R Update

Ms. Sarah Whipps informed the Committee that CCR&R has a busy month in June. There were 106 requests for daycare listings, 82 of those were new request. Many families were looking for school age care for the summer.

c. Program Support Summary

Ms. Christy Zukowski informed the Committee that there will be several changes in the report for new fiscal year. The Coalition gave out over 17,000 books this fiscal year. The Imagination Library program has been phased out. There are 30 programs participating in TSG. Ms. Vicki Pugh introduced Ms. Kathy McKechnie to the Committee. Ms. McKechnie previously worked



for the Coalition in Santa Rosa County. She will be working in the Program Integrity Unit and has several certifications that will benefit our Coalition.

V. Old Business

a. Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG)

Ms. Vicki Pugh informed the Committee that the Coalition will begin to adopt the correct language. Gold is the tool, Teaching Strategies is the name. There is Gold VPK and Gold SR.

b. Local training

Ms. Pugh informed that the Coalition will be offering training for Gold at the Director level. Most of the training for this fiscal year will be pertaining to Gold. The Coalition will be working on an Infant Toddler training as well.

VI. New Business

a. RESTORE Project

Ms. Vicki Pugh gave the Committee an overview. The funding from the BP award will be used by partners putting together enterprise zones to get input such as types of jobs they would like to see in our community. The funds will be set up like the HPOG grant. The project is still in the planning phases.

b. QRIS Program Change

Ms. Vicki Pugh informed the Committee that the Coalition is making changes to this program so as to reduce the paperwork required to reach two star status. The Coalition is considering creating a checklist to be completed for two star status, instead of requiring provider to put together a portfolio, which is very time consuming. Coalition staff will complete and/or verify the checklist in conjunction with annual monitoring.

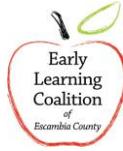
c. Booster Seat Update

Mr. Roger Thompson was not present and able to provide this update. Ms. Sissy Carter gave an overview. Until a child reaches their sixth birthday, the child is required to sit in a booster seat with a shoulder strap. The busses are not equipped to support this requirement. Providers have found a resource to fix this, but it would cost them \$120 per seat. The investment is unreasonable considering once school starts it is usually only a matter of months before these children are turning 6 years of age.

d. Provider Monitoring

Ms. Vicki Pugh informed the Committee that with the new requirements for curriculum, they are seeing a lot of issues already. For each element in the monitoring tool the programs are either compliant or non-compliant. For instance lessons plans must indicate whether or not a program is using a curriculum. If the lesson plan cannot be tied to the curriculum then that element is not in compliance.

Ms. Vicki Pugh added that the Coalition will be presenting provider contract information to the Board. The information will consist of the status of the providers. Last year there were 24 SR



programs that stopped contracting with the Coalition for various reasons; only 8 of which had their contracts terminated. There were 7 VPK programs that had their contract terminated.

VII. Community Partner Updates

a. ARC Gateway

Ms. MaryAnn Bickerstaff was not present and no report was given.

b. Early Steps

Ms. Debbie Goldberg just came from an Infant Mental Health meeting talking about the readiness of children when they enter kindergarten. The state has restored the funding for the Early Steps Program and it was more than anticipated. Ms. Goldberg also stated that Early Childhood Court for Circuit 1 has the highest pregnancy rate currently and they are looking into adding outreach for fathers.

c. School District Academies

Ms. Aisha Adkison was not present but sent Ms. Melissa Jones in her place. Ms. Jones reported that all of their programs are healthy and they are getting ready to start a new school year. Ms. Adkison will have updates at the next meeting.

d. DCF Licensing

Mr. Roger Thompson was not present and no report was given.

e. Pensacola State College

No report from Pensacola State College.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 am.

Next Meeting: September 15, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.