

Early Learning Coalition
Resource Development Committee
July 19, 2016 – 10:00 AM
Roger Thompson and Tammy Hicks, Co-Chairs

Committee Members:

Tammy Hicks	Brenda Hardy	Beth Ramirez	Mary Ann Bickerstaff
Susan Nelms			

Staff:

Vicki Pugh	Holly Stratton	Kelly Todd
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Partners/Public:

Marcella Copeland	Aisha Adkinson	Dynita Bufford	Paula Doty
Shirley McCants			

I. Welcome and Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ms. Tammy Hicks. The Agenda was approved on a motion made by Ms. Brenda Hardy with a second by Ms. Mary Ann Bickerstaff.

II. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

III. Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2016

Deborah Goldberg submitted by email the following corrections to the May minutes:

VII. b. Early Steps-

The next to last sentence – “Early learning is the number one focus...” should read: “Social/emotional development is the number one focus...”

The last sentence – “... Early Steps is getting ready to roll out the competency system...” should read: “... the FL Association for Infant Mental Health is getting ready to...”

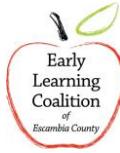
With these corrections, the Minutes of the May 17, 2016 Resource Development Committee meeting were approved on a motion made by Ms. Hardy with a second by Ms. Bickerstaff.

IV. Program Reports

a. Nursing Services Report

The nurses conducted 231 screenings in May. One CPR training class was held in May.

b. CCR&R Update



In the month of May there were 74 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 location/transportation, schedules, and child care affordability/cost. Most requests were for information regarding full time care, child care centers, and school aged care. In the month of June, there were 85 calls, of which 20 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 schedules, location/transportation, and affordability/cost. Most requests were for information regarding full time care, child care centers and large family child care homes.

c. Program Support Summary

Ms. Vicki Pugh briefed the Committee on the data listed in the summary. Ms. Pugh asked the Committee if there were any data points that they would like to add to the summary in the coming year. One data point she suggested is in the QRIS section adding how many providers are one star, two stars, three stars, and four stars. Another data point Ms. Pugh suggested adding is expulsions from pre-school classrooms. A monthly progress report of the Infant/Toddler quality initiative called Grow With Me could also be added. This could include the results of the CLASS observations that are conducted as part of Grow With Me. The Coalition has three Providers in the Performance Funding Program (PFP) who will sign PFP contracts with the Coalition next week. It was suggested that the information gathered in support of PFP could be added as a narrative to the Program Support Summary.

V. Old Business

a. Teaching Strategies Gold

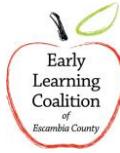
The program requiring Teaching Strategies Gold assessments for VPK students has concluded. All of our VPK providers were in compliance.

b. Local Training

During Attendance Days in July the Coalition handed out the Coalition training calendar. A lot of curriculum delivery training for providers has been scheduled. Each curriculum delivery training class will be four hours in length and is free to the providers. Ms. Pugh introduced to the Committee Ms. Kelly Todd, the Coalition's newest Assessment and Training Specialist. Ms. Todd is also an infant/toddler coach. The Coalition's infant/toddler initiative Grow With Me has twenty classrooms scheduled for participation. Ms. Pugh shared with the Committee that the Making the Most of Classroom Interaction (MMCI) is part of the Grow With Me program, but it is also a stand-alone training that any director or practitioner may attend.

c. QRIS

The Committee received a copy of the QRIS News that was given to providers on Attendance Days. The newsletter outlines the monetary incentives offered to Providers for obtaining and sustaining a 3 or 4 Star Rating. Ms. Pugh and members of her department attended a national QRIS conference in New Orleans on July 12-14, 2016. The national conversation regarding QRIS is being pushed down to the states through the CCDF reauthorization. Ms. Pugh will continue to serve on the FL State Collaborative and bring updates to the committee on this topic. Participation in our QRIS in Escambia county (and the entire state) continues to be voluntary.



d. Wait List and Contract Summary

The wait list has been pulled through July 2, 2016. There are currently 158 SR providers, 85 VPK providers, and 1,513 children enrolled in VPK for next year. There has not been much going on in Fraud.

e. Infant/Toddler Institute Advisory Work Group

Ms. Pugh will have an update on the Infant/Toddler Institute Advisory Work Group at the next Committee meeting. Meeting minutes were not taken at the first meeting, but will be at the next meeting and going forward.

f. Inclusion and Behavior Advisory Work Group

The Committee received a draft copy of the Inclusion and Behavior Advisory Work Group meeting minutes from June 22, 2016. The next meeting of the next Inclusion and Behavior Advisory Work Group meeting on July 27, 2016. Ms. Pugh shared with the Committee that at the federal level they are considering requiring states to track pre-school suspensions and expulsions. On the chance OEL will request input from the Coalitions, the Inclusion and Behavior Advisory Work Group will draft recommendations to OEL on a process of documenting suspensions and expulsions, and will begin to collect local data.

VI. New Business

a. Committee Membership

Ms. Sissy Carter, owner/operator of Kinderworld has resigned from the Resource Development Committee for personal reasons.

b. Coalition Plan Revision

Ms. Pugh reviewed with the Committee the proposed revisions to the Coalition Plan. Public comment on the Plan was solicited, but none was received. A recommendation to forward the revised Coalition Plan to the Board, via the Executive Committee, was approved on a motion made by Ms. Bickerstaff with a second by Ms. Hardy.

VII. Community Partner Updates

a. ARC Gateway

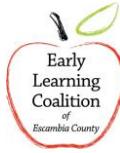
Ms. Bickerstaff informed the Committee that ARC Gateway has several new avenues to provide developmental specialist referrals.

b. Early Steps

No report.

c. School District Academies

Ms. Adkison gave an update regarding the Early Education Academies for the school district and their partnership with the Coalition. The school district had a total of seven students successfully complete their National Childhood Development Associates. Three of the students were from Escambia County, one from Washington High School, one from Pensacola High School, and two



from Tate High School. Ms. Adkison said the School District Academies appreciate all of the Coalition's support, especially Ms. Joyce Griffin's training and encouragement to the students.

d. DCF Licensing

No report.

e. DCF Outreach

No report

f. Pensacola State College

No report.

g. Gulf Coast Kids House

Ms. Paula Doty shared with the Committee that Gulf Coast Kids House had a big increase in number of people trained in May. For their fiscal year of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, they trained 1,900 people. Gulf Coast Kids House provides facilitators to go in to the schools to train teachers and speak to the children on a variety of subjects.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.