

Early Learning Coalition
Resource Development Committee
November 17, 2016 – 10:00 AM
Roger Thompson and Tammy Hicks, Co-Chairs

Committee Members:

Roger Thompson
Pam Hagan

Tammy Hicks
Brenda Hardy

Mary Ann Bickerstaff
Beth Ramirez

Staff:

Vicki Pugh
Holly Stratton

Christy Zukowski

Sarah Whipps

Partners/Public:

Dynita Bufford
Lakesha Lewis

Melody Meier

Debbie Goldberg

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 on a motion made by Ms. Hicks with a second by Ms. Hardy. Ms. Bickerstaff introduced Ms. Lakesha Lewis, a support specialist at ARC Gateway.

II. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

III. Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2016

Ms. Ramirez noted that Ms. Roger Thompson be corrected to Mr. Roger Thompson in section I. With this correction, the Minutes of the September 20, 2016 Resource Development Committee meeting were approved on a motion made by Ms. Ramirez with a second by Ms. Hagan.

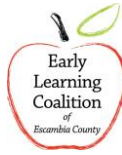
IV. Program Reports

a. Nursing Services Report

The nurses saw 315 children in September and 415 children in October. The survey comments on the nurses have been great. One CPR training class was held on October 20, 2016.

b. CCR&R Update

In the month of October there were 63 calls to CCR&R, of which 24 were previous callers. The majority of the callers were one adult households, parent/step parent who were working. The main inquiries were for location/transportation and child care affordability/cost. Most requests



were for information regarding full time care, child care centers, and school age care. In the month of August, there were 53 calls, of which 25 were previous callers. The majority of the callers were one adult households, parent/step parent who were working. The main inquiries were for location/transportation and affordability/cost. Most requests were for information regarding full time care, child care centers and large family child care homes, and school age care.

c. Program Support Summary

Ms. Pugh advised of a correction to the Support Summary report; under the VPK Support section the number of classrooms is not 14, it is still close to 148. A change to the report is in the Program Accountability section where the Program Corrective Action Plans (PCANs) are now called Correction Action Plans (CANs).

V. Old Business

a. Wait List and Contract Summary

There are currently 1027 children on the Wait List, of which 917 are birth to age five. The Wait List has been pulled through June 26, 2016. The new 12-month eligibility rule has been a factor in the Wait List increase. There are 2,192 children enrolled in VPK. There are currently 145 SR providers and 85 VPK providers under contract. The last contract signing for new providers in 2016 will occur November 30.

b. Infant/Toddler Institute Advisory Work Group

This work group will meet again in March 2017. At that point there will be a lot of LENA data and CLASS data to provide to the Committee. The LENA software and devices are currently being rolled out to two providers.

Ms. Pugh and her staff and other invitees took a field trip on November 3 to Dr. Pam Phelps' child care center in Tallahassee.

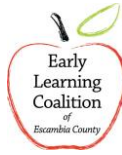
c. Inclusion/Behavioral Work Group

A draft of the Disciplinary Action/Expulsion Checklist was shared with the Committee. OEL is getting ready to prepare such a form for all Coalitions to use. The majority of transfers for children with behavior problems are already in Protective Services. The next meeting for the Inclusion and Behavior Work Group is January 25, 2017.

VI. New Business

a. Grow With Me/LENA Initiative

Ms. Pugh let the Committee know that the Grow With Me initiative is making huge progress. Ms. Zukowski explained to the Committee how the LENA devices record information by numbers, or conversational turns. No words are recorded, but when a teacher verbalizes to a child and the child verbalizes back that is called a "turn". The device will even distinguish if the conversation is from an electronic device or if it is from a human. Ms. Pugh shared that there will be talking points and coaching tips presented to the teachers to help them interact with the children, especially the toddler age which is a little harder to get to respond vocally as they are busy doing their assignments.



b. Board/Committee Meeting Schedule for 2017

Ms. Stratton reviewed the Board/Committee meeting schedule for 2017. The Resource Development Committee will follow the same pattern as before with meetings occurring the third Tuesday of every other month. The first meeting of 2017 will be January 17 at 10:00am.

c. Sweet Sixteen Open House

The sixteenth anniversary of incorporation of the Coalition is November 22, 2016. To commemorate the milestone, the Coalition is hosting a Sweet Sixteen Open House on November 22 from 3:00 – 5:00pm. Everyone is invited for light refreshments.

d. Curriculum Review/DAP

If you receive a Tier 2 monitoring this year, you will get a curriculum review. This pertains to School Readiness providers only. The school will have to score a total of 2 in order for the whole school to pass. The Coalition has provided on its website the Curriculum Review tool to help the providers. The reviewers will go back in six months to do a recheck/review. If the provider has made no progress in six months, then they may get put on probation. Ms. Pugh and Ms. Engel will do the recheck with the reviewer who prepared the report. The reviewers are Ms. Joyce Griffin and Ms. Kathy McKechnie of the Coalition.

VII. Community Partner Updates

a. ARC Gateway

Ms. Lakesha Lewis shared with the Committee that two centers have done a variety of developmental screenings on children. Ivy League Early Learning Center had two speech therapy recommendations and follow-up recommendations for two children in three to six months. Faith Christian Academy had seven children screened, resulting in three occupational therapy recommendations and five speech therapy recommendations.

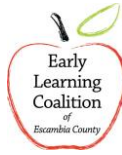
b. Early Steps

Early Steps has received a record number of referrals each month since July. There have been 730 children in the program off and on in 2016. Ms. Goldberg shared with the Committee information about two websites regarding social and emotional development projects for young children. One website is CSEFEL, Center on the Social and Emotional Foundation for Early Learning (CSEFEL), which is a Vanderbilt University project. The other website is TACSEI, Technical Assistance Center on Social and Emotional Intervention, which is a project at the University of South Florida. Ms. Goldberg will forward the email to Ms. Pugh with the information on these projects.

c. School District Academies

Ms. Adkison was absent. No report.

d. DCF Licensing



Mr. Thompson stated that the back ground screenings are beginning to speed up and are going well. DCF still has not been provided the tools needed to do the inspections on registered homes, licensed exempt and registered exempt facilities that accept School Readiness funding.

e. DCF Outreach

No representative was present to report.

f. Gulf Coast Kids House

No representative was present to report.

g. VPK School District

Ms. Bufford reported that math is the number one concern for the children. Teachers are seeing that the children are struggling with math. The VPK School District began a new system this year called Student Alert System and Ms. Bufford shared data that has been collected from the system.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.