

Early Learning Coalition
Resource Development Committee
September 20, 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:

Bruce Watson
Holly Stratton

Vicki Pugh
Bill Busch

Dawn Engel
Christy Zukowski

Partners/Public:

Aisha Adkison

Dynita Bufford

I. Welcome and Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ms. Roger Thompson. The Agenda was approved on a motion made by Ms. Bickerstaff with a second by Ms. Hardy.

II. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

III. Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2016

The Minutes of the July 19, 2016 Resource Development Committee meeting were approved on a motion made by Ms. Ramirez with a second by Ms. Adkison.

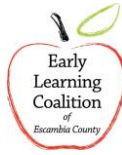
IV. Program Reports

a. Nursing Services Report

The nurses saw 78 children in July and 200 children in August. There were 237 screenings conducted in August. The screenings revealed that most of the hearing problems detected in the children came from sinus problems and fluid buildup in the ears. One CPR training class is scheduled for September 22, 2016.

b. CCR&R Update

In the month of July there were 66 calls to CCR&R, of which 30 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 age care. In the month of August, there were 98 calls, of which 30 were previous callers. The majority of the callers were



one adult households who were working. The main inquiries were for location/transportation, affordability/cost. Most requests were for information regarding full time care, child care centers and large family child care homes. Mr. Busch handed out to the Committee Quality Ratings information.

c. Program Support Summary

Mr. Pugh reviewed the Program Support Summary with the Committee.

V. Old Business

a. Teaching Strategies Gold

Ms. Zukowski updated the Committee on the Teaching Strategies Gold. VPK no longer has Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG), however, the Coalition will continue to support OEL's affirmation and encouragement of TSG in other classrooms. In the past week the Coalition has had to increase its numbers in the system from 300 to 500 for child portfolios. As of date there are 412 children enrolled in Gold, and 22 VPK classrooms are continuing Gold. Mr. Watson shared with the Committee that AELC has decided to endorse TSG being used as the kindergarten readiness assessment. If adopted this would allow assessing children all the way up to age 8.

b. Local Training

Grow With Me is a training that falls under the Infant/Toddler initiative. Currently the Coalition has 15 classrooms, 29 teachers, and approximately 150 children. Ms. Pugh is currently negotiating with Dr. Christopher Wirth of University of West FL for conducting training that is part of the 5-2-1-0 movement.

c. QRIS

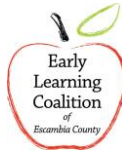
Ms. Pugh recently attended the quarterly State of Florida QRIS Collaborative where a framework and definition for quality was agreed upon by attendees. The recommended framework has three components: CLASS, Professional Development and child assessments. Participation in our QRIS in Escambia county (and the entire state) continues to be voluntary.

The State has completed procurement to create a registry which will track professional development at several levels of person working in child care.

There was much discussion of the new state mandated Health and Safety quality inspections. The proposed changes will significantly affect child care business owners.

d. Wait List and Contract Summary

The number of children enrolled are within the range to keep us within budget. There are currently 900 children on the Wait List, of which 700 are birth to age five. The Wait List has been pulled through June 18, 2016. The OEL has informed the Coalitions that they have received an additional \$20 million dollars for the School Readiness program to allocate to all of the Coalitions. OEL has decided that half of the distribution will be based on the current allocation process, and the other half will be rationed based on the Coalitions' Wait Lists. The Coalition is not sure how much will be received, however, any amount will help place more children into care.



There are 2,105 children enrolled in VPK. Mr. Watson commended the staff for getting all 550 children from the school district entered into the system in less than a week.

There are currently 144 SR providers, 86 VPK providers under contract.

e. Infant/Toddler Institute Advisory Work Group

Ms. Pugh shared with the Committee the Infant/Toddler Institute Advisory Work Group CLASS observation results. This work group will meet again on March 7, 2017, which will be after the second CLASS observation has taken place. There has been an upswing of infants/toddlers in Protective Services, so Ms. Pugh would like the work group to discuss training to help in that area.

f. Inclusion and Behavior Work Group

The next meeting for the Inclusion and Behavior Work Group is September 28, 2016. This work group is working diligently to provide a process and template that the Coalition can give to providers to assist with behavioral issues and reduce expulsions.

VI. New Business

a. Healthy Programs Initiative

The Coalition is working with Dr. Vinci and Mr. Wiggles to promote greater health for children through physical movement. Ms. Pugh will provide more information as we partner with the University of West Florida on this initiative.

VII. Community Partner Updates

a. ARC Gateway

Ms. Bickerstaff informed the Committee that ARC Gateway has been doing several screenings and evaluations.

b. Early Steps

No report.

c. School District Academies

Ms. Adkison announced that the next School Board meeting will highlight Washington High School. There are 15-20 students who will receive funds to pay for them to get their Child Development Associates. An Education Advisory Agenda with lunch served will take place on November 17, 2016 at 11:15am at the Pensacola High School. Ms. Adkison will send out invites to the Committee.

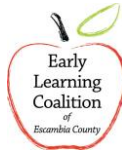
d. DCF Licensing

No report.

e. DCF Outreach

No report.

f. Pensacola State College



No report. Ms. Pugh shared with the Committee that due to her teaching schedule, the new designee for Pensacola State College, Ms. Cindy Kirk, will begin attending the RDC meetings in January.

g. Gulf Coast Kids House

No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Next Meeting: November 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.