



Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County

**RDC Committee Meeting Minutes**

November 15, 2022 10:00 a.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance**

Roger Thompson  
Tammy Greer

Marcus McBride  
Edna Williams

Jessica Czuprynski  
Cindy Kirk

**Staff in Attendance**

Bruce Watson  
Nina Daniels  
Darrell Merritt

Dawn Engel  
Ella Brown

Vicki Pugh  
Christy Zukowski

**Providers and Partners in Attendance**

Alison Hand  
Roselyn Sukal  
Shaunna Bailey  
Juanita Williams

Deidre Patton  
Theresa Hill  
Lawanna Hamilton

Ruthie Noel  
Brenda Hardy  
Hitomi Wright

**I. Welcome, Call to Order, and Approval of Agenda**

Notification of this meeting was posted to the Coalition Public Calendar Board and sent to the Pensacola New Journal on November 1, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Roger Thompson, Committee Chair.

**II. Public Comments**

a. Coalition Plan Amendments

1. Developmental Screening Procedure ELCEC 4300.1D
2. SR Program Assessment PnP ELCEC 4301.1B
3. Grievance Complaint Policy ELCEC 4402.1
4. Fee Waiver Policies (No ELCEC number assigned)
5. Program Assessment ELCEC 4301.1B
6. Child Assessment Policy ELCEC 4302.1A
7. Monitoring Plan ELCEC 4401.1H
8. Request for Public Records P&P ELCEC 1401D, and Form
9. Provider Contract Eligibility Policy ELCEC 3201.1G
10. Eligibility Manual ELCEC 2501.1E

The listed components of the Coalition Plan Amendment to be submitted in December were presented. There were no Public Comments on the Coalition Plan Amendments.

**III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes for March 15, 2022**

Upon a motion made by Ms. Czuprynski and seconded by Ms. Greer, the Agenda and the Minutes of the September 20, 2022 meeting were approved without objection.



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### **IV. Program Reports**

#### a. Medical Support Services Report

Ms. Brown reported that there were 444 Vision screenings performed from which 17 referrals were made and 457 hearing screenings were performed from which 24 referrals were made.

#### b. CCR&R Update

Ms. Pugh stated that due to the number of children pulled from the waitlist, from the end of September through the middle of October, the number of interviews increased to 209. There were two outreach events in the month of October.

#### c. Program Support Summary

Ms. Engel stated that developmental screenings are down on the reports. This is due to issues with Brooks online not syncing with EFS MOD. Sites are down and the reports are not accurate for October.

Monitoring is going on with no issues.

#### d. SR/VPK Status Report and Contract Activity Summary

There are 2,700 children enrolled in the School Readiness Program. No children have been pulled from the waitlist in the last two weeks. There are 620 children on the waitlist. To date, there are 2,066 children approved for VPK. 1,689 children have been fully enrolled in VPK as of November 6, 2022.

There are 84 School Readiness providers and 77 VPK providers.

### **V. Old Business**

#### a. DEL CRRSA Workforce Initiative

Round 2 of the local initiative began next month. We are requesting a change to our application for this initiative from \$720,000 to \$850,000 of this year's CRRSA Grant. The DEL requires that Coalitions spend all of the CRRSA Grant dedicated to Workforce Initiatives before they can expend money allocated in the APRA Grant for the same type programs.

#### b. ARPA Grants

Not all Providers have submitted their applications yet. Payments for ARPA round 2 to Providers who have submitted their applications will be sent out by the end of November.

#### c. Program Assessment Scheduling

SR and VPK Program Assessments are underway.

### **VI. New Business**



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### a. Resource Development Committee Way Ahead

The Coalition wants to identify what changes, if any, in the structure and content of the Committee would better meet the needs of its community partners and child care providers. The Coalition wants to get more people involved, including board members and community partners. The ED and Ms. Pugh will spend the next two months engaging with all our Partner Agencies to reaffirm that they want to remain a partner and to remind them of what the Coalition's mission is for the community and role they can play.

## **VII. Community Partner Updates**

### a. Achieve Escambia

No representative was available to report.

### b. ARC Gateway

No representative was available to report.

### c. CareerSource ESCAROSA

Mr. McBride stated that he had nothing new to report on.

### d. DCF Regulation

No representative was available to report.

### e. Department of Health 5-2-1-0

No representative was available to report.

### f. Early Steps

Ms. Alison Hand stated that there are 288 children enrolled with an active IFSP in Escambia County. They have recently joined the Circuit One Substance Exposed Task Force.

### g. Escambia Children's Trust

Ms. Greer reported that there were 39 proposals submitted under the out of school time RVP. Two were submitted after the deadline and will not be eligible for consideration. The Trust has not had the opportunity to review any of the proposals yet.

### h. Florida Association for Infant Mental Health (FAIMH)

No representative was available to report.

### i. Gulf Coast Kids House

No representative was available to report.

### j. Head Start

No representative was available to report.



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k. Pensacola State College

Ms. Kirk reported that registration opened in November. She is still trying to get more courses available online.

l. Ready Kids

No representative was available to report.

m. School District Education Career Academy

No representative was available to report.

n. School District VPK

Ms. Czuprynski said that there were no new updates to report on.

### **VIII. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.**

Next Meeting: January 17, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Early Learning Coalition Office, 1720 West Fairfield Dr. Suite 100/400, Pensacola, Florida 32501