



Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County

**RDC Committee Virtual Meeting
Notes Vice Minutes**

September 22, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance

None

Members Called In

Mary Ann Bickerstaff

Angela Strumeyer

Bryan Wyer

Staff

Bruce Watson

Vicki Pugh

Jamie Phelps

Staff Called In

Dawn Engel

Christy Zukowski

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

Due to low attendance, likely due to ongoing recovery from Hurricane Sally, the meeting was not called to order.

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of Minutes for July 21, 2020

The minutes for July 21, 2020 were not approved because the meeting was not called to order.

IV. Program Reports

- a. Nursing Services Report
No report as the meeting was not called to order.
- b. CCR&R Update
No report as the meeting was not called to order.
- c. Program Summary Report
No report as the meeting was not called to order.
- d. SR/VPK Status Report: Wait List and Contract Summary Reports
No report as the meeting was not called to order.

V. Old Business

- a. COVID Topics - No discussion as the meeting was not called to order.
 - i. Provider payments for all enrollments (Extended to September 30)
 - ii. Parent Fee Waivers (Extended to September 30)
 - iii. First Responder and Health Care Worker Child Care (Enrollments ended July 31)
 - iv. 2020-2021 Contracts (Extensions end NLT 30 days after SRPA)
 - v. 2020-2021 Curriculum Requirements and Scholarships (Deadline September 30)
 - vi. Provider COVID-19 Mini-Grants and Learning Stipends (OEL program ended June 30)



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- b. CARES Phase III
Mr. Watson noted that CARES Phase III will extend money to Providers that were not paid under Phases I and II. Most of the Providers that were missed under the first two phases were VPK Providers that were closed at the time.
- c. Provider Rate changes
No discussion as the meeting was not called to order.
- d. Escambia Children's Trust Update
Mr. Watson noted that the Escambia Children's Trust will be on the upcoming ballot and he asked that everyone do their best to promote supporting the Trust.
- e. RDC – Committee Chair (Provider Rep?)
No discussion as the meeting was not called to order.
- f. 8th Annual Early Learning Summit – Cancelled
No discussion as the meeting was not called to order.

VI. New Business

- a. Fire Impact and Recovery
Mr. Watson reported that three out of four of the Coalition's office suites sustained damage in a fire that started in the server room on August 16th. Suites 225 and 230 are total losses and mitigation efforts are underway in Suite 220. Unfortunately, although mitigation efforts in the conference room were nearly complete, Suites 220, 225, and 230 sustained further water damage during Hurricane Sally. In addition, Suite 210 suffered water intrusion during the hurricane and roughly 80 gallons of water had to be extracted from the offices closest to the back door.

VII. Community Partner Updates

- a. Achieve Escambia
No representative was available to report.
- b. ARC Gateway
No representative was available to report.
- c. DCF Outreach
No representative was available to report.
- d. DCF Regulation
Ms. Strumeyer reported that unless Providers received major structural damage to their facility, they do not need to wait for DCF inspections prior to reopening. She also noted that Providers under boil water advisement had asked if they could substitute hand sanitizer in place of soap and water hand washing. She indicated that hand sanitizer cannot be used in place of soap and water for hand washing.



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- e. Department of Health 5-2-1-0
No representative was available to report.
- f. Florida Association for Infant Mental Health (FAIMH)
No representative was available to report.
- g. Gulf Coast Kids House
No representative was available to report.
- h. Pensacola State College
No representative was available to report.
- i. School District Education Career Academy
No representative was available to report.
- j. School District VPK
No representative was available to report.
- k. Western Panhandle Early Steps
No representative was available to report.

VIII. Adjourn: Meeting was not called to order and adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Next Meeting: November 17, 2020 via virtual means at 10:00 a.m. from the Early Learning Coalition Office, 3300 North Pace Boulevard, Suite 210, Pensacola, Florida 32505