





## Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County

c. DCF - Regulation

No representative was available to report.

d. DCF - Community Development

Ms. Sidoti stated that she had nothing new to report.

e. Escambia Children's Trust

No representative was available to report.

f. Head Start

No representative was available to report.

g. Pensacola State College

Ms. Kirk stated that there will be three online courses and one course through Zoom offered for the Summer semester.

h. Ready Kids!

No representative was available to report.

i. School District VPK

Ms. Czuprynski reported that the school district is getting ready for registration that starts on March 31.

### **V. Program Reports**

a. Medical Support Services Report

Ms. Jennings reported that from July through December 2024:

- 731 vision screenings were done, and 31 referrals were made.
- 769 hearing screenings were done, and 42 referrals were made.

b. CCR&R Update

Mr. Jennings reported that from July through December 2024:

- 255 new interviews were conducted.
- The Coalition participated in 10 outreach events.
- A total of 8,001 books have been distributed to date this fiscal year.

c. Program Support Summary

Ms. Engel provided the following:

- In November and December Operations activities were less due to the holidays, assessments, monitoring and classes are starting to ramp back up.
- Super Saturday for teachers will be held February 1, 2025, at 9 a.m.



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

There are 2,384 children enrolled in the School Readiness Program. The last pull from the Wait List was on January 7, 2025. There are 441 children on the Wait List. To date, there are 2,102 children approved for the 2024-25 VPK program, of which 1,610 are enrolled.

There are 81 School Readiness Providers and 71 VPK Providers.

## **VI. Old Business**

### a. SR Fiscal Year 2024-25 Funding Update

On December 5, 2024, the Coalition received \$1,059,443 from the Wait List Reduction allocation. The Coalition started pulling children in October to maintain enrollment levels and in December was able to start using Wait List funding to pull over 600 children from the Wait List. The new goal for enrollments is between 2,600 and 2,650 children. The additional funding does not address the Coalition funding shortfall for the QPI and Gold Seal Programs.

## **VII. New Business**

a. ELCEC3102.1B SR Extraordinary Absence Reimbursement Policy and ELCEC3102.3C SR Extraordinary Absence Request Form Revisions.

b. ELCEC2501.1F/School Readiness Eligibility Policy and Procedure Manual – Revision and added policies and adding SR-Plus Program

c. ELCEC2201.1B Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program Eligibility and Enrollment Policy and Procedure – Revision

d. ELCEC2202.1C/ELCEC2202.2C VPK Specialized Instructional Services (SIS) Policy and Procedure – Revision and Combine Forms

Upon a motion made by Ms. Kirk and seconded by Czuprynski, it is recommended that the Policy and Procedures and Forms listed above (a-d) be presented to the EXCOM for approval to submit them to the Board.

### e. Proposed Legislation for 2025

On December 5, 2024, the Coalition received \$1,059,443 from the Wait List Reduction allocation. The Coalition was able to pull October to January from the wait list, totaling 600 children. It is still uncertain whether there will be any additional funding for the shortfall in the QPI and Gold Seal Programs.

### f. Appointment of Interim Chair.

Ms. Shannon Nickinson has been approved by the Board to be the Interim Chair. Ms. Nickinson has an application pending to be the Governor appointed Board Chair. No action has been taken on the appointment application for this position or the other two open appointments.



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g. Farewell Presentation to Former Board Chair, Van Mansker

There will be a farewell presentation for former Board Chair, Van Mansker during the February Board meeting on February 13, 2025.

**Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.**

Next Meeting: April 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Joyce Griffin Room for Professional Development and Testing at the Early Learning Coalition Office, 1720 West Fairfield Dr. Suite 100/400, Pensacola, Florida 32501