



## Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County

### Resource Development Committee (RDC) Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

#### **RDC Members in Attendance**

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| Bambi Sealy (Board/DCF Regulations)     | Tarae Donaldson (Board/ESCAROSA)                 |
| Tammy Hicks (Board/Interim Chair)       | Jessica Czuprynski (Partner/School District VPK) |
| Paul Fetsko (Board/ESPS)                | Tammy Crane (Partner/HelpMeGrow)                 |
| Kaley Dawkins (Partner/UWF)             | Craig Jones (Board Secretary)                    |
| Debi Tucker (Board/County Health Dept.) |                                                  |

#### **Coalition Staff in Attendance**

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| Nina Daniels    | Melissa Jennings | Dawn Engel           |
| Angela Mitchell | Amy Intermoia    | Stephanie Richardson |
| Al Henderson    | Renee Maxwell    |                      |

#### **Providers and Non-RDC Member Partners in Attendance**

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| M. Hunt (Provider)   | Victoria Jordan (Provider) | Ashley Colon (Provider) |
| Treehouse (Provider) | Deborah Jackson (Provider) |                         |

#### **Public in Attendance**

None

#### **I. Welcome, and Call to Order**

Notification of the Resource Development Committee meeting for April 14, 2026, was sent to the Pensacola News Journal for publication and posted to the Coalition's Public Calendar Board on April 1, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Hicks.

#### **II. Public Comments**

None.

#### **III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes for January 13, 2026**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fetsko and seconded by Mr. Jones, the Agenda and the Minutes of January 13, 2026, were approved without objection.

#### **IV. Community Partner Updates**

- a. ARC/Help Me Grow
  - o Ms. Crane stated that there are no new updates.
  - o Ms. Crane stated that they are busy with outreach.



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- b. CareerSource ESCAROSA
  - Ms. Donaldson stated that Ms. Maiterth is no longer with CareerSource ESCAROSA.
  - Ms. Donaldson stated that CareerSource ESCAROSA is here to serve job seekers and employers in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.
  - CareerSource ESCAROSA has a new website.
  - Summer Youth employment applications opened up on April 1, 2026.
- c. DCF – Regulation
  - Ms. Sealy stated that she had no current updates.
- d. DCF - Community Development
  - No representative was available 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 was unable to attend but sent Ms. Jennings an email with her updates.
  - The Spring term ends on May 8, 2026.
  - Ms. Kirk will be teaching Child Development and Health, Safety and Nutrition courses for the B Summer Session. Both courses will be offered online and the courses run from May 13, 2026 through June 24, 2026.
- h. Ready Kids!
  - No representative was available to report.
- i. School District VPK
  - Ms. Czuprynski stated that they are busy getting families registered for the upcoming school year.

## **V. Program Reports**

- a. Medical Support Services Report
  - Ms. Jennings reported that through March 2026:
    - 1,004 vision screenings were done, and 51 referrals were made.
    - 1,001 hearing screenings were done, and 86 referrals were made.
    - 45 CPR/FA trainings were performed.
- b. CCR&R Update
  - Mr. Jennings reported that through April 2026:



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- 349 new interviews were conducted.
- A total of 8,256 books were distributed.
- CCR&R has been involved in 16 outreach events.
- ELC will continue participating at Gallery Nights in downtown Pensacola.
- Sneaker Ball will be held on May 16, 2026 at Greater Little Rock Pre-School.

### c. Program Support Summary

- Operations Director
  - Ms. Engel started off by saying that Super Saturday that happened on March 28<sup>th</sup> was a success. There were 41 participants and each participant received .7 CEU's.
  - Planning for the Early Learning Conference that will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> is underway.
  - Program assessments are being finished up. 1 VPK requires reassessment. There are 1 or 2 SR classrooms to finish up with and 1 SR requires reassessment.
  - Monitoring is moving along.
- Program Support Specialist
  - Ms. Mitchell gave a presentation to the committee on the LENA (Language Environment Analyst) program. A vest that is worn by a child was shown to the committee. This vest records conversational words that are spoken between the child and adults. The collection of this data can help determine how a child's language development is progressing.
  - Ms. Mitchell stated that LENA has partnered with DEL. DEL has allowed LENA to have classrooms and the Coalition has been a recipient of some of these classrooms.
  - Ms. Mitchell was excited to discuss TORSH. TORSH is a platform that uses Dashboards to track activities, educator progress and outcomes, and enables data driven resources allocation reports.
  - Director meetings are going on the road.
- Early Intervention
  - Ms. Intermioia stated that ASQ's have gone up due to continuing to pull children off the waiting list.
  - Ms. Intermioia stated there was a slight increase in Warm-Line calls.
- VPK Specialist
  - Ms. Richardson stated that the Coalition started the 2025-2026 year with 105 classrooms. We currently have 103 classrooms.
  - Progress Monitoring 2 for students are now complete.



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- Progress Monitoring 3 windows are now beginning to open for end of year FAST assessments.
- For the 2025-2026 there was one Provider on probation. Their three-part Provider Improvement plan is complete.
- CLASS Observations are almost complete with only 2 centers left.
- Three centers are not re-contracting for the upcoming year.
- Transition to Kindergarten books have been ordered in partnership with the Rotary Early Learning Initiative.
- 21 centers have been providing VPK since the 2005-2006 school year. They received 20-year congratulator certificates.
- 7 teachers have been consistently teaching VPK since its inception in 2005-2006 school year. They will receive recognition plaques which will be presented to them at their VPK graduations in May.

### d. SR/VPK Status Report

There are 2,475 children enrolled in the School Readiness Program, of which 71 are SRMAT and 956 are school-age children. There are 46 children on the Wait List. There are 1,891 children approved for VPK for 2025/26 Program year of which 1,413 are enrolled.

### e. Contract Activity Summary

There are 86 SR providers and 66 VPK providers.

## **VI. Old Business**

None

## **VII. New Business**

### a. RDC Chair Opening

RDC Chair is open. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the position, please contact Mr. Henderson.

### b. Board Member Provider Representatives

There was only one applicant for the Provider Representative. Ms. Ashley Colon's application will go before the EXCOM and then on to the Board for final approval.

There are 2 applications for the Faith-Based Provider Representative. Voting ends today. The winner's application will go before the EXCOM and then on to the Board for final approval.

## **VIII. Additional Information**

Mr. Henderson stated that Impact 100 is moving forward and the Coalition is almost ready to purchase the van.



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Mr. Henderson stated that the Panhandle's Executive Director's met to see how to collaborate and possible get more funding from the state.

**Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.**

Next Meeting: July 14, 2026, 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