



EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Program Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2017

9:00 – 11:00 am

Committee Members Present: Chair - **Ashley Houk** – (First Presbyterian Church, Naples; Board Member); **Angela Anderson** (Child Care of Southwest Florida); **Damaris Boone** (RCMA – Board Member); **Renate Engels** (Guadalupe Center); **JoAnne Fuciu** (Lee Memorial); **Kim Gerbasio** (LAMP - phone); **Patricia Hansen** (Nurse Consultant); **Sharra Leonard** (Head Start – Child Care Partnership- phone); **Elizabeth Perdomo** (Florida Southwestern State College); **Stephanie Rode** (St. Andrews Catholic School); **Sherry Shupp** (RCMA); **Heather Singleton** (Gladiolus Learning and Child Development); **Michelle Starr** (Collier County Schools); **Paul Welch** (Sonrise Academy);

Staff Members Present: **Kristi Biffar** (Supervisor of Early Childhood Specialists); **Susan Block** (Chief Executive Officer); **Delia Buckley** (Director of Family Resources); **Gayla Thompson** (Chief Quality Officer)

Committee Members Absent: **Yara Duchesne** (RCMA); **Julia Kroeker** (Florida Southwestern State College); **Marie Liebenson** (Lee Memorial); **Ana Neuhauser** (RCMA); **Kelly Roy** (FSW); **Kendra Stamp** (Educare) **Maureen Ungarean** (Collier Public Schools); **Jesyca Virnig** (Learning Tree); **Mandy Willis** (Faith Academy)

Agenda Items	Facilitator/Presenter	Comments/Actions
Welcome	The meeting was called to order by Ashley Houk at 9:08 am. Introductions were made around the room.	
Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 13 2017	Draft minutes were reviewed for April 13th meeting.	Motion to accept minutes made by Damaris Boone and seconded by Michelle Starr. Approved unanimously. Minutes will be posted on the ELC website on the Program Committee page

<p>ELC Report – state and local updates: Susan Block</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The legislative session is over. <input type="checkbox"/> The legislative budget includes an additional \$25 million for school readiness. <input type="checkbox"/> Funding for VPK remains at the same level <input type="checkbox"/> Possibilities of a Quality Rating Improvement System for the state is supported by the Office of Early Learning (OEL) <input type="checkbox"/> HB7069, if not vetoed, will give support for efforts to align assessment in early childhood programs. Section 27 provides for a Committee on Early Childhood Development. ELC of SWFL is requesting representation on the committee by board member Ashley Houk. The Committee would be staffed by the Laster Center. <input type="checkbox"/> Florida OEL Fact Book data shows a lower percentage of VPK children this year. The group discussed possible reasons for this. <input type="checkbox"/> Assessments – oral language is not addressed on the new Star assessment, yet this is the highest area on VPK assessment. 	<p>http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/oel_resources/fact_book.aspx</p>
<p>Ashley Houk – OEL Response Letter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The ELC board sent a letter to Department of Education Commissioner Pam Stewart and OEL Executive Director Rodney MacKinnon regarding the Star System assessment. A reply was received that stated OEL is looking at how to use VPK Assessment with the Star System to create the Readiness Rate. <input type="checkbox"/> It is hoped that with HB7069 and the committee mentioned above, that there will be consideration of the appropriate use of tools to create the readiness rate. <input type="checkbox"/> Ashley will prepare a response to the letter for review at the ELC board meeting in June. 	

Child Care Nutrition – JoAnne Fuciu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lee Health developed a program to help fight childhood obesity. <input type="checkbox"/> They aligned their practice with the 5210 program – 5 fruits and vegetables, 2 hours of screen time, 1 hours of exercise or physical activity, 0 sugary drinks. <input type="checkbox"/> Families and children were engaged in healthy menus and eating practices; introduced to new vegetables, fruits, and vegetarian foods. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly children were introduced new foods, recipes and at home activities <input type="checkbox"/> Goal: Learning good lifestyle habits at a young age will establish healthy behaviors for a lifetime. 	
Health, Safety and Developmental Services – Patty Hansen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Hansen offered 52 trainings this year in Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee Counties. She has already submitted the trainings for next year, which will be on the ELC training site soon. <input type="checkbox"/> May is water safety month. Ms. Hansen offered materials on water safety - drowning is 100% preventable. <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow water blackout was explained, in which the swimmer faints for lack of oxygen as a result of breath holding. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Hansen is off for the summer; she will be back on Sept. 11. If anyone needs assistance in the meantime, let an Early Learning Specialist know and contact will be made with someone who can assist. 	Patty Hansen’s contact information Patricia.Hansen@flhealth.gov
SR, VPK Waitlist numbers: Delia Buckley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> VPK numbers: Collier 2040; Glades 67; Hendry 288; Lee 4790 <input type="checkbox"/> Waitlist numbers: Collier 190; Glades 4; Hendry 54; Lee 48 <input type="checkbox"/> School Readiness enrollment is the highest it has been in the history of ELCofSWFL. 	
Provider Portal – Kristi Biffar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> There have been two contracts signed and accepted in the Provider Portal <input type="checkbox"/> 12 contracts are in line to be processed, 67 providers have complete profiles, 23 contracts are in various stages of routing <input type="checkbox"/> 181 sites have at least activated their accounts <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage all providers to enter the portal and complete their profiles, and SR contract, if applicable. 	The provider portal is located at: https://providerservices.floridaearlylearning.com . SharePoint video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vBBS045ogM

Other Discussion/Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed schedule for Program Committee meetings for next year 9-11 am: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ September 8th ○ November 10th ○ January 11th ○ March 9th ○ May 11th 	
Adjournment	<input type="checkbox"/> The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 am.	
Next Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday, September 8 th 9-11 am	

All meetings will be held at 2675 Winkler Avenue Suite 300, Fort Myers, FL 33901 unless otherwise announced.