

Health, Safety and Developmental Services Committee Meeting

January 15, 2016 10 am - Noon

Purpose: To improve the Health, Safety and Developmental Services of programs associated with the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida.

Committee Members Present: Chair - Dr. Joseph Pepe, Director, Department of Health-Hendry/Glades Counties; Kathryn Canfield, Eagle's Nest Academy; Tara Tallaksen, Golisano Children's Hospital; Marian Siefert, Lee County School District; Angela Anderson, Child Care of SW Florida; Patricia Hansen, FL Department of Health-Collier County; Sherrie Quevedo, FL Department of Children and Families

ELC Staff present: Susan Block, Chief Executive Officer; **Lana Johnson**, Inclusion Coordinator; **Dick Parrish**, Early Intervention Coordinator

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Assignments/Needs
Welcome and Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dr. Pepe. Everyone introduced themselves.	
Meeting Minutes	The minutes of the November 6, 2015 meeting were approved.	Motion made by Sherrie Quevedo, seconded by Kathryn Canfield, and unanimously approved. Minutes will be posted on the ELC website on the Health, Safety and Developmental Services Committee page.
CEO Report- Susan Block	 Early Learning Bill will be brought before the Legislature; the legislative session just began. Some of the proposed changes will affect the Coalition. Florida is required to submit a plan to the Federal government by March 1, 2016. 	
Autism Navigator- Golisano Children's Hospital, Tara Tallaksen	 Information was provided to the committee members regarding the role of an Autism Navigator as both a liaison and an advocate for families dealing with autism spectrum disorders. Resource and contact information was provided to the group. 	



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Emergency Response Plan Discussion	Patricia Hansen provided a hard copy of the current "Disaster Manual for Child Care Facilities" (followed up by an electronic copy) to Dr. Pepe who will review. After his review, he will bring recommendations to the HSDS committee for further discussion and revision.	
ASQ's and Initial Interventions - Dick Parrish	 461 ASQ's were completed for the months of October and November for fiscal year 2015-2016. There were 466 ASQ's to be completed, 93 required ILP's and 23 were referred to the Inclusion Coordinator during the same time period. 	
Inclusion Services – Lana Johnson	 Through the end of November for fiscal year 2015-2016, Lana Johnson had 56 referrals from ASQs and 19 from outside agencies for a total of 75 referrals. During October – November 2015, there have been 19 referrals to Child Find and FDLRS. 	
Vision and Hearing Screenings – Lana Johnson for Jill Corbett	 Vacant position responsible for hearing and vision screening has been filled. New hire will begin January 27, 2016. The ELC screening position will be responsible for School Readiness children only. The Lion's Club will serve screening needs for VPK students. 	
Nursing Update - Patricia Hansen	 Thirty-six training sessions were offered to child care providers during the September – December 2015 time period. Eighteen additional trainings (January – April 2016) are scheduled and posted for registration on the ELC website. Influenza activity is low nationwide so far this season. A CDC flu map was provided to committee members with the key indicating Florida to have "sporadic" activity. A copy of the most recent "Injury/Illness Prevention Newsletter" sent to child care centers in December 2015 was provided to committee members. 	



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News and Events	Resignation email from committee member, Janis Bell Sorenson, was shared with the committee by Patricia Hansen.	
Adjournment	 The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Pepe at 11:30 a.m. after a severe weather interruption of approximately 15 minutes. 	

Early Learning Coalition Office - 2675 Winkler Ave., Suite 300 Ft. Myers, FL 33901 Next meeting will be March 4, 2016 from 10:00 – 12:00