

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Program Committee of Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida.**

August 30th, 2024

### **Time and Place of Meeting**

A meeting of the Program Committee of Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida was held on August 30th, 2024, commencing at approximately 9:00am to 11:00am in person vis Microsoft TEAMS.

### **Call to Order**

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion to accept May 31, 2024, meeting minutes without correction was made by Joann Moran and seconded by Jamie Slack.

### **Agenda**

#### **Welcome & Public Comment**

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Welcome by Michele King, with no public comment.



## **Meeting Agenda Adoption**

The section, Meeting Agenda Adoption, was presented. A full discussion followed. No formal action was taken or required.

### **Gilda Duran, Chief, Program Services Department**

Gilda Duran, Chief Program Officer, provided updates regarding the School Readiness and VPK enrollments, the current status of the Wait List, and an end of year report of services provided to Coalition clients.

### **Chery Carpenter Director of Early Childhood**

Cheryl reviewed the CLASS Assessment data, the newly adopted VPK Provider Performance Metric and Designation Charts, which included composite score values and achievement values.

Cheryl also shared the Making the Most of Child Interaction (MMCI) training and the ELC is offering scholarships for 2 cohorts of Pre-k teachers.

### **Bronwyn Gogia, Director of Assessment and Screening**

We had 52 providers who participated in the Child Assessment Differential as of 10/31/2024. 2024-2025 VPK assessments are on trend. Over 200 providers have completed their PM1 screening.

### **Brenda Griffin, Director of Professional Development**

Brenda provided data for upcoming classes on, autism, and facility safety. Nurses Town Halls will provide information on various health topics.

## **Trainings Currently Offered through Professional Development**

- Disaster preparedness, Active Shooter, Hot Car Safety, Drowning prevention and Abuse Prevention.
- Health-Topics such as immunizations, diabetes, and infectious diseases.
- Marco Polo: Training opportunities are available for providers to learn how to use software.
- The Pyramid Model is offering a five-part training series of training. This training will offer support with routines, rules & expectations. Sing kits have also been provided to centers.
- Lena Grow-is providing ongoing training and coaching to improve language for receptive and expressive, and for dealing with emotions, and friendships.
- Frame Their Learning offers a five-part series that focuses on improving daily interactions and promotes math, science and problem solving.

**Contacts 2023-2024:** Include Centers, FCCH, private, public and charter school VPK and SR updates.

### **Nursing update reported by Danna Breeden**

Centers are seeing an increase in Hand-Foot-Mouth disease (HFMD), but this should not exclude children unless they have fever, oozing blisters, open sores or are behaving abnormally. You can find all health-related updates on the [www.floridahealth.gov](http://www.floridahealth.gov) website.

Your staff must be trained if you plan to use these medications. Epi-pen and diazepam. The training can be done virtually for an individual or for centers.

The next Nurse Town Hall is scheduled for October 10, 2024, 1:30 p.m. The topic is Trauma!

### **Hurricane Ian Impact and Recovery Study**

The State of Child Wellbeing in Collier County, Florida, 2022" and "Resilient Lee Recovery & Resilience Plan: Hurricane Ian Recovery Strategy." were made available to the committee.

### **Strategic Plans & Implementation**

Dr. Melanie Stefanowicz provided detailed overview in the Program Committee meeting packet. 08.30.2024.

### **New Business | Open Discussion**

Board Retreat scheduled for September 18, 2024, from 9-1:00 p.m. Location Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33907

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:44 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for November 1, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

