

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

November 1st, 2024

Time and Place of Meeting

A meeting of the Program Committee of Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida was held on November 1st, 2024, commencing at approximately 9:00am to 11:00am in person and via Microsoft Teams

Call to Order

Presiding Officer; Committee Chair

Michele King presided as Committee Chair of the meeting. Quorum not required. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.



Agenda

Welcome & Public Comment

Welcome & Public Comment was presented. No one from the public attended and there was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes |

Motion duly made by Jamie Slack and Stephanie Rhode seconded, the Program Committee unanimously approved the minutes for August 30, 2024, meeting.

Infant Mental Health Coordinator: Jessica Stone presented her work with infant and toddler mental health initiatives.

Gilda Duran, Chief Program Officer for the Program Services Department

SR enrollments as of 10/29/2024 by household and county.

Total School Readiness enrollments (SR):

Collier-1,178; Hendry-331; Glades-122, and Lee-3,265

9,567 Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) applications were received between January 2024 and October 2024.

The waitlist had 75 households moved forward to the application process.

Brenda Griffin Contracts and Professional Development

Pyramid Model Training is designed to train teachers, parents and coached on using positive Behavioral interventions. Forty-one teachers and thirteen staff members have participated as of 10/30/202.

Literacy Buddy is being revamped to outline measurable success with children having books and being engaged in the reading process. To kick things off, we have organized sponsorship with community organization like Humana Health. Along with local Sororities and Fraternities to sponsor book drives. The book drive will run from November through the December. Books will be distributed to three preschools December 11th -18th.

Lena Grow updates. Four of sites have successfully completed Cohort 1 with Lena Grow. Two of the four are preparing for Cohort 2. for the centers that have completed Lean Grow show significant growth in language development.

Contracts

VPK 203

SR 210

Deana Breden's Nurses Town Hall update:

Guest Speaker will discuss Prevention of Infectious Disease on November 14, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Bronwyn Gogia Director Assessment and Screening

Age's Stage Questioner

Child Screening: 114 Initial/New Screenings; 222 Rescreening; 76 Individual Learning Plans and 47 activities sent out.

Child Assessment Differential

3-providers have been removed leaving 50 are in the program.

Two centers with birth to 5-year-olds has zero enrollment. 28 Complete and 20 are still in progress.

VPK Child Assessment

PM1 number through October 3, 2024, 409 classrooms are considered complete. Nineteen are due in between November and December. Due to the hurricane Milton eight received an extension.

PM2

We had providers and six classrooms. Leaving three left to compete by November 6, 2024.

Director of Early Childhood Chery Carpenter:

Provider Updates: ELC outlining a plan to have Teachstone take over a 125 assessment for this fiscal year. Measure will need Board approval before it can be implemented. If approved, it will allow the Early Childhood Specialist (ECS) more time to spend working hands on with Providers to ensure all around success.

Progress monitoring updates

- The Progress Monitoring 1 (PM1) period in Rule 6M-8.620(1)(b), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), is extended for an additional ten (10) instruc-

tional days for programs that have eighty-three (83) or more instructional days. For programs that have eighty-two (82) or fewer instructional days, PM1 is extended for an additional five (5) instructional days.

- The period for the reporting of student performance results from the coordinated screening and progress monitoring to the students' parents in Rule 6M-8.620(2)(a), F.A.C., is extended to within seven (7) calendar days of reopening the VPK program following a temporary closure due to Hurricanes Helene and Milton.
- The time frame for VPK providers to notify a coalition of a change in schedule in Rule 6M-8.300(2)(c), F.A.C., is extended as a result of the impact of Hurricanes Helene and Milton up to thirty (30) calendar days after the change.
- The monthly attendance verification requirement in Rule 6M-8.305(2), F.A.C., is not required for September and October of 2024, if applicable, where such documentation is not available for enrolled VPK children due to family displacement or provider closure because of Hurricanes Helene and Milton.
- Coalitions are permitted to cover the copayments in Rule 6M-4.400(6), F.A.C., for families impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton for the period from September 26 through October 31. This will be monitored during SR mon-

itoring, be sure to save documents related to payment. You can either pay the parents back or credit them the next month.

- For September and October 2024, as applicable, the monthly reimbursable absences in Rule 6M-4.500(4), F.A.C., are extended up to eight (8) additional days with no written documentation required to justify any absences during this period for families impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Melanie facilitated discussion. Due to the recent hurricanes, we had center who suffered significant damage to include flooding and roof damage. We are working with Department of Early Learning (DEL) for extension on VPK and SR attendance. No formal action was taken or required.

New Business | Open Discussion

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2025, at 9:00 am. The meeting will be held both in person and via Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Program Committee meeting made by Amanda Thomas, seconded by Patricia Dominguez

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,