



EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Program Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2019

9:00 – 11:00 am

Committee Members Present: Michele King (Board Member – Golisano Children’s Hospital of SWFL); Angela Anderson (Child Care of Southwest Florida); Stacie Britton (FDLRS); Rita Delatore (Board Member – Kid City); Patricia Dominguez (Challenged Minds Learning Center); Rodrigo Gamboa-Dominguez (Challenged Minds Learning Center); Renate Engles (Guadalupe Center); Jamie Eskridge (Little Wonders - Zoom); Jodi Garrett (Child’s Path); Kim Gerbasio (LAMP - Zoom); Patricia Hansen (DOH Collier; ELC Nurse Consultant; Zoom); Donna Killion (Discovery Day Academy - Zoom); Terri Konczak (Office of Early Learning; Sharra Leonard (Early Head Start – Child Care Partnership – Zoom;-); Marie Liebenson (Lee Memorial); Yalitza Miraflores (FDLRS); Joanne Pachiva (Lee Schools) Stephanie Rode (St. Andrews Catholic School); Kelly Roy (Florida SouthWestern State College- Zoom); Heather Singleton (Bright Beginnings); Kendra Stamp (Educare - Zoom); Jesyca Virnig (Learning Tree - Zoom); Paul Welch (Sonrise Academy)

Staff Members Present: Susan Block (Chief Executive Officer); Cheryl Carpenter (Lead Early Childhood Specialist); Bronwyn Gogia (Supervisor of Assessment and Screening); Barbara Peck (Director of Family Resources) Gayla Thompson (Chief Quality Officer)

Committee Members Absent: Chair Damaris Boone (Board Member – RCMA); Amy Adame (A Step Up Child Dev. Center – Immokalee) Yara Duchesne (Board Member - RCMA); JoAnne Fuciu (Lee Memorial); Ashley Houk – (First Presbyterian Church, Naples); Julia Kroeker (Florida SouthWestern State College); Elizabeth McBride (Collier County Public Schools); Rachel McIntyre (Open Doors & Estero Early Learning); Ana Neuhauser (RCMA); Penney Norton (Office of Early Learning); Michelle Starr (Collier County Schools); Mandy Willis (Faith Academy)

Agenda Items	Facilitator/Presenter	Comments/Actions
Welcome	The meeting was called to order by Michele King at 9:03 am. Introductions were made, including those on Zoom, our web-based meeting space.	
Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2018	Draft minutes were reviewed for the November meeting.	Motion to accept minutes made by Heather Singleton and seconded by Renate Engles. Approved unanimously. Minutes will be posted on the Program Committee page of www.elcofswfl.org .

<p>ELC Report — Susan Block</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Block announced that Florida is one of 45 states to receive the PreSchool Development Grant for the purpose of developing a needs assessment and early learning system alignment. The study will address access, and equity. The grant is for 8.5 million dollars. • The Federal shutdown will not affect VPK as all the funding is from the State of Florida. The School Readiness (SR) program is funded at least through the next couple of months. • PEARLS (Preschool Emergency Alert Response Learning System) training will be available in Naples on January 25 at Eagle’s Nest from 3-5 and Ft. Myers on January 26 at FSW Education Building (U) Room 150 from 10-12. • EFS Mod – Provider Portal – The system continues to roll out with the statewide implementation. VPK providers are asked to enter their VPK attendance, beginning with August and continuing into January by January 31. Payment information is to be uploaded into SharePoint for both VPK and SR until further notice. Thank you for everyone’s patience during this time of transition. 	<p>To register for PEARLS go to https://register.elcofswfl.org/registration/</p>
<p>Update on CLASS assessment for SR providers - Cheryl Carpenter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Carpenter reported that thus far about 40% of the required SR assessments have been completed. Of that number, only one received a score that requires a Quality Improvement Plan. • Once the assessment is done, either Kristi or Cheryl figure out the composite score. ELC staff have 14 days to get information to the provider, or the system notifies them automatically. • Terri Konczak reported that there is movement in Tallahassee toward looking at somehow involving VPK with CLASS. • There are 5 or 6 classes of Making the Most of Classroom Instruction being offered now. When more are offered (probably in the spring) they may be opened to Quality Rating Improvement System participants, which can include VPK only participants. • Preliminary VPK Readiness Rates will be available in the next two weeks. Ms. Konczak encouraged providers to review and respond to the preliminary reports within the 21 days allowed and verify them. The date for the final rates has not been announced. Those on probation who receive 60% or higher will be removed from probation. No new providers will be added to the list of providers on probation (POPs) this 	

	<p>year. Next year, POPs will be subject to adding a year to their time on probation, and new POPs may be added.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronwyn Gogia will continue to work with VPK Assessment., in her new position as Supervisor of Assessment and Screening. 	
<p>Progressive Discipline – Gayla Thompson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Thompson reported that there is a specific progression of discipline for providers related to DCF violations. She shared a chart as well as the written procedure. Comments were solicited and the opportunity was left open for comments to be sent to her. • Examples of emails sent to providers regarding DCF violations were also shared. 	<p>Ms. Thompson's email is gayla.thompson@elcofswfl.org</p>
<p>EFS Data – provider portal – Gayla Thompson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In concert with what was shared by Ms. Block, Ms. Thompson discussed the process for entering the VPK attendance into the provider portal. Bernadette Russello is the point person for questions and assistance for this task. Ms. Thompson explained that ELC requested from the Office of Early Learning the ability to enter this information for providers, but was told that this was not possible, only providers can enter this information. Zoom calls have been held to allow providers an opportunity to ask questions, as well as learn more information about VPK attendance.. There will be another Zoom call on Wednesday January 16 at 1 pm. 	<p>Bernadette Russello's email is Bernadette.Russello@elcofswfl.org or she can be reached by phone at 935-6151.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/134252090 or call: 1 929 436 2866</p>

<p>SR, VPK, Waitlist numbers and Enrollment status - Barb Peck</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waitlist: Was 1213 at the end of June – Currently 1118 • Enrolling in all 4 counties, although space is critical, especially for infants, toddlers and School Age • VPK: Currently enrolled 6950: • SR: Last year in Nov. 4264, this year SR is 4804 • Providers are asked to encourage parents to accept their provider on-line. 	
<p>Health Report – Patricia Hansen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hansen reported that according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), it is never too late to get a flu shot; the Florida flu season peaks in January – February. It takes two weeks to reach full efficacy. There has been mild activity this year, although there have been 2 pediatric deaths. • Ms. Hansen reported that she is retiring early in February. 	
<p>Other Discussion/Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Starr, reported that Literacy Training in the Preparing for Collier County Public School Kindergarten Success will be January 16 (Naples) and 17 (Immokalee). STEAM training will be March 20 (Naples) and 21 (Immokalee) Sign up on the ELC website. • Angela Anderson reported that Florida Gulfcoast University and Child Care of Southwest Florida received a grant and are offering a <u>Free</u> in service Training on February 23 by Lisa Murphy (the Ooey Gooey Lady) • Terri Konczak, our VPK Regional Facilitator, reported that the Standards can soon be ordered in paper form on the OEL website • Marie Liebensohn reported that she is offering a 10 hour Conscious Discipline training March 2 and 9th from 9-12. Both sessions must be attended to receive in-service credit and CEUs. Sign up on the ELC website. • Michelle King reported that Golisano Children’s Hospital offers Youth Mental Health First Aid classes through Kids Minds Matter. The class teaches individuals to identify signs of mental health issues in adults and children. Cost is \$25 for an 8 hour day. • Yalitzza Miraflores reported that FDLRS will offer a webinar on Sensory issues on February 11 at 10 am. This webinar targets parents and teachers. More information will be sent to the ELC to disseminate. 	<p>Sign up for training at https://register.elcofswfl.org/registration/</p> <p>Contact Ms. Anderson at angelaa@ccswfl.org to find out how to register.</p> <p>Sign up for training at https://register.elcofswfl.org/registration/</p> <p>Contact Richard Keelan at 239-343-6468 to schedule classes. Brochures to be sent with minutes.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am. 	

Next Meeting	• Friday, February 22 9 am – 11 am	
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All meetings will be held at 2675 Winkler Avenue Suite 300, Fort Myers, FL 33901 unless otherwise announced.