



Minutes

Program & Strategy Providers Committee Meeting

June 27th, 2013; 3:30 P.M.

ELC Board Room

- Committee Attendees:** The Honorable Cindy Lederman; Shaleen Fagundo; Charles Auslander; Helene Good; Roderick E. Beasley; (Via Conference Call); Robert Eadie (Via Conference Call) Abilio Rodriguez; Nicole Sparks
- Committee Absentees:** David Williams, Jr.;
- Staff Attendees:** Evelio C. Torres, CEO; Pam Hollingsworth; Jackye Russell; Kendra Link; Natalia Delgado; Leeana Sanchez; Elizabeth Machado; Edwige Delva; Bob De La Fuente (Board Attorney)
- General Attendees:** Rilda Pascal (Pascal Family Day Care Home); Lorenzo Johnson (Christian Educational Child Care Academy)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Shaleen Fagundo

- S. Fagundo welcomed the Committee, staff and attendees.
- A quorum of 7 members was established.

II. Approval of Minutes

Shaleen Fagundo

- S. Fagundo moved the motion for the approval of meeting minutes from March, 2013.
 - Motion was seconded by R. Beasley.
 - Motion unanimously passed.

III. CEO Report

Evelio Torres, CEO

- E. Torres spoke about the ELC transition.
- Attorney B. De La Fuente provided a legal summary of the purpose for today's meeting. He noted that providers had appeared in front of the Provider Peer Review Panel Pursuant to receiving notice from the Early Learning Coalition that some action has been initiated against their license. The providers had received either a Class I Violation or three Class II Violations within a twelve month period. The Provider Peer Review Panel heard the response from the providers and recommendations which will be presented today. If, for some reason the provider does not agree with the decision of the committee today, then that decision can be appealed.



Raymond Boyd Family Day Care Home

- B. De La Fuente gave a brief summary of the violation.
- B. De La Fuente stated that the recommendation given from the Provider peer Review Panel would be a six month probationary period, complete the 30 Clock Hour Family Child Care Training and obtain membership to Florida Family Child Care Home Association.
- S. Fagundo moved the motion to accept the Provider Peer Review Panel recommendation for a six month probation with no additional violations within those six month
 - Motion was seconded by R. Beasley.
 - Motion unanimously passed.

Pascal Family Day Care Home

- S. Fagundo notified the committee that Edwige Delva will provide translation in Creole for Ms. Pascal.
- B. De La Fuente explained that since Ms. Pascal did not appear at the Provider Peer Review Panel on April 16, 2013, today will be the opportunity to present all evidence related to the licensing violation and possibly reach a settlement with the Coalition.
- P. Hollingsworth stated that Ms. Pascal appeared before the Program Policy and Strategy Committee in August 28th, 2012. At that time she had received two Class I Violations for Inadequate Supervision and Unscreened Individual alone with children. The Committee voted to place Pascal Family Day Care Home on six month probation. On December 14th, 2012, during a re-inspection the home was cited for a Class I Violation of Standard #5, Child Left Premises-Operator unaware and Class I Violation for a Violation Standard #5, Inadequate Supervision.
- R. Pascal, owner, presented support for her center, which was translated by Edwige Delva, ELC.
- R. Pascal states that the child did not leave the premises unaware as the child was following his father, which had picked him up early that day. She also states that she did not leave the other children unsupervised as her daughter was looking after them while she went out to give the child's father his shoes.
- S. Fagundo moved the motion to suspend Pascal Family Day Care Home from receiving School Readiness funds for a 12 period.
 - Motion was seconded by R. Beasley.
 - Motion unanimously passed.

Christian Educational Child Care Academy

- J. Russell stated that Lorenzo Johnson, owner of Delores Lakeview Educational Child Care Academy appeared before the Program Policy and Strategy Committee on August 28th, 2012 and was placed on a one year probationary period. Recently, she received a 2013-2014 School Readiness Agreement for Christian Educational Child Care Academy, listed at 1540 NW 111th ST Miami, FL 33167. The childcare facility, Delores Lakeview Educational Child Care Center, Inc is listed at the same address. She adds that Christian Educational Child Care Academy has changed their licensing status to religious exempt.



- Mr. Johnson, owner, explained how he inherited the center from his father and sister.
- Mr. Johnson explained that he no longer wants to do child care and as a pastor he decided to lease the center in September to a young lady, but she couldn't handle the business and Mr. Johnson decided to take the daycare back and name it Christian Educational Child Care Academy.
- B. De La Fuente reads a letter addressed to Jackye Russell from DCF: This is to advise you that Delores Lakeview was placed on a probationary license which expired on September 28th, 2012. Mr. Lorenzo Johnson, submitted a renewal application not the same date, the application was incomplete and could not be processed as the director's background screenings were not valid. Mr. Johnson submitted a second renewal application with a new director on October 16, 2012. The new director, Ms. Henry faxed a letter to DCF on October 22, 2012 stating that she had resigned her position as director. As a result the second renewal application was incomplete as the center did not have a director to list on the renewal application. The DCF Child Care Regulations issued a letter of Cease and Desist Operation for an unlicensed child care facility to Mr. Johnson on October 26, 2012. Explaining that operating an unlicensed child care facility was illegal and his facility was currently unlicensed with the department not having a completed renewal application from him he will not be able to continue operation until such time a license is procured. A family services counselor visited the facility on October 29th, 2012 and observed the facility on operation with 29 children present. The department then initiated injunction proceedings with a hearing held on October 31st, 2012. The order for injunction was signed on November 2, 2012. DCF does not have in its possession any documentation formally allowing Delores Lakeview Child Care Center to operate without licensure beyond its September 28, 2012 expiration date.
- C. Lederman moved the motion to keep Christian Educational Child Care Academy on suspension for the remainder of the original twelve month term which began on July 30th, 2012 and will end on July 31st, 2012.
 - Motion was seconded by C. Auslander.
 - Motion unanimously passed.

IV. SansWrite Update

Pamela Hollingsworth

- P. Hollingsworth gave a brief summary on SansWrite.

V. State Licensing Rankings

Pamela Hollingsworth

- The presentation can be found at:
<http://www.elcmdm.org/downloads/BOD/PnS/PnSpack062713.pdf>

VI. Research and Reform for Children on Court

Pamela Hollingsworth

- The presentation can be found at:
<http://www.elcmdm.org/downloads/BOD/PnS/PnSpack062713.pdf>

VII. School Readiness Program Curricula

Pamela Hollingsworth

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VII. Meeting Adjourn

The Hon. Cindy S. Lederman