



ELC Programs & Policy and EHS Health Services Advisory Committee Meeting
August 1st, 2016 at 7:00 AM
Conference Room E

Committee Attendees: Dr. Judy Schaechter, Bob Eadie, Monica Garcia (Health Advisory Committee), Sonya Clayton (Health Advisory Committee), Rosa Martin (Health Advisory Committee)

Absent Committee: Gladys Montes, James Haj, Tina Carroll-Scott

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres, Dr. Chemika Burkhalter, Lisa Sanabria, Belkis Torres, Sandra Gonzalez, Jackye Russell

I. Welcome and Introductions **Dr. Judy Schaechter**

- J. Schaechter called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Quorum was not established.

II. Health Service Advisory Committee **Dr. Chemika Burkhalter**

- C. Burkhalter stated that the Early Head Start childcare providers must establish and implement policies and procedures to respond to medical and dental health emergencies. All staff must be familiar and trained in these policies and procedures. C. Burkhalter request the committee to review the health priorities and to please make suggestions.
- The committee discussed adding a few members particularly in the areas of Optometry, Speech Pathology and Mental Health.
- The question was posed on the frequency of these meetings and J. Schaechter responded that once she has a clearer vision of goals then frequency of meeting can be determined.
- E. Torres suggested that at the next meeting standards and mission should be determined.
- The following changes to the health priorities were suggested:
 - AIDS policy should be corrected
 - Contagious Diseases (Identify not just children but family members and staff)
 - Encourage vaccination for preventable diseases for children and staff
 - Add that aspirin should not be given to anyone under 18 years of age
 - Change definition of "sick child" example allergies vs. contagious disease
 - Provide a place for dental screening during the summer months
 - Replacement of toothbrushes should be every 3 months
 - First dental visits should be 3months after first tooth erupts



II. School Readiness Eligibility Priorities

Evelio Torres

- E. Torres reported on changes to school readiness eligibility:
 - Now a 12 month period of eligibility
 - Families cannot be terminated for changes in household, if job is lost during their eligibility period a 3 month grace period will be granted
 - Due to these changes the waitlist is expected to double and the ELC must focus on serving children 0-5 years.

III. Public Comments

Dr. Judy Schaechter

IV. Adjourn

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