



Provider Services Committee Meeting
January 31st, 2017; 2:00 PM
ELC Board Room

Committee Attendees: Shaleen Fagundo; Abilio Rodriguez; Mara Zapata, Rick Beasley; Loreen Chant

Staff Attendees: Angelo Parrino; Lisa Sanabria; Lisney Badillo; Jenifer Hernandez; Jackye Russell; Fiorella Altare; Cynthia Caceres; Evelio Torres; Yesenia Reyes; Angela Gil; Cindy Lozada; Ana Rodriguez; Victor Caballero; Johana Miranda; Sandra Gonzalez

General Attendees: Santiago Echemendia

I. Welcome and Introductions

Rick Beasley

II. Approval of Minutes

Rick Beasley

- Motion to approve by M. Zapata.
- Motion seconded by A. Rodriguez.
- Motion was unanimously passed.

III. Regan Educational Academy

Santiago Echemendia

- S. Echemendia stated that Reagan Educational Academy was placed on a corrective action plan for the period of 6 months. The probation term began March 7, 2016 and ended September 7, 2016. During this probationary term they received 2 class II violations for ratio (ratio requires 1 staff member for every 4 children and they had 1 staff member supervising 6 children) and background screening (verification of employment history for the past 2 years was not on file for the employee).
- After reviewing the case the Hearing Committee recommended to continue the case for 30 days pending the outcome of the DCF appeal.
 - Motion to approve by S. Fagundo.
 - Motion seconded by A. Rodriguez.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.
 - R. Beasley recused himself.



IV. My Little Angel I & II

Santiago Echemendia

- S. Echemendia stated that My Little Angels I & II was previously reviewed at our December meeting. Our board counsel received a motion for re-hearing from their attorney.
- The Hearing Committee recommended to approve re-hearing and final decision on this case will be made at the next meeting.
 - Motion to approve by S. Fagundo.
 - Motion seconded by A. Rodriguez.
 - M. Zapata was opposed
 - Motion was not unanimously passed.

V. Academy of Knowledge Preschool

Santiago Echemendia

- S. Echemendia stated that was placed on the USDA Florida Food Program Disqualified list for repeating a serious deficiency and owing the Internal Revenue Service.
- R. Beasley stated that there was no representative from the childcare if they choose to be represent at the next meeting we will allow it.
- After reviewing the case the Hearing Committee recommended to terminate the provider's contract for 5 years.
 - Motion to approve by A. Rodriguez.
 - Motion seconded by S. Fagundo.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.

VI. Early Learning Bright Academy

Santiago Echemendia

- S. Echemendia stated that Early Learning Bright Academy had a class I violation for the supervision rule (an unscreened individual was left alone to supervise children in care). DCF's report stated that 2 staff members were supervising classrooms without background screenings on file.
- The Hearing Committee recommended to terminate the contract till the end of the fiscal year (June 30th) with the right to re-apply in 2017-2018.
 - Motion to approve by A. Rodriguez.
 - Motion seconded by S. Fagundo.
 - M. Zapata was opposed.
 - Motion was not unanimously passed.



VII. Kids R Us

Santiago Echemendia

- S. Echemendia stated that Kids R Us II received a class I violation for the supervision rule (an unscreened individual was left alone to supervise children in care).
- The Hearing Committee recommended to place the provider on a 6 month corrective action plan with the agreement that if any additional class 1 or 2 violations are received they would have no right to appeal.
 - Motion to approve by A. Rodriguez.
 - Motion seconded by S. Fagundo.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.

VIII. Miss Carusi Learning Center

Santiago Echemendia

- S. Echemendia stated that Miss Carusi Learning Center received a class I violation for the supervision rule (an unscreened individual was left alone to supervise children in care).
- The Hearing Committee recommended to place the provider on a corrective action plan for the remainder of the contract with the agreement that if any additional class 1 or 2 violations are received they would have no right to appeal.
 - Motion to approve by A. Rodriguez.
 - Motion seconded by S. Fagundo.
 - M. Zapata was opposed.
 - Motion was not unanimously passed.

IX. Small World Montessori

Santiago Echemendia

- S. Echemendia stated that Small World Montessori 5 sent a renewed certificate of insurance on 12/09/2016 after contacting the insurance company it was confirmed that the policy was cancelled on 12/30/2015. The case was appointed to the Director of Loss Prevention & Compliance. She reported that there was reason to believe the COI documents were altered in various occasions and considered provider a high risk if the ELC were to continue to contract with them.
- The Hearing Committee recommended to terminate the provider's contract for 5 years and asked the fraud department to review the case one last time, if no discrepancies exist then the decision stands.
 - Motion to approve by L. Chant.
 - Motion seconded by S. Fagundo.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.



X. Lincoln Marti #1023

Santiago Echemendia

- S. Echemendia stated that received a class 1 violation for the supervision rule (a 5 year child was not adequately supervised and left the center, staff was not aware for about 15 minutes).
- The Hearing Committee recommended to place the provider on a 12 month corrective action plan with the agreement that if any additional class 1 or 2 violations are received they would have no right to appeal. The committee also recommended training for all the teachers on handling disruptive behavior and risk assessments for the center.
 - Motion to approve by M. Zapata.
 - Motion seconded by L. Chant.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.

XI. Bola Childcare

Santiago Echemendia

- S. Echemendia stated that Bola Childcare was previously reviewed at our December meeting. The committee had requested more information before making a decision.
- After reviewing the new evidence the committee placed the provider on a 12 month corrective action plan with the agreement that if any additional class 1 or 2 violations are received they would have no right to appeal. The committee also required that all teachers working at the center sign an affidavit stating that they are aware that the young man in question is not to be in or around the childcare.
 - Motion to approve by M. Zapata.
 - Motion seconded by L. Chant.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.

XII. Public Comments

Rick Beasley

XIII. Adjourned

Rick Beasley