



Location: 1130 N Eglin Pkwy, Shalimar, FL 32579
Date: 8.22.2024
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Board Approved: 11.15.24

Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Program Committee Members Present:

Ray Sansom, Private Sector - Radar Group - Chair - Via Zoom
Don Edwards, Private Sector - Renasant Bank – Via Zoom
Kathy Curry, Representative of faith-based childcare providers – Director
Amy Bowles, Okaloosa County Schools – Southside Primary
Julie Webb, Private Sector – ASHA
Dr. Sandy Arteaga, Dean of Education & Charter School Initiatives NWFSC

Program Committee Members Absent:

Kristen Murdy, Representative of private for-profit childcare providers - Director of Operations
Amanda Colwell, Okaloosa County Health Department Assistant Director

Coalition Staff Present:

Dana Hodges, CEO
Tawanda Brown, Education Manager
Lori Monson, Compliance Manager
Sharon Pierce, Eligibility/CCR&R Manager
Deanna Hernandez, Executive Administrator

Public Present:

Valerie Bogar

- I. Call to Order – Don Edwards calls the meeting to order at 10:04 am
- II. Agenda

Motion Result: Motion to approve the Agenda as presented- Unanimous

Motion – Amanda Colwell

Second – Kristen Murdy

- III. New Business

- a. Non-Compliance Policy Enforcement

Lori provides an update stating that she has been sending emails out to providers and asks the Committee for input on alternative ways to communicate non-compliances to the providers. She listed some of the reoccurring issues. Discussion among the Committee takes place.

- b. Enrollments Discussion

Sharon states that enrollments have been down since Covid and requests input on ways to



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reach more families. Dana gives an overview of the Coalitions efforts thus far. Discussion takes place and ideas are provided.

c. Contracts discussion

Lori speaks about the need to recruit more contracted providers to help increase enrollments. She asks for recruitment ideas.

d. My Florida Schools portal Discussion

Dana provides an overview of the portal and how it will be used. She asks for ideas on how to encourage providers to update their profile in the portal.

e. ECE Advisory Update

Dana says that ELC is still chairing the board and is working with The Children's Movement and the Florida Chamber to host a childcare roundtable. The date has not been solidified as of yet.

f. Conference / Workshop

Tawanda discusses the events and asks for ideas on ticket pricing as the money collected will go towards the unrestricted funds required to put on these events. Discussions take place.

g. ELC Storybook Village 10/26/24

The ELC will partner with United Fidelity Bank to put on our 2nd Storybook Village. Dana says that more information will be released at the Quarterly Provider meeting.

IV. CEO Updates

a. Legislative updates

Dana provided legislative updates on SR Plus and VPK designations.

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Adjournment

Don adjourned the meeting at 11:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Deanna Hernandez
Executive Administrator