



Location: 1130 N Eglin Pkwy, Shalimar, FL 32579

Date: 5.15.2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Board Approved: 8.5.25

Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Program Committee Members Present:

Amy Bowles, Okaloosa County Schools Appointee – (Zoom)
Amanda Colwell, Okaloosa County Health Department Appointee
Julie Webb, Private Sector – ASHA – (Zoom)
Kristen Murdy, Representative of private for-profit childcare providers – (Zoom)
Dr. Sandy Arteaga, Northwest Florida State College President’s Appointee – (Zoom)
Jeff Brown, Private Sector, Bridging Analytics – (Zoom)
Lindsay Roberts, Private Sector - Osprey Title – (Zoom)

Program Committee Members Absent:

Kim Cox, Private Sector, Origin Bank
Victoria Ebert, Private Sector - RC Hospitality
Kathy Curry, Representative of faith-based childcare providers

Coalition Staff Present:

Dana Hodges, CEO
Angie Strumeyer, COO
Tawanda Brown, Education Manager
Deanna Hernandez, Executive Administrator

Public Present:

None

I. Call to Order – Kristen called the meeting to order at 10:06 am

II. Consent Agenda

Amanda C. made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.
Motion is carried by unanimous vote.

III. New Business

a. Legislative Updates

Angie outlines several of the changes and how they affect our communities. Dana provided additional details. Discussions take place.

b. FY 25-26 SR & VPK Contracts

Angie advises the Committee that mandatory contract meetings are in progress and just under 100 providers out of 109 have attended. The non-compliance policy was discussed and signed during the meetings. Angie also talks about some of the changes to the contract

c. VPK Designations

Angie discusses the new VPK designations that will be specific to VPK providers. She asked the Committee for suggestions on how we can encourage providers to strive for high scores.



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d. Programs

Angie mentions the different programs that will take place during the summer such as the Summer Bridge Program and VPK Summer Programs.

e. Spring Conference Debrief

Tawanda reports that out of the 280 early educators who signed up for the conference, 221 attended despite the stormy weather. She also talks about the feedback she received from the Providers, stating that it was very positive.

f. Provider Meetings

Angie expresses the ELC's concern that some providers are missing vital information that is being shared while attending meetings virtually. She requests feedback from the Committee on different ways to ensure virtual participants are hearing the information provided and or discussed.

Amanda C. made a motion that Providers must be actively participating during virtual meetings in order to receive in-service credits hours. Motion is carried by unanimous vote.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Adjournment

Kristen adjourns the meeting at 11:07am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deanna Hernandez
Executive Administrator