



ELC Provider Services Committee Meeting
May 2nd, 2017, 10:00 a.m.
ELC Board Room

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| I. | Welcome & Introductions | Rick Beasley |
| II. | Approval of Minutes | Rick Beasley |
| | A. Motion to approve April 25 th , 2017 Minutes. | |
| III. | Happy Children Academy | Santiago Echemendia |
| IV. | Public Comments | Rick Beasley |
| V. | Adjourn | Rick Beasley |

Mission: To promote high-quality school readiness, voluntary pre-kindergarten and after school programs, thus increasing all children's chances of achieving future educational success and becoming productive members of society. The Coalition seeks to further the physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs of Miami-Dade and Monroe County children with a priority toward the ages before birth through age 5.



Provider Services Committee Meeting
April 25th, 2017; 2:00 PM
ELC Board Room

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

Committee Absentees: Shaleen Fagundo

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

General Attendees: Daniel Benavides

I. Welcome and Introductions

Rick Beasley

II. Approval of Minutes

Rick Beasley

- Motion to approve by M. Zapata.
- Motion seconded by L. Chant.
- Motion was unanimously passed.

III. The Learning Nest Academy

Daniel Benavides

- D. Benavides stated that a monitoring was conducted at The Learning Nest Academy and it was found that the level 2 Background Screening Form was not in the following employee file, Nirva Joseph.
- The director stated that the background screenings have been submitted but the results have not been received.
- After reviewing the case the Hearing Committee recommended to recommended to place the provider's on a 6 month Corrective Action Plan with the following restrictions: 1) During this time they are not to receive any class 1 violations or class 2 violations, if received they forfeit their right to appeal 2) the immediate removal of Nirva Joseph (teacher) until the background screening is received 3) If the screening is not cleared the case will be revisited 4) ELC will conduct monitoring to ensure Nirva Joseph is not at the school.



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

IV. Miss Carusi Learning Center

Daniel Benavides

- D. Benavides stated that Miss Carusi Learning Center was placed on a corrective action plan for the period of 6 months. During this probationary period the provider received 4 class 2 violations on February 3rd, 2017 and 1 class 2 violation on March 9th, 2017. On March 31st, 2017 DCF removed the class2 violation dated 03/09/2017.
- The director stated that the letter sent to her referencing the results of her hearing did not stipulate that she was waiving her right to appeal.
- The Hearing Committee recommended to recommended to extend the providers Corrective Action Plan by 6 months and advised the provider that during this time they are not to receive any class 1 violations or class 2 violations, if received they forfeit their right to appeal.
 - Motion to approve by M. Zapata.
 - Motion seconded by L. Chant.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.

V. Public Comments

Rick Beasley

VI. Adjourned

Rick Beasley



Early Learning Coalition Review Hearing Committee Meeting

May 2nd, 2017

Happy Children Academy - C11MD2264

1927 West 68th Street Hialeah, Fl. 33014

Action Requested: The Executive Leadership team recommends termination of the SR/VPK contracts for the 2016-2017 FY and revocation of eligibility for a period of five (5) years.

Background

Happy Children Academy

- License Capacity: 72
- Care level offered: Infants- In School
- Children enrolled for SR/VPK: SR:61 VPK:24 end date
June 8th 2017
- Accreditations: N/A
- Provider has been contracted with the ELC since 2012
- 2015-2016 reimbursements: \$171,000 approximately
- Provider is not under a CAP

Issues

Upon review of this case, Loss Prevention found that during the time Ms. Yuliet Hernandez received School Readiness funding for her child, Sophia Alvarez, Ms. Yuliet Hernandez failed to report that she and the 'absent parent', Yomankis Alvarez, were both owners of Happy Children Academy. Therefore, falsifying/omitting full household income to the School Readiness Program.

Case Summary

Client/Parent: Yuliet Hernandez (2281) - Yomankis Alvarez (Owner of Happy Children Academy)

Children: Melanie Suarez, born November 1997/Robert J. Sanchez, born October 2011/ **Child receiving the SR Program: Sophia Alvarez, born April 2011.**

- **Year 2008-** Client legally married Yomankis Alvarez
- **Year 2010-** Client and Yomankis Alvarez Divorced (Broward)
- **April 2011-** Child Sophia Alvarez of both client and absent parent was born.
- **Year 2012-** Client and Yomankis Alvarez (absent parent) became owners of **Happy Children Academy Inc. (Sunbiz)**
- **Year 2013-** Client started receiving the School Readiness Program as "Single" status.

(Client did not add/include Absent Parent/Spouse to the application).

Client reported working as a Teacher at Happy Children's Academy making \$7.67/hr.

Client reported receiving child support of \$180.00 monthly.

(Client never reported being Part-Owner/ Vice President to Happy Children's Academy).

- **Year 2014-** Client was re-determined for the School Readiness Program as "Single" status.

Client reported working as an assistant Teacher at Happy Children's Academy making \$7.79/hr.

Client reported 'NO' child support from absent parent.

- **January 2015-** Client was re-determined for the School Readiness Program as "Single" status.

Client reported working as an assistant Teacher at Happy Children's Academy making \$8.00/hr.

Client reported 'NO' child support from absent parent.

- **July 2015-** Client was re-determined for the School Readiness Program as "Single" status.

Client reported working as an assistant Teacher at Happy Children's Academy making \$8.00/hr.

Client reported receiving child support of \$150.00 monthly.

- **May 2016-** Client was re-determined for the School Readiness Program as "Single" status.

Client reported working as an assistant Teacher at Happy Children's Academy making \$8.05/hr.

Client reported receiving child support of \$150.00 monthly.

- **June 2016-** Client and Absent Parent opened up a new business: Evolution Hair Beauty Salon, Inc. (Same shopping center as the Learning Facility, different suite number).

Notes:

Upon further review of the case, Loss Prevention found that during the time Mrs. Hernandez was receiving the SR Program for her child, Mrs. Hernandez failed to report that she and Provider (absent parent) were both owners of Happy Children Academy, therefore falsifying \omitting full household income to the School Readiness Program.

Provider Mr. Alvarez, is in breach of the contract under paragraph 64 (Fraud) Florida Statute 1002.91
An intentional deception, omission, or misrepresentation made by a person with knowledge that the deception, omission, or misrepresentation may result in unauthorized benefit to that person or another person, for any aiding and abetting of the commission of such an act.

Florida Statute 414.39 section 4(a)-

Knowingly filed, attempts to file, or aids and abets in the filing of, a claim for services to a recipient of public assistance.

Division of Corporations for Happy Children Academy

Corporation filed: November 13, 2012 Effective Date: January 15, 2013

Yomankis Alvarez (President) Yuliet Hernandez (Vice President)

Article 4 (IV) : Number of shares the corporation is authorized to issue is 2:

MGR: Yomankis Alvarez Managing Member: Yuliet Hernandez (Both under the same residential area in Hollywood Florida)

January 14, 2014

Yomankis Alvarez (President) Yuliet Hernandez (Vice President)

March 20, 2015

Yomankis Alvarez (President) Yuliet Hernandez (Vice President)

March 1, 2016

Yomankis Alvarez (President) Yuliet Hernandez (Vice President)

March 17, 2017

Notice of Change sent to Mrs. Yuliet Hernandez for termination of SR Program.

Deadline date: 4/16/2017

March 28, 2017

Mrs. Yuliet Hernandez contacted Loss Prevention and asked for the reason of termination. Mrs. Hernandez was told that she never informed the Coalition that she was VP of Happy Children Academy. Coalition was also never informed that Client/Parent and Provider also had another corporation opened under Evolution Hair Beauty Salon Inc.

Added Information:

Evolution Hair Beauty Salon Inc. - Division of Corporations: Filed: June 13, 2016

Yomankis Alvarez (President) Yuliet Hernandez (Vice President) **Inactivated: March 28, 2017**

March 28, 2017 Division of Corporations:

Mrs. Yuliet Hernandez's name was taken out of the corporation, leaving only Mr. Yomankis Alvarez.

March 29, 2017 Ana Rodriguez, Director of Loss Prevention \Compliance along with Belkis Leon, Loss Prevention/Compliance Specialist met with Mr. Yomankis Alvarez for some questions.

Mr. Alvarez denied living with Mrs. Hernandez in the same residential area (said that he lives at a different address) and/or previously traveling with Mrs. Hernandez (said that they do not go on vacations together).

Though Client and Provider Divorced in 2010; claimed to both be divorced; and claimed to both be living separately, backup documentation shows an intact family.

March 29, 2017 Cynthia Rindone, Loss Prevention Investigator was given this case to further search.