



ELC Provider Services Committee Meeting
May 30th, 2017, 2:00 p.m.
ELC Board Room

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| I. | Welcome & Introductions | Rick Beasley |
| II. | Approval of Minutes | Rick Beasley |
| | A. Motion to approve May 2 nd , 2017 Minutes. | |
| III. | Reagan Educational 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
May 2nd, 2017; 10:00 AM
ELC Board Room

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

Committee Absentees: Mara Zapata; Lucy Pineiro; Yomankis Alvarez

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; Ileana Vallejo; Milton Silvera; Belkis Leon

General Attendees: Daniel Benavides

I. Welcome and Introductions

Rick Beasley

II. Approval of Minutes

Rick Beasley

- Motion to approve by L. Chant.
- Motion seconded by A. Rodriguez.
- Motion was unanimously passed.

III. The Learning Nest Academy

Daniel Benavides

- D. Benavides stated that a monitoring was conducted by Loss Prevention. They 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”, Y. Alvarez, were both owners of Happy Children Academy. Therefore, falsifying/omitting full household income to the School Readiness Program.
- D. Benavides stated that A. Rodriguez, Director of Loss Prevention \Compliance along with B. Leon, Loss Prevention/Compliance Specialist met with Y. Alvarez for some questions. Y. Alvarez denied living with Yuliet Hernandez in the same residential area (said that he lives at a different address) and/or previously traveling with Yuliet Hernandez (said that they do not go on vacations together).
- Y. Alvarez stated that his ex-wife had forged his signatures on letters submitted to the ELC but he has willing to assume responsibility and pay the restitution on behalf of Yuliet Hernandez. Y. Alvarez stated that the nature of his relationship with Yuliet Hernandez was unstable and they



did not live together continuously. Y. Alvarez stated that he had told A. Rodriguez that they did not travel together because he felt it was his private life and was irrelevant.

- When questioned about Yuliet Hernandez begin part owner of Happy Children Academy, Y. Alvarez stated that he had put his ex-wife's name on the business so if something were too happened to him she would inherit the business.
- Y. Alvarez stated that Yuliet Hernandez will no longer be in charge of the childcare center.
- After reviewing the case he Hearing Committee recommended to terminate the provider's contract for 5 years.
 - Motion to approve by L. Chant.
 - Motion seconded by A. Rodriguez.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.

IV. Public Comments

Rick Beasley

V. Adjourned

Rick Beasley



Early Learning Coalition Review Hearing Committee Meeting

May 30, 2017

Reagan Educational Academy, Inc. – C11MD1692

3168 West 76 Street Hialeah, FL 33018

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

Background

Reagan Educational Academy, Inc.

- License Capacity: 165
- Care Level offered: Infant – In School
- Children enrolled for SR: **44** VPK: **38**
- Accreditations: Apple
- Provider has been contracted with the ELC since 2009
- 2015-2016 reimbursements: Approximately \$345,064.44

Issues

- 02/05/2016: Provider received Notice of Termination for 4 class II DCF licensing violations, all Std. 60 Background Screening Documents, which Provider requested a Review Hearing.
- 03/07/2016: Provider attended the Review Hearing where the Provider was placed under Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for a period of 6 months. The probation term begun 03/07/16 and ended 09/07/16.
- 08/02/2016: Provider violated their CAP when they received 2 class II violations during their probationary period.
- 1 class II, **std. 04 – Ratio Sufficient**
Non-Compliance Description:
04-01 Ratio of [1] Staff for [4] children is required. There were [1] child staff for [6] children observed.
 - 1 class II, **std. 60 - Background Screening Documents**
Non-Compliance Description:
60-04 Verification of employment history for the past 2 years was not on file for the employees.
- 12/02/2016: Termination without a due process was sent to the Provider for violation of their CAP.
- 01/31/2017: Provider was granted a motion to reconsider their termination. The Provider advised the Review Hearing Committee that they have appealed the violations with DCF. The Committee decided to postpone the case until we received notification from DCF for the determination of the Provider’s appeal.
- 05/17/2017: We received notification from DCF staff confirming Provider paid the licensing violation’s fine and as per DCF’s legal, Provider did not appeal the violations.