



ELC Provider Services Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 27, 2024; 2:00 p.m.
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Meeting ID: 862 2682 7264
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Committee Attendees: Rick Beasley, Dr. Fluney, Dr. Maite Riestra, Lynn Maceyras, Dr. Armstrong, Loreen Chant

Absent Committee Members: Jenni Roig, Chereen Coile

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres, Angelo Parrino; Victor Caballero; Mercy Castiglione; Sheyla Perez; Vernise Casimir; Dr. Anabel Espinosa; Pamela Hollingsworth; Ana Sejeck; Lisney Badillo; Thalia Daumy; Alex Sanchez; Vanessa Aguilera-Viera; Belkis Torres; Dolores Mendez; Vanessa Aguilera-Viera; Pam Malval; Ana Sejeck; Laurie Dunn; Ana Rodriguez; Jacqueline Dominguez; Paloma Lopez-Barcena;; Michelle Meilan; Sandra Gonzalez; Debbie Rodriguez; J. Lara; Jenelle James; Laurie Bravo; Jessica Parra; Laurie Dunn; Lismay Diaz; Gabriela Cortez; Iliana Vallejo; Danish Williams; Cindy Cabrera; Ahmed Mitwalli; Fiorella A. Christie; Liliana Ponzoa, Donna Brongian, Debora Rodriguez; Isabel Afanador; Amanda Gonzalez; Nicole Quinteros; Rachel Spector; Aileen Suazo; LaSha Sanders; Cindy Macaya

General Attendees: Spanish Interpreters; Bob de la Fuente, Felisha Smith, A Little College Club, Miss Dee, Alina Nasco

I. Welcome & Introductions

Rick Beasley

- A. R. Beasley welcomed everyone.
- B. K. Gregory called roll and quorum was established with 6 voting members.

II. Approval of Minutes

Rick Beasley

- A. Motion to approve May 30, 2024 minutes
 - Motion to approve by Dr. Fluney
 - Motion seconded by Dr. Armstrong
 - Motion unanimously passed

III. Provider Resources

Rick Beasley

- A. Provider Education video from the Division of Early Learning

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.



IV. Provider Hearings

Bob de la Fuente

- A Little College Club

In accordance with the Early Learning Coalition's ("Coalition") Due Process policies and procedures, a final hearing regarding the 2023-2024 School Readiness ("SR") Contract termination was held on **June 27th, 2024**, at the Coalition's Provider Services Committee (the "Committee") meeting.

The Committee has carefully reviewed their case, as well as the evidence presented and the Committee has made the following decision regarding the above-referenced contract regarding the non-compliance listed below: :

Items of non-compliance:

- The facility received a composite score of **3.93** on your School Readiness Program Assessment score.

The Committee has made the final determination to terminate the 2023-2024 School Readiness ("SR") Contract **effective June 30th, 2024**. **A Little College Club Corp will be eligible to re-apply for School Readiness ("SR") services in 2025-2026 program year.**

- Carol City Early Learning Center

In accordance with the Early Learning Coalition's ("Coalition") Due Process policies and procedures, a final hearing regarding the 2023-2024 Statewide School Readiness ("SR") AND Thrive by 5 Quality Improvement System Child Scholarship contract terminations were held on **June 27th, 2024**, at the Coalition's Provider Services Committee (the "Committee") meeting.

The Committee has carefully reviewed the case, including and the evidence presented by the Partner The Committee has made the following decision regarding the above-referenced contracts and your eligibility to contract with the Coalition regarding the noncompliances listed below:

Items of non-compliance:

Provider failed to report unusual incidents to COALITION by no later than the close of business on the next business day of the unusual incident and to submit a written report to COALITION within three (3) business days from the date of the incident.

According to a complaint submitted to our Child Care Resource & Referral department, the facility lost full possession of a child on 5/22/2024.



The Committee has made the final determination to deny your appeal and affirm the termination of the Carol City Early Learning Center 2023-2024 School Readiness and Thrive by 5 Quality Improvement System Child Scholarship Contracts **effective June 30th, 2024** and non-renewal of your 2024-2025 Voluntary Prekindergarten Contract. Further, your eligibility to contract with the Coalition is revoked for a period of five (5) years. **Provider will be re-eligible to apply for services for the 2029-2030 Program year.**

- Precious Little Steps Learning Center

In accordance with the Early Learning Coalition’s (“Coalition”) Due Process policies and procedures, a final hearing regarding your 2024-2025 School Readiness (“SR”) Contract revocation of eligibility was held on **June 27th, 2024**, at the Coalition’s Provider Services Committee (the “Committee”) meeting.

This letter is to notify you that the Committee has carefully reviewed your case, as well as the evidence presented by the partner, and has made the following decision regarding your above-referenced contract based on the non-compliance listed below:

Items of non-compliance:

The facility received a composite score of **3.99** on the School Readiness Program Assessment score.

The Committee has made the final determination to revoke the eligibility of the 2024-2025 School Readiness (“SR”) Contract. **Provider will be re-eligible to apply for School Readiness (“SR”) services for 2025-2026 program year.**

V. Informational Items

Bob de la Fuente

- Maranatha Child Development – **pending DCF appeal**
- Excelsior Prep Academy Preschool – **pending DCF appeal**
- Brickell Heights Preschool – **pending DCF appeal**

VI. Early Education Partners Roundtable

**Provider
Representatives**

- A. Family Child Care Home Discussion
 - Dr. Perla Almodovar
 - Danish Williams
 - Alma Diaz



B. Program-Based Discussion

- Jenni Roig (Private Provider Representative)
- Dr. Eileen Fluney (Faith-Based Provider Representative)
- Dr. Daniel Armstrong (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Program Representative)

C. General Discussion

VII. Public Comments

Rick Beasley

VIII. Adjourn

Rick Beasley

Next Provider Services Committee Meeting: July 25, 2024.