



ELC Provider Services Committee Meeting

Thursday September 28, 2023; 2 P.M.

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MINUTES

Committee Attendees: Chereen Coile, Dr. Fluney, Jenni Roig; Dr, Maite Riestra, Loreen Chant; Lynn Maceyras

Absent Committee Members: Rick Beasley

Board Attendees: Iris Strachan

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; Sandra Gonzalez; 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: Bob de la Fuente; Lucy Pinero; Ariana (Interp); Loren Suarez, Little Treasures Daycare; A Rising Little Star Academy LLC; Jackie Blanco; Kathy Torres

I. Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Fluney

- A. Dr. Fluney welcomed everyone.
- B. K. Gregory called roll and quorum was established with Six voting members present

II. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Fluney

- A. Motion to approve July 24, 2023 minutes.

- Motion to approve by J. Roig
- Motion seconded by C. Coile
- Motion unanimously passed

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.



III. Provider Hearings

Bob de la Fuente

- Little Treasures of Homestead Daycare, LLC

The Committee carefully reviewed the case, and based on the non-compliance item listed below, as well as, the evidence presented by the Partner, the Committee has made the following decision regarding the eligibility to contract with the Coalition:

Item of non-compliance:

1. Partner's action or inaction that pose an immediate and serious danger to the health, safety, or welfare of children. Partner's action or inaction include but are not necessarily limited to allowing a child to suffer multiple bite sounds from another child on or about August 25, 2023.
2. Failure to comply with Rule 6M-4.610. PROVIDER agrees 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. Partner failed to do so.
3. A Class 1 Non-Compliance finding from the Department of Children and Families on August 29, 2023, that a child was not adequately supervised in that one child bit another child multiple times and left bite marks and bruising on child's arm, elbow, upper inner rib area and side of buttocks, which posed an imminent threat to a child and could or did result in death or serious harm to the. Health, safety or well-being of a child.

The Committee has made the final determination to deny the appeal and to affirm the Emergency Termination of the Little Treasures of Homestead Daycare, LLC 2023-2024 SR, VPK, and Thrive by 5: Families Forward Child Care Scholarship Provider Contracts **effective August 31st, 2023** and revoke eligibility for a period of five (5) years. **The Partner will be re-eligible to apply for services for the 2029-2030 Program year.**



- A Rising Little Star Academy LLC

The Committee carefully reviewed the case, and based on the non-compliance item listed below, as well as, the evidence presented by the Partner, the Committee has made the following decision regarding the eligibility to contract with the Coalition:

Item of non-compliance:

The facility received the below 2 Class 1 DCF licensing violation that posed a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the children in your care.

7/6/2023: 04. Supervision CCF Handbook, Section 2.4

- Non-compliance description: 04-03 A child was not adequately supervised and left the facility premises without child care personnel supervision. CCF Handbook, Section 2.4.1, B General Requirements [SR].

7/6/2023: 47. Access/Child Safety CCF Handbook, Section 8

- Non-Compliance: 47-03 As a mandated reporter, the owner, operator, employee, volunteer or substitute failed to report suspected child abuse or neglect as required in section 39.201, Florida Statutes. CCF Handbook, Section 8.2, B Enforcement [SR].

Item of Non-compliance:

- Partner failed to report unusual incident to Coalition by close of business on the next day of the unusual incident and a written report within 3 business days from the date of the incident.

The Committee has made the final determination to deny the appeal and affirm the termination of the A Rising Little Star Academy 2023-2024 SR Provider Contract **effective October 28th, 2023** and the revocation of eligibility for a period of five (5) years. **The Partner will be re-eligible to apply for services for the 2029-2030 Program year.**



IV. Informational Items

Bob de la Fuente

Bob de la Fuente reported that the following providers are currently on hold pending DCF information.

- Maranatha Child Development
- Excelsior Prep Academy Preschool
- Miami Beach Learning Academy
- Brickell Heights Preschool

III. Communications

Michelle Meilan

- Summary of Partner Meeting Presentations was presented by M. Meilan.

V. 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

VI. Public Comments

Dr. Fluney

VII. Adjourn

Dr. Fluney

Next Provider Services Committee Meeting: October 26, 2023; 2 P.M.