Provider Services Committee Meeting  
January 30, 2019; 2:00 PM  
ELC Board Room  

**Committee Attendees:**  Rick Beasley (via conference call), Jenni Roig; Loreen Chant  

**Absent Committee Member:**  Abilio Rodriguez  

**Staff Attendees:**  Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino; Lisa Sanabria; Ileana Vallejo; Vanessa Aguilera; Jackye Russell; Amy Tongson; Miguel Alfonso; Josh Garcia; Fiorella Christie; Lisney Badillo; Sandra Gonzalez; Mercy Castiglione; Alex Sanchez; Jose Hernandez; Belkis Torres  

**General Attendees:**  Bob de la Fuente; Arthur Jones, Sheena Williams, Ms. Richardson, Andrea Copeland  

I. **Welcome and Introductions**  
   Rick Beasley  

II. **Approval of Minutes**  
   Rick Beasley  
   - Motion to approve by J. Roig.  
   - Motion seconded by R. Beasley.  
   - Motion unanimously passed.  

III. **Informational Items**  
   - Provider Insurance  
   - Change of Ownership  

IV. **Creative Kidz Preparatory Academy**  
   Bob de la Fuente  
   - B. de la Fuente stated that Creative Kidz Preparatory Academy received notification of multiple EHS non-compliances during EHS Health & Safety Screener visits. Per the EHS Contract: Each classroom must have two paid teachers at all times regardless of the number of children in attendance. Maximum group six for EHS, whether blended or not, shall be eight children. During naptime, one teaching staff member may be replaced by
one staff member or volunteer who does not meet the minimum EHS teaching qualifications required for the age group. The Provider was out of ratio on the following dates:

- 12/28/2018: The ratio for classrooms 1, 3, and 4B was 1:4 in each classroom.
- 1/9/2019: The ratio for classrooms 3, 4A, and 4B was 1:6 each.
- 1/30/2019: The ratio for classroom 4B was 1:4.
- 2/11/2019: The ratio for classroom 4B was 1:4.
- 3/18/2019: During naptime, the ratio for classrooms 3, 4A, and 4B was 1:5 each.
- 4/3/2019: The ratio for classroom 3 was 1:6.
- 4/22/2019: The ratio for classrooms 1 and 4A was 1:4 each.
- 4/25/2019: The ratio for classroom 1 was 1:5 and for classroom 3 was 1:7.
- 5/14/2019: During naptime, the ratio for classrooms 1, 3, and 4B was 1:8 each. The ratio for classroom 4A was 1:7.
- 5/29/2019: The ratio for classroom 1 was 1:4.
- 6/14/2019: One teacher in classroom 1. One teacher provided coverage for classroom 4A and 4B while a teacher slept in 4A during her break. The ratio for both classrooms was 1:10 (classroom 4A 6 children and 4B 4 children). The ratio for classroom 1 was 1:6.
- 8/20/2019: Exceeded the maximum number of eight children in all classrooms. Number of children in classrooms were between 9 and 10. Two of the three open classrooms had infants. The ratio for classrooms 2, 4A, and 4B was 2:10 each. Classroom 1 was closed.
- 8/30/2019: During naptime the ratio for classroom, one was 0:4.

- Per the EHS Contract: Provider will ensure safety practices and responsive care are adhered to at all times. Specifically, the Provider must place chemicals and teacher’s personal belongings in locked cabinets; adhere to DCF regulations on safe sleep; and ensure daily cleaning of center. The Provider was out of compliance on the following dates:
  - 4/25/2019: Diapering table used for storage in classroom 1.
  - 5/22/2019: Infant placed on his stomach with a bib around her neck and a pacifier attached to the bib. (Addressed immediately by EHS Technical Assistance Specialist).
  - 8/20/2019: Baby placed to sleep on her stomach with a rubber headband around her neck. (Addressed immediately by EHS Technical Assistance Specialist).
  - 4/25/2019: Food debris from lunch on floor during nap in classroom 3.
  - 5/22/2019: Classrooms observed to be unclean.
  - 8/20/2019: Floor and tables and sticky and unclean.
- Per the EHS Contract, Attachment 1 Scope of Work, Section I.8 Nutrition: All foods must be stored appropriately to prevent spoilage and served at the correct temperature. If funds are available, Early Head Start may assist the center with purchasing a refrigerator for the classroom to store breastmilk. The Provider was out of compliance on the following dates:
  - 3/18/2019: Two bottles with formula not labeled in classroom 1.

- Per Head Start Policy and Regulation 1302.47(b)(6)- Hygiene Practices, all staff systematically and routinely implement hygiene practices that at a minimum ensure: (i) Appropriate toileting and hand washing, and diapering procedures are followed. The following was not being implemented during EHS monitoring:
  - 3/18/2019: No hand washing in Classroom 1 and 4A.
  - 4/25/2019: Running water not available for handwashing (portable sink unplugged and water needed to be changed).
  - 6/11/2019: No Hand washing Classroom 4B.
  - 8/20/2019: No Hand washing Classroom in all 4 classrooms.
  - 8/30/2019: No Hand washing during Health and Safety Screener Monitoring

- Per Head Start Policy and Regulation 1302.47(b)(1)(iv)- Facilities. All facilities where children are served, including areas for learning, playing, sleeping, toileting, and eating are, at a minimum...designed to prevent child injury and free from hazards, including choking, strangulation, electrical, and drowning hazards, hazards posed by appliances and all other safety hazards. The following non-compliance occurred:
  - 4/25/2019: Peeling paint in classroom 1

- Two parents whose children attended Creative Kidz were present and testified against the childcare center.

- After reviewing all documents and hearing the providers’ testimony, the committee, voted to terminate the contract and revoked eligibility for 5 years.
  - Motion to approve by J. Roig.
  - Motion seconded by R. Beasley.
  - Motion unanimously passed.
v. Public Comments
   Rick Beasley

vi. Adjourn
   Rick Beasley