



Provider Services Committee Meeting
April 30, 2020; 2:00 PM
Via Conference Call

Committee Attendees: Rick Beasley, Loreen Chant, Abilio Rodriguez, Jenni Roig

Absent Committee Member:

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino, Jackye Russell, Vanessa Aguilera; Amy Tongson, Johnetta Ruby; Amanda Torres; Ileana Vallejo; Mercy Castiglione;

General Attendees: Bob de la Fuente; Neliana Lord; Nora Cardona; Maria Hernandez

I. Welcome and Introductions **Rick Beasley**

II. Approval of Minutes **Rick Beasley**

- Motion to approve by A. Rodriguez.
- Motion seconded by J. Roig.
- Motion unanimously passed.

III. Pequeños Exploradores Kidcare, Inc. **Bob de la Fuente**

- B. de la Fuente stated that Pequeños Exploradores Kidcare, Inc. received a class 1 violation. On 3/19/2020, the Contracts Department received notification from Marie Hernandez, Monitoring & Technical Assistance Specialist, stating the provider received a Class I Violation. The violation was a result of a complaint inspection. The investigation started 12/18/2019 and was approved 3/19/2020. Provider allowed an unscreened individual to be in the room unsupervised with four children. Technical Assistance given to the Provider that no unscreened individual can be in a room with the children without her direct supervision. The Family Service Counselor and agent of other entities of the Department have asked the Provider to have the individual vacate the room this was completed at the time of the inspection.
- M. Hernandez explained that the person was visiting her home when the DCF inspectors arrived. M. Hernandez was speaking to the inspectors when one the children began crying



this individual entered the room to assist. This individual recently arrived from Cuba and is unaware of the laws of this country.

- After reviewing all documents and hearing the providers' testimony, the committee, voted to place the provider on a one year Corrective Action Plan. If the provider receives any, class one or 2 violation during the CAP period, they could be terminated and have eligibility revoked for 5 years.
 - Motion to approve by A. Rodriguez.
 - Motion seconded by J. Roig.
 - Motion unanimously passed.

IV. Nora Cardona Large Family Child Care Home

Bob de la Fuente

- B. de la Fuente stated that Nora Cardona Large Family Child Care Home liability insurance policy expired 3/16/2020, and had not been renewed as of 4/3/2020 when presented to ELT.
- N. Cardona explained that she did not continue to pay for the policy because her center was closed due to COVID19 and she was receiving no income. Upon hearing that her contract was at risk of termination she immediately renewed her policy.
- After reviewing all documents and hearing the providers' testimony, the committee, voted to place the provider on a three month Corrective Action Plan that will commence when the center reopens. If the provider receives any class 1 or 2 violation during the CAP period, they could be terminated and have eligibility revoked for 5 years.
 - Motion to approve by A. Rodriguez.
 - Motion seconded by L. Chant.
 - Motion unanimously passed.

V. Choices Children's Academy

Bob de la Fuente

- Due to new documents sent by the provider the case was postponed to the next meeting so ELC staff could review.

VI. Public Comments

Rick Beasley

VII. Adjourn

Rick Beasley