



Provider Services Committee Meeting
July 29, 2021; 2:00 PM
Zoom Meeting ID: 930 9660 2442
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Committee Attendees: Rick Beasley; Jenni Roig; Chereen Coile; Loreen Chant; Daniel Armstrong

Absent Committee Member: Eileen Fluney; Jane McQueen

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino, Vanessa Aguilera; Fiorella A. Christie, Johnetta Nuby, Pam Hollingsworth, Amy Tongson, Alex Sanchez; Jackye Russell; Lisney Badillo; Belkis Torres; Sandra Gonzalez; Laurie Dunn; Ileana Vallejo; Ana Rodriguez; Paloma Lopez-Barcena; Cindy Cabrera; Diana Lane; Ana Sejeck; Laurie Bravo; Wilhelmina Martin; Lissandra Curbelo; Yadira Aguilar; Marine Allen-Tucker; Jenelle James; Mercy Castiglione; Adelina Gross; Isha Sanders; Penelope Quintas; Donna Bronigan; Eilin Orozco

General Attendees: Bob de la Fuente;

I. Welcome and Introductions

Rick Beasley

R. Beasley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Quorum was established with five (5) voting members.

II. Approval of Minutes

Rick Beasley

- Motion to approve by L. Chant.
- Motion seconded by J. Roig
- Motion unanimously passed.

III. K.C. Kiddie Care II

Bob de la Fuente

- B. de la Fuente stated that K.C. Kiddie Care II failed to administer the VPK Assessment Period 1 (AP1) and Assessment Period 3 (AP3) for the 2020-2021 School Year.



- After reviewing all documents and hearing the providers' testimony, the committee, voted for non-renewal of the VPK contract for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and revocation of eligibility to provide the VPK program for a period of five (5) years.
 - Motion to approve by L. Chant.
 - Motion seconded by J. Roig
 - Motion unanimously passed.

IV. Early Education Partners Roundtable

Provider Representatives

- Discussion centered around the challenges that providers are having attracting quality employees to work in their programs. Of particular concern, is the competition from major companies who are competing for the same applicant pool.
- E. Torres recommended that for the next meeting, Dr. Daniel Armstrong can lead a discussion regarding how we may be able to employ individuals with disabilities in the child care programs.
- R. Beasley stated some discussion regarding employment in child care programs for individuals participating in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families welfare to work program could occur. Recommendation to invite Gilda Ferradaz from the Department of Children and Families to the next committee meeting to participate in this discussion.
- P. Hollingsworth gave an update on the Apprenticeship and Internship programs. The Internship Program is in the process of finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding and scope of work.

V. Public Comments

Rick Beasley

VI. Adjourn

Rick Beasley