ELC Provider Services Committee Meeting
April 30, 2020, 2:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting; Meeting ID: 924 2809 8123

I. Welcome & Introductions  Rick Beasley

II. Approval of Minutes  Rick Beasley
   A. Motion to approve March 26, 2020 Minutes.

III. Pequenos Exploradores Kidcare  Bob de la Fuente

IV. Nora Cardona Large Family Childcare Home  Bob de la Fuente

V. Choices Children’s Academy  Bob de la Fuente

VI. Public Comments  Rick Beasley

VII. Adjourn  Rick Beasley
Provider Services Committee Meeting
March 26, 2020; 2:00 PM
Via Conference Call

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

Absent Committee Member:

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Fiorella Altare-Christie; Jackye Russell; Vanessa Aguilera; Jose Hernandez; Sandra Gonzalez; Angelo Parrino

General Attendees: Bob de la Fuente; Tina Meadows; Pastor Dwayne Richardson; Merline Pierre

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes

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

III. Grace Christian Preparatory

- B. de la Fuente stated that Grace Christian Preparatory liability policy was due to expire 1/25/2020. During an internal audit on 01/24/2020, Luis Olivas, Quality Assurance Specialist, contacted the insurance company Kirstein Insurance Services and spoke to Insurance Agent Maria Montante. Ms. Montante confirmed the Provider’s policy was canceled on 5/27/2019 due to non-payment of premium. On 01/27/2020 Diamond Landers, Office Manager provided clarification advising cancellation was sent to the Provider on 05/24/2019 via USPS mail from the finance carrier with effective date: 05/27/2019. Ms. Landers advised “Unfortunately during this time our system had an update failure which resulted in the policy not reflecting as cancelled”. On 1/28/2020, the Provider submitted the renewed liability policy. Provider has a gap from 5/27/2019-1/28/2020
T. Meadows stated that she had secondary policy were the ELC was the certificate holder the problem began when they changed the name of school. R. Beasley asked if the ELC was notified of the name change. T. Meadows responded that her contract manager told her to call her when the name change was complete as it can take a long time with having to complete food inspections, fire inspection, etc. R. Beasley stated that the policy was canceled in May. T. Meadows stated that the children were covered because they had another policy. R. Beasley asked if that information was sent to the ELC. T, Meadows stated that it was not because the contract manager told her to hold off until everything was in order. T. Meadows stated that there was a mix up with the insurance agency and they are now on automatic payment so a lapse would not occur again. B. de la Fuente stated that ELC staff has not received anything in reference to second insurance; do not know if they cover different centers. L. Chant suggested tabling the motion pending T. Meadows submitting the proof of insurance. J. Roig agreed with the recommendation. R. Beasley stated that the motion will be tabled so ELC staff can review claims if provider is correct then dismissed if not then it will be brought back to the committee. R. Beasley stated that all the documents must be given into ELC staff within month.

IV. Greater Love Full Gospel Baptist Church


B. de la Fuente stated that the provider had paid an additional amount of money to remove the gap in insurance. D. Richardson stated that he learned about the gap after contacted him. D. Richardson stated that in 12 years he had never had a gap. D. Richardson explained that in November 2019 he asked the insurance agent to search for new company because the current one wanted quarterly payments, during the process there was a lapse. D. Richardson stated that the childcare center remains open during the coronavirus pandemic and urged the committee to place them on a CAP. E. Torres stated that staff would change their recommendation to a CAP.

• After reviewing all documents and hearing the providers’ testimony, the committee, voted to place the provider on a six month Corrective Action Plan. If the provider receives
any class 1 or 2 violation or lapses in insurance during the CAP period, they could be
terminated and have eligibility revoked for 5 years.

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

V. Learning Playhouse Academy

- B. de la Fuente stated that Learning Playhouse Academy would appear before the committee next month.

VI. Garden of Light Academy

- B. de la Fuente stated that Garden of Light Academy liability policy was due to expire 4/25/2020. During an internal audit on 01/23/2020, Luis Olivas, Quality Assurance Specialist, contacted the insurance company, Eagle Insurance Agency; and spoke to Insurance Agent Trace Cox. Ms. Cox confirmed the policy was canceled on 10/15/2019 due to non-payment of premium. On 1/29/2020, Provider submitted a new liability policy with effective dates of 01/28/2020 – 01/28/2021. Provider has a gap in insurance from 10/15/2019- 01/28/2020.

- M. Pierre stated that she received call from ELC and that is when she found out about lapse. M. Pierre stated that she had various family issues and had to travel to Boston. M. Pierre stated that she left staff member in charge of the daily business matters but the staff member had not opened or read the letters from the insurance company. M. Pierre stated that when she received the call from the ELC she took care of the matter immediately. M. Pierre stated that she wanted the BOD to know that she understood the importance of having liability insurance and had insurance before contracting with the ELC. M. Pierre stated that she had no choice but to get a new policy and put it on automatic payment so it does not reoccur. R. Beasley asked if she did not know that the insurance was expired until ELC called. M. Pierre stated that the insurance company did send letters but staff overlooked them. E. Torres asked if there were new provisions in place, in case she would need to leave town. M. Pierre stated that they are no under automatic payments and has placed on her calendar which she has with her at all times. E. Torres stated that staff has changed recommendation to a CAP.

- After reviewing all documents and hearing the providers’ testimony, the committee, voted to place the provider on a six month Corrective Action Plan. If the provider receives any class 1 or 2 violation or lapses in insurance during the CAP period, they could be terminated and have eligibility revoked for 5 years.
o Motion to approve by L. Chant.
o Motion seconded by J. Roig.
o Motion unanimously passed.

VII. Public Comments

VIII. Adjourn
# Early Learning Coalition Review Hearing Committee

**April 30, 2020**

**Pequenos Exploradores Kidcare, Inc. – L11MD0285**

5631 NW 174th Drive, Miami Gardens, FL. 33055

**Action Requested:** The Executive Leadership Team recommends termination of the SR Contract for the 2019-2020 FY and revocation of eligibility for a period of five (5) years subject to provider testimony and verification of supporting documentation submitted by provider.

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## Background

### Pequenos Exploradores Kidcare, Inc.

- License Capacity: 12
- Care Level offered: 3 months to 12 years
- Approximate Children enrolled for SR: 3
- Approximate Children enrolled for VPK: N/A
- Approximate number of providers within the same zip code offering the same services: 21
- Accreditations/Gold Seal: N/A
- Provider has offered services approximately since: 2019
- 2018-2019 reimbursements: Approximately $0

### Issues

**One Class I Violation in a 12-month time frame:**

- 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.

*The following has been noted on the DCF inspection report:*

09. Supervision Family Day Care Home (“FDCH”)/Large Family Child Care Home (“LFCCH”) Handbook, Section 6 (Form Office of Early Learning (“OEL”): School Readiness (“SR”)—6206, Section 18.04 Background Screening, Pages 38-39), (Form OEL-SR-6206, Section 4 Supervision, Page 13)

- **12/18/2019 - 09-01:** An unscreened individual was left alone with children in care s.435.06(2)(a), F.S. (Section 18.4) [SR]

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Issues

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- **Comments:** Provider allowed an unscreened individual to be in the room unsupervised with 4 children. Technical Assistance (“TA”) given to the Provider that no unscreened individual can be in a room with the children without her direct supervision. The Family Service Counselor (“FSC”) 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.

Additional Information:
- Provider is currently open.
- The Provider has not received any other Corrective Action Plans, Terminations, or Non-compliances.
- The Provider currently has the following violations with DCF: (1) Class 1 violation, (1) Class 2 violations, and (2) Class 3 violations (refer to page 6 of the supporting documents).
- The Provider’s SR contract commenced on 11/19/2019.
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Nora Cardona Large Family Child Care Home- L11MD0165

7890 NW 197th Street Miami, FL. 33015

Action Requested: The Executive Leadership Team ("ELT") recommends termination of the SR contract for the 2019-2020 FY and revocation of eligibility for a period of five (5) years subject to provider testimony and verification of supporting documentation submitted by provider.

Background

Nora Cardona Large Family Child Care Home

- License Capacity: 12
- Care Level offered: 3 Months to 8 Years
- Approximate Children enrolled for SR: 0
- Approximate Children enrolled for VPK: N/A
- Approximate Number of providers within the same zip code offering the same services: 23
- Accreditations/Gold Seal: N/A
- Provider has offered services approximately since: 2009
- 2018-2019 Approximate reimbursements: $0.00

Issues

Non-Renewal of General Liability Policy

- The Provider’s policy expired 3/16/2020, and had not been renewed as of 4/3/2020 when presented to ELT.
- On 3/17/2020, Laurie Bravo, Contract Manager, reached out to Temax Insurance Inc. via phone and confirmed the policy had not been renewed.
- Per the insurance company, the Provider did not have automatic payments.

Additional Information:

- The Provider has no prior Corrective Action Plans ("CAP"), terminations, or non-compliances.

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- The Provider currently has the following violations with Department of Children and Families ("DCF") in 2 years: (0) Class 1 violations, (1) Class 2 violations, and (0) Class 3 violations (refer to page 3 of the supporting documentation).
- The Provider’s School Readiness ("SR") contract commenced on 7/1/2019.
- The Provider is currently closed due to COVID-19.
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Choices Children’s Academy - 46531
1048 Foster Road, Hallandale, FL. 33009

Action Requested: The Executive Leadership Team recommends termination of the SR Contract for the 2019-2020 FY and revocation of eligibility for a period of five (5) years subject to provider testimony and verification of supporting documentation submitted by provider.

Background

Choices Children’s Academy

- License Capacity: 78
- Care Level offered: 6 weeks to 12 years
- Approximate Children enrolled for SR: 0
- Approximate Children enrolled for VPK: N/A
- Approximate Number of providers within the same zip code offering the same services: 7
- Accreditations/Gold Seal: N/A
- Provider has offered services since: 2018
- 2018-2019 Approximate reimbursements: $0

Issues

Three Class 1 Violation within a 12-month Timeframe

The following has been noted on the DCF Inspection reports:


- **1/23/2020**: 45-03 2.5.4(B), Handbook: The maximum number of individuals transported in a vehicle may not exceed the manufacturers designated seating capacity or the number of factory installed seat belts. The vehicle has a capacity for [15] persons and [19] were in the vehicle. (Section 6.1, number 2) [SR]
  - **Comments**: During this revisit for an unrelated issue, while sitting in the county vehicle the facility's van returned from picking up children at a local school and it was observed and confirmed through a count by a member of the administration and Child Care Licensing and Enforcement that the vehicle capacity was exceeded by 4 passengers. The due date was 01/23/2020.

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- **2/18/2020: 45-03-** 2.5.4(B), Handbook: The maximum number of individuals transported in a vehicle may not exceed the manufacturers designated seating capacity or the number of factory installed seat belts. The vehicle has a capacity for [13] persons and [16 children] were in the vehicle. (Section 6.1, number 2) [SR]
  - Comments: A complaint alleges that there were too many children on the van. Upon arrival to the facility the van had not returned from picking up the children. The van arrived it was observed that 16 children exited the van. There are only thirteen (13) seat belts on the van. The children being transported were: RS 03/12/14, RS12/13/12, SA 06/20/14, EA 12/07/12, TY 05/25/13, DS 12/13/12, KM 06/05/14, MR 08/27/13, RR 12/31/14, SR 04/20/16, PW 06/10/14, KF 08/31/14, KW06/28/14, RR 06/20/10, JT 07/11/11, JW 02/02/10. This complaint is deemed SUBSTANTIATED. There were sixteen (16) children being transported. There were thirteen (13) seat belts available. The vehicle seating capacity was exceeded. The due date is 02/18/2020.

- **2/18/2020: 45-07-** Handbook: Each child, when transported, must be seated in a back seat in an individual factory installed seat belt or federally approved child safety restraint. The child safety restraint must be installed, secured and used in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions and a copy of such instructions must be maintained (in the vehicle and/or on file). Child safety restraint must be replaced if they have been recalled, are past the manufacturers date of use expiration date, or have been involved in a crash that meets the U.S. Department of Transportation crash severity criteria or the manufacturers criteria for replacement of restraints after a crash, as referenced in Caring for Our Children Basics Health and Safety Foundations for Early Care and Education, which is incorporated by in 65C-22.001(7) (v), F.A.C. This requirement was not met in that [a three (3) year old child (SR 04/20/16) was not in a federally approved child safety restraint]. (Section 6.1, number 3) [SR]
  - Of the children being transported, a three (3) year old child (SR 04/20/16) was not in a federally approved child safety restraint.
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**Issues**

Additional Information:

- The Provider currently has the following violations with DCF Broward County: (5) class 1, (15) class 2, and (8) class 3 violations. According to the Broward Crosswalk, the Provider has the following violations for DCF Miami-Dade County: (3) class 1, (7) class 2, and (16) class 3 (refer to pages 2-5 of the supporting documentation for the standards). There are (2) standards that are not monitored by DCF Miami-Dade County (standard 22-8 and 5-1).

- Per Felicia Dessam, Provider relationship Specialist from Early Learning Coalition of Broward, the Provider is currently on a 120-day probation effective 2/19/2020 as a result of being in violation of the Health and Safety requirements.

- The Provider has no previous, Corrective Action Plans ("CAP's), or non-compliances with Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe.

- The Provider’s School Readiness ("SR") contract with Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe commenced on 7/1/2019 and for Broward 7/1/2019.