



ELC Programs, Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting
February 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM
Via Conference Call

Committee Attendees: Dr. Judy Schaechter; James Haj; Bob Eadie

Absent Committee: Gladys Montes

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino; Belkis Torres; Jackye Russell; Anabel Espinosa; Sandra Gonzalez; Lisa Sanabria; Pam Hollingsworth

I. Welcome and Introductions **Judy Schaechter**

- J. Schaechter called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Quorum was established.

II. Approval of Minutes **Judy Schaechter**

- Motion to approve minutes by B. Eadie.
- Motion seconded by J. Haj.
- Motion unanimously passed.

III. Early Head Start **Belkis Torres**

- B. Torres presented the Federal Food Program report to the committee. This report shows the daily counts of food served to the early head start children. No big discrepancies were found. E. Torres stated that there was improvement in the centers that were not meeting the 100%.
- B. Torres presented the Remodeling of the Early Head Start Program - Due to budgetary challenges, the program has had to submit a plan to the regional office indicating how the program will maintain sustainability:
 - Re-evaluate the layering of funds
 - Reduce Infrastructure cost.
 - Move EHS children up in the priority list for School Readiness selection.
 - Increase caseloads by freezing positions
 - Reduce travel
 - Bringing some services in-house
 - Re-evaluated contracts to minimize financial impact
 - Cut supply cost
 - Reduced infrastructure cost (the office is now shared space)
 - Implementing new provider rates. New base rate will be \$35.00 per child. School Readiness (avg. \$21.00) and Gold Seal Certification (\$4.20) will be layered on top of the base rate.



- Accreditation by one of the OEL approved accreditation bodies must be obtained within 18 months of contract execution.
 - Gold Seal Certification required.
 - Days of service will be 240 days. The program will pay Professional Development Days.
 - Class 1 licensing violation or three class 2 violations (within same standard) in the past 12 months will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Providers will always be afforded the due process right.
- B. Torres presented the Self-Assessment Plan.
 - Motion to approve the Self-Assessment Plan by B. Eadie.
 - Motion seconded by J. Haj.
 - Motion unanimously passed.
 - B. Torres presented the Recruitment Plan.
 - Motion to approve the Recruitment Plan by B. Eadie.
 - Motion seconded by J. Haj
 - Motion unanimously passed.

IV. Update on Evidence Based Practices

Anabel Espinosa

- Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) - ELC Implementation began October 1, 2019; Quality Improvement Plans begin July 1, 2019
- Ages and Stages Questionnaire, 3rd Ed. (ASQ-3) - Revisions to Statewide Practice: July 1, 2019- July 1, 2020
- Teaching Strategies GOLD - Invitation to design Child Assessment Plan in line with best practice.
- Upcoming reviews on Teenage Parent Assistance Program (TAPP), Data Based Language and Data Reporting, Best Practice in Inclusive Early Childhood Education (BPIECE) and Systems Change and Equity: Ensuring Success for all Communities

V. Open Enrollment Update

Sandra Gonzalez

- S. Gonzalez stated the following:
 - School Readiness Enrollment/ New applicants: January 2020 total sent out 1007, 221 not submitted 22%, 479 approved for services 61% and 307 denied 39%.
 - Readiness Enrollment/Redetermination: January 2020 total 1191, 178 not submitted 15%, 946 approved 93% and 67 denied 7%

VI. VPK Timeline

Erica Erched

- E. Erched stated that OEL had released the VPK timelines for the upcoming year.



VII. **Public Comments**

Judy Schaechter

VIII. **Adjourn**

Judy Schaechter