



Provider Services Committee Meeting
August 30, 2018; 2:00 PM
ELC Board Room

Committee Attendees: Rick Beasley (via conference call); Loreen Chant, Abilio Rodriguez (via conference call)

Absent Committee Member: Shaleen Fagundo

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Jackye Russell; Lisa Sanabria; Lisney Badillo; Sandra Gonzalez; Miguel Alfonso; Vanessa Aguilar; Amy Tongson

General Attendees: Bob de la Fuente

I. Welcome and Introductions

Rick Beasley

II. Approval of Minutes

Rick Beasley

- Motion to approve by A. Rodriguez.
- Motion seconded by L. Chant.
- Motion was unanimously passed.

III. Health and Safety & Monroe Exemption

Bob de la Fuente

- V. Aguilera gave the following explanation:
 - 01/01/2017, a new Health and Safety requirement came into effect with Rule 6M-4.610. Along with that rule, we received guidance from an OEL Policy Analyst, which referred to application of the rule to **New** School Readiness providers or **New** license exempt providers. Therefore, we were under the impression that this applied to just **New** providers not existing. Later on, we also received guidance directly from Rodney stating it was ok to certify these providers for 2017-2018 because the DCF inspections were going to take place by September 30th. So we went ahead and certified these providers.
 - 8/9/2018, In our most recent OEL audit, we received one finding because one Monroe provider did not have their health and safety inspection from DCF. When OEL was looking into this file, OEL also found that this provider was exempt by the ELC based on our internal policy for Monroe providers that took place in 2011 (which Bob will explain in a moment).



- Those decisions carried over throughout the years until now and we certified those providers. However, OEL instructed us to identify which other providers were under the same situation.
- A total of 55 Miami-Dade and Monroe providers were identified and all these providers are either exempt (From DCF or ELC). Evelio shared this list with the Board a couple of weeks ago.
- The status report on these 55 providers is as follow:
 - # of Miami Dade- 45
 - # of Monroe- 9
 - # of MOCPS- 5
 - # of MDCPS- 30
 - 15 submitted SR10 Form from DCF to initiate inspection-
 - 14 passed H&S- (3 prior to July 1, 2017) (11 after July 1, 2017)
 - 1 have not submitted anything (SR10)- Plantation Key (Monroe County)
- Originally, the instructions from OEL were to terminate these providers. However, after a couple of discussion it was decided a corrective action (withholding payments) was the best approach and we immediately started coordination with DCF and providers to try to get these inspections done asap. However, weeks have pasted and there has been little progress.
- Since, we have to demonstrate to OEL that we are taking proper actions; the providers have been notified via a corrective action plan. We are also giving them 45 days to come into compliance. Unfortunately, if they do not come into compliance we will have to start the termination process.
- We are working to assist the providers through this process, as we all want to do what is best thing for our children and community.
- B. de la Fuente stated that some providers were exempted through ELC policy and not DCF and are now going through the DCF exemption. Miami-Dade has had to have licenses but Monroe County was exempted by ELC due to the challenges and cost.
- Monroe County's exemption policy will no longer be followed as it was never an official document/policy.
- The committee recommended to eliminate the current policy and authorize staff to comply with all new applicable rules and regulations.
 - Motion to eliminate the current policy and authorize ELC Staff to comply with all new applicable rules and regulations approve by L. Chant.
 - Motion seconded by A. Rodriguez.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.



IV. Miami Dade License Requirements

Bob de la Fuente

- B. de la Fuente stated the current Miami Dade License requirement allow more exemptions than the current ELC policy.
- The committee motioned to rescind policy and direct staff to follow all applicable rules and regulations
 - Motion to approve by A. Rodriguez.
 - Motion seconded by L. Chant.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.

V. Public Comments

Rick Beasley

VI. Adjourned

Rick Beasley