



Provider Services Committee Meeting  
December 19, 2017; 2:00 PM  
ELC Board Room

**Committee Attendees:** Abilio Rodriguez; Rick Beasley; Loreen Chant (via conference call); Shaleen Fagundo

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres; Lisa Sanabria; Lisney Badillo; Jenifer Hernandez; Jackye Russell; Ileana Vallejo; Miguel Alfonso; Angelo Parrino; Ana Rodriguez; Belkis Leon; Lucretia Jones; Belkis Torres; Victor Caballero; Fiorella Altare; Marvin Garcia

**General Attendees:** Bob de la Fuente; Robert N. Pelier; Marlent Bustamante Piedra; Ron Harris; Angela Mars

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**Rick Beasley**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**Rick Beasley**

- Motion to approve by A. Rodriguez.
- Motion seconded by S. Fagundo.
- Motion was unanimously passed.

**III. Greater Love Day Care**

**Bob de la Fuente**

- B. de la Fuente stated that Greater Love Day Care was placed in a Corrective Action Plan on May 10th, 2017. After the CAP became effective, provider continued to be out of compliance, submitting incomplete attendance for three consecutive or non-consecutive months. When inspected some the items found out of compliance were: child to teacher ratio, baby bottles not labeled, rodents droppings found, cabinets not locked, employees belonging accessible to the children. Inspections done by our health and safety found the situation was getting progressively worse.
- A. Mars stated that there had been issues with staff turnover, she has downloaded app on her phone and is now able to put attendance in daily. She has hired new staff that are dedicated and trying to maintain the center and an exterminator has been hired.
- B. Torres stated that before federal review staff assisted Greater Love in clean up and found rodent dropping, it is a recurring issue. B. Torres stated that attendance has improved since September/October but the provider lost Quality Counts which is a requirement for Early Head Start.



- After reviewing the case the Hearing Committee recommended to terminate the provider's Early Head Start contract.
  - Motion to approve by A. Rodriguez.
  - Motion seconded by S. Fagundo.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.

**IV. Kiddie Corner Academy**

**Bob de la Fuente**

- B. de la Fuente stated Loss Prevention has reason to believe that parent omitted full household income to receive the School Readiness Program. Mrs. Marlent Bustamante Piedra has been the Vice President of Kiddie Corner Academy since 2009, this information was never reported to the coalition. Mrs. Marlent Bustamante Piedra is also listed under the United Department of Agriculture and has a business named "Oink Oink Mini Pigs" as a licensed dealer. This information was never reported to the Coalition. Mrs. Marlent Bustamante Piedra is also in Violation of the CCEP program. Under the CCEP program, employee must work at the center in order to obtain the CCEP Funding. B. de la Fuente stated that they are asking for the termination of the contract not due to quality but fraud, they aided and abetted two individuals to commit fraud in receiving CCEP.
- R. Peiler attorney for Kiddie Korner handed out documentation to the board members and stated that Kiddie Corner Academy has been in business for 30 year, they have gold seal accreditation, apple accreditation and serve children in an unprivileged area. R. Peiler stated that an accusation of fraud is a very serious since these individuals serve this community. R. Peiler stated that on the School Readiness application it does not state to supply all source of income only to list the employer, making it unclear. R. Peiler stated that M. Bustamante Piedra's daughter is accused of not working at the school, she works on the website and portraits which sends her to different events, and nowhere in the CCEP contract does it state that they must be present at the school. R. Peiler stated that M. Bustamante-Piedrar is separated from her husband, evidence of different household proof has been provided and she is listed as the vice-president on the website. R. Peiler stated that Oink Oink is a sanctuary pig farm and is not her employer.
- After review the committee decided continue the case and have them send all bank statements and the general ledgers 2014-2017 from Kiddie Corner, owner, Ms. Bustamante, Ms. Piedra, Rudy Piedra , Oink Oink, etc. These documents will be reviewed by ELC board counsel and staff.
  - Motion to approve by S. Fagundo.
  - Motion seconded by A. Rodriguez.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.

**V. Public Comments**

**Rick Beasley**

**VI. Adjourn**

**Rick Beasley**