ELC Provider Services Committee Meeting
September 29th, 2015, 2:30 p.m.
ELC Board Room

I. Welcome & Introductions
   Rick Beasley

II. Approval of Minutes
   Rick Beasley

   A. Motion to approve August 25th, 2015, Providers Services Committee Meeting
      Minutes and September 11th, 2015 Review Hearing Committee Meeting.

III. ELC Review Hearing Committee

   A. Little Angels Christian Academy
      Natalie Cabrera

IV. Public Comments
   Rick Beasley

V. Adjourn
   Rick Beasley

Mission: To promote high-quality school readiness, voluntary pre-kindergarten and after school programs, thus
increasing all children’s chances of achieving future educational success and becoming productive members of society.
The Coalition seeks to further the physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs of Miami-Dade and Monroe County
children with a priority toward the ages before birth through age 5.
Provider Services Committee Meeting
August 25th, 2015; 2:30 PM
ELC Board Room

Committee Attendees: Shaleen Fagundo; Abilio Rodriguez; Mara Zapata, Rick Beasley, Helene Good

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Lisa Sanabria; Lisney Badillo; Jackye Russell; Michelle Meilan; Cindy Lozada, Angela Gil, Angelo Parrino; Natalie Cabrera; Ana Rodriguez; Sandra Gonzalez

General Attendees: John Ervin (via conference call), Rocka Malik, Lucia Echevarria, Claudia Uribe-Orrett, Marcia Carty, Shelia Dudley

I. Welcome and Introductions  Rick Beasley

II. Approval of Minutes  Rick Beasley
   - Motion to approve by H. Good.
   - Motion seconded by A. Rodriguez.
   - Motion was unanimously passed.

III. Little Language Academy  Rick Beasley
   - Notice of termination was sent due to non-compliance with the Florida Office of Early Learning (OEL) VPK education program pre- and post-assessment requirements. Ms. Malik claimed the assessments were completed properly. Committee decided to table the item and requested Ms. Malik to bring in the evidence the following day. Case will be heard at the next review hearing committee meeting.

IV. All My Sweet Kids Day Care Center  Rick Beasley
   - Notice of termination was sent due to the provider receiving 2 class 1 violations and 10 class 2 violations. The class 1 violation were due to lack of supervision:
     - Two infants were in cribs in a classroom and the door was closed and no teacher present.
     - Child found in classroom adjacent to infant room sleeping in a bouncy chair with no teacher present.
     - Child cut another child’s hair with scissors when no teacher was present.
Two year old was left sleeping in a high chair in a closed separate room by himself.

- The Hearing Committee’s is recommending to terminate contract for a period of 5 years.
  - Motion to approve by A. Rodriguez
  - Motion seconded by H. Good.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.

V. Cherry Blossom Learning Center

- Notice of corrective action was sent due to the provider receiving 3 class 2 violations. Ms. Uribe-Orrett signed the corrective action plan and has implemented a new procedure so this does not occur again. Violations were as follows:
  - Documentation of level 2 screening missing
  - Background screening and personnel file requirements missing from employee file
  - Verification of employment history for the past 2 years not on file for the employee

- The Hearing Committee is accepting the corrective action plan.
  - Motion to approve by H. Good
  - Motion seconded by M. Zapata
  - Motion was unanimously passed.

VI. Duhart’s Day Care Center

- Notice of termination was sent due to the provider receiving 2 class 1 violations and 7 class 2 violations. Violations were as follows:
  - Class 1 –
    - area of the facility was observed to be a serious health hazard to children
    - a method of discipline that was severe, humiliating or frightening was used
  - Class 2 –
    - Ratio 1 staff member/11 children
    - Fencing around play area was not the required 4 feet
    - Cribs did not meet current federal guidelines
    - Play equipment unsafe
    - No resilient surface beneath fall zone
    - Level 2 documentation missing for staff

- The Hearing Committee’s is recommending to terminate contract for a period of 5 years.
o  Motion to approve by A. Rodriguez
o  Motion seconded by S. Fagundo
o  Motion was unanimously passed.

VII. Room 2 Bloom

- Notice of corrective action was sent due to the provider receiving a class 1 violation. Ms. Dudley signed the corrective action plan and has implemented a new procedure so this does not occur again. Violation was as follows:
  o  A child was not adequately supervised and left facility premises without knowledge or awareness of staff

- The Hearing Committee is accepting the corrective action plan.

  o  Motion to approve by A. Rodriguez
  o  Motion seconded by H. Good
  o  Motion was unanimously passed.

VIII. Adjourn Review Hearing Committee

IX. Commence Provider Services Committee Meeting

  I. Non-licensed Enrichment Centers
     o  No changes were made to our current policy
Review Hearing Committee Meeting  
September 11th, 2015; 2:30 PM  
ELC Board Room

Committee Attendees: Shaleen Fagundo; Mara Zapata, Rick Beasley, Helene Good (via conference call)

Absentee Member: Abilio Rodriguez

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Lisa Sanabria; Lisney Badillo; Jackye Russell; Michelle Meilan; Cindy Lozada, Yesenia Reyes, Angelo Parrino; Natalie Cabrera; Ana Rodriguez; Sandra Gonzalez

General Attendees: Santiago Echemendia, Rocka Malik

I. Welcome and Introductions  
   Rick Beasley

II. Little Language Academy  
   Rick Beasley

• On August 18, 2014 Little Language Academy entered into contract with the Early Learning Coalition of Miami Dade/Monroe. As per Rule 6M-8.620 Voluntary Prekindergarten Pre- and Post-Assessments, Florida Administrative Code, which addresses deadlines and compliance with the VPK pre- and post-assessments, Little Language Academy was to submit data by June 19, 2015. The center passed their AP3 submission deadline and consequently, were locked out of the Bright Beginnings Online Reporting System.

• On June 22, 2015 Ms. Malik contacted the VPK Assessment Help Desk and they advised her to contact her Early Learning Coalition

• On April 20th, 2015 the Office of Early Learning sent a Memorandum stating any provider who had administered the assessment but did not submit VPK Assessment data would need to meet with a representative from their Early Learning Coalition in which the provider would need to produce each child's Child Response Folder indicating the administration date. If the requirements were met the Coalition would then submit the providers' information and upon receipt OEL would provide a short window to submit the data online by unlocking the individual's program.

• On June 26, 2015 I scheduled an appointment for Ms. Malik for June 30th, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. On June 30th I met with Ms. Malik. After reviewing the Children's Response folders it was found that eight response folders were blank and in four response folders the last assessment measure, Oral Language/Vocabulary, had not been administered. At that time I wrote the names of the
children who had not been assessed or had been partially assessed and informed Ms. Malik this information would be forwarded to the Office of Early Learning for their review. On July 13, 2015 the Office of Early Learning sent an email to Ms. Malik in which I was copied informing her that their findings indicated the center had not properly administered the VPK Assessment to all children enrolled in her program and as such they instructed the Coalition to remove the program from eligibility to offer the VPK program for five years.

- On July 21, 2015 the Coalition sent Ms. Malik a letter informing her that Little Language Academy would no longer be eligible to offer the VPK program for five years.

- On August 25, 2015 Ms. Malik appealed the decision and at that time she was asked to present the Children's Response booklets to the ELC on August 26th, 2015.

- After a review of the Children's response folders the following was found: The center did not use the most current edition of the VPK Assessment response booklets (2nd edition) and the response folders in question were all complete and the following was identified in some children's response folders.

- Student: [redacted] was enrolled in Class B. The assessment measure Oral Language/Vocabulary administration date for the last eight questions was on [redacted]. Class B's end date as reflected on the OEL VPK Form 11B was on May 11, 2015.

- As per the Administration deadlines provided by the Office of Early Learning Assessment Period 3 deadlines for a center with a non-traditional calendar is the last 30 days of the VPK classroom's schedule.

- The first 15 questions for this measure was administered on April 30th, 2015.

- As per the Florida VPK Assessment manual "you should always finish a measure once you have started it. Please do not stop in the middle of administering a measure. Children may take a short, stretch break in between assessment measures if needed."

- 2. Student: [redacted] was enrolled in Class A. The assessment Print Knowledge measure administration date was on [redacted]. Class A's end date as reflected on the OEL VPK Form 11B was on June 4, 2015.

- As per the Administration deadlines provided by the Office of Early Learning Assessment Period 3 deadlines for a center with a traditional calendar are the months of April and May.

- The assessment measure Oral Language/Vocabulary measure administration date for the last eight questions was on June 4, 2015. The child's attendance records submitted by the provider to the Coalition reflects that this child was absent on June 4, 2015.

- The first 15 questions for this measure was administered on April 30, 2015.
As per the Florida VPK Assessment manual "you should always finish a measure once you have started it. Please do not stop in the middle of administering a measure. Children may take a short, stretch break in between assessment measures if needed."

3. Student: [Redacted] was enrolled in Class B. The assessment Print Knowledge measure administration date was on [Redacted]. Class B’s end date as reflected on the OEL VPK Form 11B was on May 11, 2015.

As per the Administration deadlines provided by the Office of Early Learning Assessment Period 3 deadlines for a center with a non-traditional calendar is the last 30 days of the VPK classroom's schedule.

The assessment Oral Language/Vocabulary measure administration date was on May 14, 2015. Class B’s end date as reflected on the OEL VPK Form 11B was on May 11, 2015.

As per the Administration deadlines provided by the Office of Early Learning Assessment Period 3 deadlines for a center with a non-traditional calendar is the last 30 days of the VPK classroom's schedule.

The Hearing Committee’s is recommending to terminate contract for a period of 5 years.

- Motion to approve by S. Fagundo
- Motion seconded by M. Zapata
- Motion was unanimously passed.

III. Children’s Hour Day School

Rick Beasley

The following DCF licensing violations posed a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the children.

- Total Class 1 Violations: 2
  
  08/06/2014 - ST. 12 Child Discipline. A form of discipline used by staff was associated with food, rest and/or toileting.

  8/06/2014 – ST. 63 Access/Child Abuse or Neglect/Misrepresentation. 63-04 Child care personnel misrepresented information, impersonated or provided fraudulent information related to the child care facility to a parent/guardian, licensing authority, or law enforcement.

- Total Class 2 Violations: 13

- Total Class 3 Violations: 27

The Hearing Committee’s is recommending to vacate termination without prejudice.
Motion to approve by S. Fagundo
Motion seconded by M. Zapata
Motion was unanimously passed.

IV. Tutor Me Day Care

- 6/30/2015: Post Attendance Monitor and Fiscal Review Manager audited the learning facility. Upon review of two CCPP Parent Files the following were found:
  - According to the School Readiness documentations, parent [redacted] claims to have worked at the Learning Facility from January 2013 until March 2015. No background screening was ever done by the Provider on [redacted]. Falsified copy of a Local Record Screening was on file for parent [redacted].
  - Coalition's "Provider Contract Agreement" page 4 (12): General Health and Safety Provider agrees to provide a health and safety environment for children in care of pursuant to s. 402.311 and 435.11, F.S.

Final Determination, the case was reported to:

The Florida Office of Early Learning
The Department of Children and Family Services
The Department of Financial Services, Public Assistance Fraud

- 8/15/2015: Coalition's Contracts Department notified Loss Prevention of Director's Credentials that were sent by Provider for employee Niuris Gallego which did not seem original.

- 8/16/2015: Loss Prevention auditor personally picked up the copy of the documents from Provider Jenny Espinosa.

- 8/17/2015: Confirmed with DCF, Directors Credentials for Niuris Gallego are altered.

- 8/31/2015: Meet with Provider today to discuss the altered documents. Mrs. Espinosa (Owner) claims that Mrs. Gallegos does have the Director's Credentials, and that what she had on file were copies. Fiscal Review Manager Ana Rodriguez, told Mrs. Espinosa (Owner) that the Coalition would like to see the original copies of the Director's Credentials for Mrs. Gallegos. Or a letter from licensing stating that Mrs. Gallegos does have her credentials. Deadline date of 9/4/2015.

- 9/4/2015: Mrs. Espinosa (owner) along with Mrs. Gallegos came in at 10AM. Documents requested were not provided.

- The Hearing Committee’s is recommending to terminate contract for a period of 5 years.
  - Motion to approve by M. Zapata
  - Motion seconded by S. Fagundo
  - Motion was unanimously passed.
V. Future Leaders

- The licensing violations of June 5th, 2015 constitute a clear default of the terms and conditions of probation, wherein the provider agreed to not receive any Class I or Class II violations.

- The following DCF licensing violations posed a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the children.

- Total Class 2 Violations:
  
  o 06/05/2015- ST. 05Supervision rule One or more children were not adequately supervised in that [child was left alone in toddler classroom], which was anticipated as posing a threat to the health, safety or well-being of a child, but the threat was not imminent.

- The Hearing Committee’s is recommending to accept a corrective action plan.
  
  o Motion to approve by S. Fagundo
  o Motion seconded by M. Zapata
  o Motion was unanimously passed.

VI. Public Comments

VII. Adjourn
Early Learning Coalition Review Hearing Committee Meeting

September 29, 2015

Little Angels Christian Academy - C11MD01479

Action Requested: Based upon the notification from the Office of Early Learning, the Coalition recommends to not renew the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Contract and to terminate the current School Readiness Contract. The Coalition also recommends to revoke eligibility to deliver VPK and SR Programs for period of five (5) years.

Background

Little Angel’s Christian Academy

- Has been contracted since 2012 SR & VPK
- Center’s Capacity: 99
- 2015-2016 School Readiness Contract Active
- No Effective 2015-2016 VPK (Pending due to current Due Process Procedure)
- 17 Children Enrolled for SR
- Since September 2014 received approximately $50,881.49 from the Coalition.

Issues

- On August 14th 2015 the Coalition received notification from the Office of Early Learning stating that Provider had been placed on the USDA Disqualified list.
Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any typos.

Lisney Badillo, Director of Contracts and Procurement
LBadillo@elcmdm.org | tel: 786-385-9912

Begin forwarded message:

From: Evelio Torres <etorres@elcmdm.org>
Date: August 17, 2015 at 9:16:26 AM EDT
To: Lisney Badillo <LBadillo@elcmdm.org>
Subject: FW: USDA Disqualified List

Please see below – thank you, Teri

From: Rodney J. MacKinnon- Executive Director [mailto:Rodney.Mackinnon2@oel.myflorida.com]
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 4:44 PM
To: Evelio Torres <etorres@elcmdm.org>
Cc: Angelo Parrino <aparrino@elcmdm.org>
Subject: USDA Disqualified List

Good afternoon Evelio,

The following provider from your coalition has recently been placed on the USDA Disqualified List. Therefore, under Section 1002.91(7), Florida Statutes, these providers are no longer eligible to deliver the School Readiness and VPK programs, nor can your coalition contract with any business entity having these individuals as owners, officer, or corporate directors:

- Little Angels Christian Academy, Inc., Gwendolyn Parker-Neptune and Rebecca Ewings, at 13720 NW 22nd Avenue in Opa Locka.

Please allow enough time before termination of their contract to ensure continuity of care, up to thirty days.
Please Note: Florida has a very broad public records law. Most written communications to or from state officials regarding state business are public records available to the public and media upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.
August 19, 2015

Gwendolyn Parker
Little Angels Christian Academy INC.
Little Angel’s Christian Academy. C11MD1479
13720 NW 22nd Ave
Opa-Locka, FL 33054

Subject: Notice of Termination
      School Readiness Contract (FY 2015-2016)
      Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (FY 2015-2016)

Dear Provider,

As per s.1002.91 (7),F.S The early learning coalition may not contract with a school readiness program provider or a Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program provider who is on the United States Department of Agriculture National Disqualified List. In addition, the coalition may not contract with any provider that shares an officer or director with a provider that is on the United States Department of Agriculture National Disqualified List.

We received notice from the Office of Early Learning that the President of your corporation has been placed on the USDA Disqualified List. Therefore, the provider Little Angel’s Academy is no longer eligible to deliver SR and VPK Services.

Pursuant to Section 63 (e) of the School Readiness Contract and Section 57 (d) of the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Contract as a provider you agree that if PROVIDER is placed on the United States Department of Agriculture National Disqualified List, the coalition must terminate this contract for cause in accordance with s. 1002.91(7), F.S.

Based upon receiving notification from the Office of Early Learning, the Coalition has decided to not renew VPK Contract and terminate your SR Contract effective September 19th 2015. You are also notified of Coalition’s intent to revoke your eligibility to deliver SR and VPK program services for a period of five (5) years.

Section 57 (a); (d), SR Contract –Termination for Cause.

a. Basis of Termination for Cause
Provider agrees that COALITION has the right to terminate this Contract for cause at any time. The following are grounds for termination for cause: (d) Reasonable or probable cause for Coalition to suspect that fraud has been committed by PROVIDER as described in paragraph 63

Revocation of Eligibility:

a. Revocation of Eligibility Section 59 SR Contract and Section 54 VPK Contract
“If PROVIDER’s Contract is terminated for cause, COALITION may revoke PROVIDER’s eligibility to deliver the school readiness program for a period of five (5) years...”
Please be aware that this decision is preliminary and you have an opportunity to request a review hearing of the Coalition’s determination as described in the SR Contract at Section 64 and Exhibit 5: Due Process Procedure. You must respond in writing requesting a review hearing within five (5) business days with copies of documentation supporting your claim and copy of this letter. The deadline for the Coalition to receive your response is **August 26th, 2015**.

The Request for a hearing must be submitted in written form: electronic to [RequestReview@elcmdm.org](mailto:RequestReview@elcmdm.org) or by mail to the Early Learning Coalition.

If you have any questions related to the SR Contract, please contact your provider relationship manager:

Natalie Cabrera,
[N Cabrera@elcmdm.org](mailto:N Cabrera@elcmdm.org)
Phone number: 305-646-7220 ext 357

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Angelo Parrino
Senior VP & Chief Administrative Officer

CC:
Jose Hernandez, Director of Provider Payments
Mercy Castiglione, Controller
Jackye Russell, Chief of Program Policy & Community Relations
Lisney Badillo, Director of Contracts and Procurement
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