Provider Services Committee Meeting
September 27, 2018; 2:00 PM
ELC Board Room

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

Absent Committee Member:

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino; Jackye Russell; Lisa Sanabria; Fiorella Altare; Lisney Badillo; Sandra Gonzalez; Ileana Vallejo; Miguel Alfonso; Vanessa Aguilar; Amy Tongson; Leigh Peabody

General Attendees: Bob de la Fuente; Fitzroy Carter; Rene Elis; Robyn Pearlman

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes

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

III. The Rising Star Academy

   B. de la Fuente stated that The Rising Star Academy - The Provider is currently on a Corrective Action Plan (CAP), and has received a class 2 Violation in the same standards for ratio.

   F. Carter owner of the childcare center stated that the center has been opened for open 2 years so he is a fairly new owner and had the director running the school. F. Carter stated that he relied on the director’s expertise and was not aware of the CAP. F. Carter stated that he was having problems with director as she was creating a hostile environment, due to this two staff member quit the Thursday before the inspection. He had two volunteers present but they did not count for ratio. F. Carter stated that due to this he is now working towards accreditation, is at the center daily and has hired a staffing agency to cover if teacher calls out.

   After reviewing all documents and hearing the providers’ testimony the committee decided to extended the Corrective Action Plan. During this CAP the provider cannot receive any class 1 or 2 violation or they will be terminated without a chance to appeal.

       o Motion to approve by A. Rodriguez.
       o Motion seconded by L. Chant.
       o Motion was unanimously passed.
IV. Babyville Preschool Learning Center

- B. de la Fuente stated that Babyville Preschool Learning Center - Provider received 3 class 1 violations in different standards, Discipline method Used was Cruel, Harsh, or Unusual, Toxins/Chemicals/Cleaning Supplies-Child Interacted and Licensed Capacity Exceeded.

- R. Elis owner of the childcare center stated that the child involved in this incident has social emotional problems and she assumed child had hurt herself and not that the teacher had hurt her until she saw the video. The teacher involved in this incident was fired immediately. R. Elis stated that they were not under contract with Miami Dade ELC at the time of the incident. R. Elis stated that the reason they were over ratio was due to her child being there which does not attend the childcare center.

- After reviewing all documents and hearing the providers’ testimony the committee decided to place the provider on a Corrective Action Plan. This CAP requires that there must be teacher training for prevention of abuse and neglect and for educating children with disabilities. During this CAP the provider cannot receive any class 1 or 2 violation or they will be terminated without a chance to appeal.
  - Motion to approve by L. Chant.
  - Motion seconded by A. Rodriguez.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.

V. Sheyes of Miami

- B. de la Fuente stated that Sheyes of Miami had submitted evidence but the ELC staff had not had sufficient time to review it so they will attend the October 10th meeting.

VI. Business Leadership Institute

- R. Pearlman gave a brief presentation on the Business Leadership Institute:
  - Offers a business development curriculum to early learning child care entrepreneurs and operators of these social enterprises.

VII. Public Comments

VIII. Adjourned