ELC Provider Services Committee Meeting
March 26, 2019 2:00 p.m.
415-655-0003 meeting 733 765 851#

I. Welcome & Introductions                   Rick Beasley
II. Approval of Minutes                      Rick Beasley
     A. Motion to approve February 27, 2020 Minutes.
III. Grace Christian Preparatory             Bob de la Fuente
IV. Greater Love Primary Learning Center     Bob de la Fuente
V. Learning Playhouse Academy                Bob de la Fuente
VI. Garden of Light Academy                  Bob de la Fuente
VII. Public Comments                         Rick Beasley
VIII. 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
February 27, 2020; 2:00 PM
ELC Board Room

Committee Attendees: Rick Beasley, Loreen Chant, Abilio Rodriguez

Absent Committee Member: Jenni Roig

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino; Lisa Sanabria; Ileana Vallejo; Vanessa Aguilera; Jackye Russell; Amy Tongson; Miguel Alfonso; Josh Garcia; Lisney Badillo; Sandra Gonzalez; Iliana Vazquez; Paloma Lopez-Barcena; Fred Hicks; Ayleen Gonzalez

General Attendees: Bob de la Fuente; Pastor Kelly; Sandra Ibanez; Laura Jennings; T. Diaz

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes

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

III. Informational Items

   • Provider Insurance Limits
     o B. de la Fuente stated that he had spoken to OEL and they stated the ELC could not make changes to the insurance limits because the coverage amounts were in statute.

IV. St. Justin Martyr Pre-School

   • B. de la Fuente stated that St. Justin Martyr Pre-School received two class II licensing violations while under a Corrective Action Plan.
Pastor Kelly stated that the violation occurred because one outlet was not immediately covered after use and the cause of the second violation was because of a wooden play set which was removed immediately. The Director comes in two – three times a week but are looking for a full time.

R. Beasley stated that they could not minimize the fact that the outlet cover was left uncovered because a child could have been electrocuted. L. Jennings stated that they did not mean to minimize the incident. E. Torres asked if there was someone currently going over the Health and safety checklist? T. Diaz have a checklist now and go through every room and playground every morning. Rick checklist should be checking when transition occurs. Pastor there are new DCF guidelines that require checks and signature.

After reviewing all documents and hearing the providers’ testimony, the committee, voted to continue the current CAP from September 26, 2019 until September 26, 2020. The CAP shall include the following terms:

1. Submitting Health & Safety daily checklist and implementation in operational routine;
2. Submitting evidence showing that St. Justin Martyr Pre-School has contacted DCF to provide technical assistance in efforts to avoid these violations from occurring in the future;
3. Reaching out to St James Children’s Center to get pointers;
4. St. Justin Martyr Pre-School agrees that if during the CAP period not to receive any violations of any terms or conditions of the SR/VPK contracts, or receives any class 1 or 3 class 2 DCF licensing violations under the same standard.

Motion to approve by L. Chant.
Motion seconded by R. Beasley.
A. Rodriguez recused himself.
Motion unanimously passed.

Toddler Tech of Miramar

B. de la Fuente stated that Toddler Tech of Miramar received a class 1 violation for being out of ratio.

The provider did not attend the committee meeting. The committee voted to terminate the contract and revoke eligibility for five years.

Motion to approve by L. Chant.
Motion seconded by A. Rodriguez.
Motion unanimously passed.
VI. Patty Cake Academy

- B. de la Fuente stated that Patty Cake Academy received three class I violations for ratio, three class II violations for the outdoor play space and on November 18 a compliant was made alleging that a teacher was intoxicated, Hollywood Police was dispatched and the teacher admitted to drinking on the job.

- S. Ibanez stated that on the day of the DCF inspection teacher had left the classroom to change a diaper and hence received a violation. The teacher that was caught drinking had great recommendation she was depressed due to personal matter but never saw anything strange, she is still eligible to work as seen on the DCF website. As far as the playground, all areas of concern have been fixed.

- After reviewing all documents and hearing the providers’ testimony, the committee, voted to terminate the contract and revoke eligibility for five years.
  
  - Motion to approve by L. Chant.
  - Motion seconded by A. Rodriguez.
  - Motion unanimously passed.

VII. Public Comments

VIII. Adjourn
Early Learning Coalition Review Hearing Committee
March 26, 2020
Grace Christian Preparatory- X11MD0044
420 NW 5th Ave, Florida City, FL 33034

Action Requested: The Executive Leadership Team recommends termination of the SR and VPK Contracts for the 2019-2020 FY and revocation of eligibility for a period of five (5) years subject to provider testimony and verification of supporting documentation submitted by provider.

Background

Grace Christian Preparatory
- License Capacity: 23
- Care Level offered: 3 Months to 12 Years
- Approximate Children enrolled for SR: 7
- Approximate Children enrolled for VPK: 6
- Approximate number of providers within the same zip code offering the same services: 17
- Accreditations/Gold Seal: Florida League of Christian Schools/ No Gold Seal
- Provider has offered services approximately since: 2015
- 2018-2019 Approximate reimbursements: $115,698.18

Issues

Gap in Liability Insurance
- Provider’s liability policy was due to expire 1/25/2020.
- During an internal audit on 01/24/2020, Luis Olivas, Quality Assurance Specialist, contacted the insurance company Kirstein Insurance Services and spoke to Insurance Agent Maria Montante. Ms. Montante confirmed the Provider’s policy was canceled on 5/27/2019 due to non-payment of premium.
- On 01/27/2020 Diamond Landers, Office Manager provided clarification advising cancellation was sent to the Provider on 05/24/2019 via USPS mail from the finance carrier with effective date: 05/27/2019. Ms. Landers advised “Unfortunately during this time our system had an update failure which resulted in the policy not reflecting as cancelled”.
- On 1/28/2020, the Provider submitted the renewed liability policy. Provider has a gap from 5/27/2019-1/28/2020

Comments:
- The Providers School Readiness (“SR”) Contract was effective 7/1/2019 and the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (“VPK”) Contract was effective 8/19/2019.
Action Requested: The Executive Leadership Team recommends termination of the SR, VPK and QIS Contracts for the 2019-2020 FY and revocation of eligibility for a period of five (5) years subject to provider testimony and verification of supporting documentation submitted by provider.

Background

Greater Love Full Gospel Baptist Church

- License Capacity: 51
- Care Level offered: 3 months to 15 Years
- Approximate Children enrolled for SR: 40
- Approximate Children enrolled for VPK: 16
- Number of providers within the same zip code offering the same services: 20
- Accreditations/Gold Seal: Green Apple Accreditation of Children's Services/ No Gold Seal.
- Provider has offered services approximately since: 2008

Issues

Cancellation of General Liability Policy

On 8/5/2019, the Provider was presented to ELT for a gap in Religious Exemption Licensure. The decision was to place the Provider on a Corrective Action Plan ("CAP"). The CAP term began 8/27/2019 and ended 2/27/2020.

- Provider’s liability policy was due to expire 2/14/2020.
- On 1/27/2020, Luis Olivas, Quality Assurance Specialist, contacted the insurance company Nolan Jackson, Jr. & Associates, Inc. and spoke to Insurance Agent Nolan Jackson, Jr. Mr. Jackson confirmed the policy was cancelled on 12/15/2019 due to non-payment of premium.

Comments:

- The Provider’s School Readiness ("SR") Contract was effective 7/3/2019 and the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten ("VPK") Contract was effective 8/19/2019.

Continued on page 2
Continued from page 1

- On 2/21/2019, the Provider was monitored for VPK and was found non-compliant for teacher information.

- The provider was previously on a CAP due to failure to complete a Health & Safety Inspection with the Department of Children & Families. The CAP term began 8/23/2018 and ended 9/14/2018.

- The provider has not had any other previous Cap’s, terms, or non-compliances.
Action Requested: The Executive Leadership Team recommends termination of the SR and VPK Contracts for the 2019-2020 FY and revocation of eligibility for a period of five (5) years subject to provider testimony and verification of supporting documentation submitted by provider.

Learning Playhouse Academy, Inc.

- License Capacity: 46
- Care Level offered: 3 Months to 12 Years Old
- Approximate Children enrolled for SR: 4
- Approximate Children enrolled for VPK: 4
- Approximate Number of providers within the same zip code offering the same services: 9
- Accreditations/Gold Seal: N/A
- Provider has offered services approximately since: 2018
- 2018-2019 Approximate reimbursements: $6,388.53

Issues

Gap in General Liability Policy

- The original liability policy dates are 6/12/2019-6/12/2020 with Capital Specialty Insurance Corporation.
- On 10/28/2019, Ayleen Gonzalez, Contract Manager notified via email Excellence Insurance, LLC of the change in the Coalition’s suite number to be changed on the certificate of insurance.
- On 11/01/2019 Sandra Pitti, Insurance Agent confirmed via email, Provider Learning Playhouse Academy has always paid policy on automatic payments. However, “due to a misunderstanding, the policy was not set up in automatic payments with the finance institute, causing a lapse for the month of August”.

Comments:

- Provider has no prior CAP’s, terms, or non-compliances.
- The Provider’s 2019-2020 School Readiness (“SR”) Contract was effective 7/1/2019 and the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (“VPK”) Contract was effective 8/19/2019.
Action Requested: The Executive Leadership Team recommends termination of the SR, VPK and QIS Contracts for the 2019-2020 FY and revocation of eligibility for a period of five (5) years subject to provider testimony and verification of supporting documentation submitted by provider.

Background

Garden of Light Academy, Inc.
- License Capacity: 55
- Care Level offered: 2 months to 13 Years
- Approximate Children enrolled for SR: 20
- Approximate Children enrolled for VPK: 8
- Approximate Number of providers within the same zip code offering the same services: 17
- Provider has offered services approximately since: 2009
- 2018-2019 Approximate reimbursements: $149,309.10

Issues

Gap in Liability Insurance
- Provider’s liability policy was due to expire 4/25/2020.
- During an internal audit on 01/23/2020, Luis Olivas, Quality Assurance Specialist, contacted the insurance company, Eagle Insurance Agency; and spoke to Insurance Agent Trace Cox. Ms. Cox confirmed the policy was canceled on 10/15/2019 due to non-payment of premium.

Comments:
- 2019-2020 School Readiness (“SR”) contract was commenced on 7/1/2019 and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (“VPK”) Contract commenced on 8/19/2019. The SR Contract with Early Learning Coalition of Broward commenced on 7/1/2019 and the Provider is in good standing.
- On 10/9/2019, The Provider was monitored for SR and was non-compliant in providing confidentiality agreement for staff sampled.
- The Provider has not had any previous CAP’s and terminations.