



**Quality & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2008 4:00 p.m.
15506 County Line Road, Suite 104
Spring Hill, FL 34610**

Quality Committee Members Present: Dr. Steven Kanakis (Chair), Beth Rawls, Joe Mascaro, Sister Roberta Bailey, Lydia Pinkowski, Jim Cook

Committee Members Excused: No absences

Finance Committee Members Present: Jim Cook (Chair), Elizabeth Callaghan, Dr. Burt Harres

Committee Members Excused: Nicole Miller, Curt Bromund

Coalition Staff Present: Jim Farrelly, Nicole Flechas, Betsy Kier, Maryrose Wersan, Pattie Eacobacci, Angela Westmoreland

Others Present: Tom Scheffey, Colleen Wolfe, Theresa Miara, Kelly Miller, Kim Bradford

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Dr. Steven Kanakis, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. All members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Presentation of Proposed 2008-2009 Quality Spending Plan Ms. Nicole Flechas, Quality Manager

Quality Manager, Ms. Nicole Flechas presented the 2008-2009 Proposed Quality Budget (attached).

Executive Director, Mr. Jim Farrelly summarized the details of the budget with the following statements:

- 1. The Quality budget for 2008-2009 is dramatically different from that expended and approved for 2007-2008.**
- 2. The budget is “Provider/Child/Parent-Centered,” rather than being Coalition/Contractor/Consultant-centered.**
- 3. No “GIVEAWAYS” are included in the recommended budget. All expenditures are investment or shared-based.**
- 4. The budget is characterized by investment in enhanced Provider Quality.**

5. Provider-direct opportunities include the following:
- A. First Annual Early Learning Conference: minimum provider cost/major return
 - B. Shared cost CDA Certificate Training for Provider employees
 - C. Training towards accreditation, leading to Gold Seal payment status
 - D. Shared provider costs of attaining Accreditation/Gold Seal
 - E. Loan of substantial items via Mobile Outreach
 - F. Coalition will directly issue Continuing Education Units (CEU)
 - G. Shared cost for Provider adoption of an approved curriculum
 - H. Financial incentives for provider startups in disaffected areas

III. Questions and Discussion:

Board Member, Elizabeth Callaghan, asked if Mr. Farrelly thinks that Providers will take advantage of the trainings that will be available to them should this budget be approved. Mr. Farrelly reported that there has been an overwhelming response from Providers in need of training over the last few months. Ms. Flechas added that part of this success is due to the fact that Providers are receiving the types of trainings which they have indicated a need for. Discussion ensued regarding Continuing Education Units.

IV. Public Input

Colleen Wolfe of Sugar Plum Child Care Center asked if there would be a cost for trainings. Ms. Flechas indicated that there would be a minimal fee.

Adjournment

Mr. Farrelly added that the Proposed 2008-2009 Quality Spending Plan will be updated and presented at the Board meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2008. Without further discussion this meeting adjourned at approximately 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
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