



PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 16, 2014, 8:30 a.m.
15506 County Line Road, Suite 103
Spring Hill, FL 34610

Committee Members Present: None

Committee Members Present via Phone: Angela Porterfield, Chair; Josh Kelly, Jean Rags

Committee Members Excused: None

Committee Members Unexcused: Marsha Carpenter, Diane Rowden

Coalition Staff Present: Kim Borrego, Jim Farrelly, Jak Jakubauskas

Others Present: None

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Ms. Porterfield called the Program Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed Committee members. Introductions were made.

II. Review/Adoption of Draft Minutes from May 14, 2014

Ms. Porterfield requested a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2014 meeting. Ms. Rags so moved and Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor with no abstentions and the motion carried.

III. Discussion, Centers Below and Above Monitoring Standards

Ms. Borrego reported on the following assessments:

- Kids R Kids Boyette – minimum requirements were met;
- Sugar Plum – minimum requirements were met;
- Kids R Kids Collier – minimum requirements were met;
- Stepping Stones Preschool – provider is not using a Coalition approved curriculum and Curriculum Specialist has made contact to provide technical assistance. Provider's timeline is 30 days from June 16 to make a decision on a curriculum. Ms. Borrego explained that if the provider continues to be out of compliance they will be in breach of contract and the Committee will then decide whether or not to proceed with contract termination.
- FL Hospital Zephyrhills – follow up due after July 30;
- Kids R Kids – did not meet minimum requirements – as of 7/1/14 has decided to no longer offer the School Readiness program;

- Bright Beginnings Too – did not meet minimum requirements – as of 6/30/14 has decided to no longer offer the School Readiness program. A brief discussion followed on why these centers decided to opt out of their contracts.
- ZFN – follow up due after August 8;
- Dragonflies & Fairytales – CAP is due today;
- Early Achievers Academy – follow up is due after July 23;
- La Petite Academy 54 – follow up is due after July 23;
- Sunshine Kids Academy – follow up is due after July 28;
- Creative Steps Preschool – follow up is due after August 7;
- Beacon Community – follow up is due after July 28.

Ms. Borrego stated that an additional forty-four (44) centers were assessed and scored 87% or higher. She also reported that the third round of CLASS assessments, totaling thirteen (13) have been performed. She explained these assessments are based on the same teacher being in the classroom and thirteen (13) out of the original forty (40) classrooms maintained the same teacher. A full summary on CLASS assessments will be presented at the next Program Committee meeting.

Ms. Porterfield inquired if this was typical and Ms. Borrego stated that turnover does occur and will affect the CLASS assessments in the third round.

IV. Update, Progress on QRIS Development

Ms. Borrego explained the (attached) information had been emailed to the Committee for their review and does include questions posed by the Committee as well as the Board. She also explained that even though nine (9) Coalitions have implemented QRIS, one Coalition has a different focus so their feedback is not being included.

Ms. Borrego reported that the Steering Committee has met twice to begin developing “our” QRIS and will invite providers who are currently participating in other Coalition’s QRIS to the next Steering Committee meeting for their input. Ms. Borrego explained that she will be attending a national QRIS meeting next week.

Ms. Porterfield inquired if each standard will carry the same weight. Ms. Borrego explained that some standards will be weighted more heavily, but no points or percentages have been assigned as of yet.

Mr. Farrelly stated the standards will be reviewed by the full Board after they have been reviewed by the Coalition’s providers. The providers will have an opportunity to provide comments, input, etc.

Ms. Porterfield advised the Committee to review the QRIS information and to contact staff if they had further questions or suggestions.

V. Update, School Readiness Approved Curriculum List

Ms. Borrego explained the (attached) document had also been emailed to the Committee for review and consists of the state’s forty-six (46) newly approved curricula. Each curriculum had to align itself with the state standards. Four (4) curricula utilized by Coalition providers are no longer on the list and the providers utilizing those curricula are in the processing of choosing a different curriculum. The Curriculum Specialist is scheduling trainings on several of the curricula.

VI. Public Input

Ms. Borrego reminded the Committee that Preschool Palooza is scheduled for Saturday, August 2nd at the Jerome Brown Center in Brooksville and Mr. Tommy will perform. Mr. Farrelly will include a flyer on this event in this month’s “Bits N Pieces” newsletter to the Board.

The annual Conference will take place on Saturday, October 25th at Bishop McLaughlin, all presenters have been approved, and registration is scheduled to begin on August 5th. Due to popular demand, Mr. Jeff Johnson is being brought back as the keynote speaker.

VII. Next Meeting Date – September 17, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Ms. Porterfield explained the Pasco School Board will meet on this date and requested the Committee look at either September 10 or September 24 as the next meeting date. Both Ms. Rags and Mr. Kelly agreed that September 10 would accommodate their schedules. Mr. Farrelly requested that Ms. Jakubauskas send a doodle.com to the entire Committee to determine a new date for the next meeting.

Mr. Farrelly reminded the Committee that the full Board will meet on Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Ms. Porterfield requested a motion to adjourn. Ms. Rags so moved and this meeting of the Program Committee was adjourned at 8:50 a.m. without further discussion.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ramute “Jak” Jakubauskas
Administrative Assistant