

DRAFT Program Committee Meeting Minutes August 14, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 15506 County Line Road, Suite 104 Spring Hill, FL 34610

Coalition Members Present: Curt Bromund, Barbara Renczkowski

Coalition Members Excused: Blake Harding

Coalition Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lenore Zulauf, Debbie Thomas, LuAnn LaCava

Others Present: Carol Eurton, David McCollister, Michelle Faile,

Lenore Zulauf called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. All members introduced themselves.

The following information was discussed and reviewed during this meeting:

VPK Improvement Plan Process

Debbie Thomas opened with remarks regarding the 2005-2006 year of VPK. She explained that children who went into the public as well as the private schools were assessed within thirty days. She explained that after scores were tallied, Pasco/Hernando finished in the top of the second highest quartile.

Debbie continued by saying that she and LuAnn had put together a grant application for the low performing providers. She reported that they qualified for the minimum grant amount of \$5,000. To date they have received \$1,250.00 and once they show they have spent it, they will receive the rest of the funds. Debbie stated that she and LuAnn have decided to use this grant towards Early Language and Literacy Observation Tool Kits. She described how they would use these kits to determine what areas Pre-K children needed to be strengthened.

Debbie added that she and LuAnn are joining forces with other Coalition Staff who are working on performing training for the Developmental Continuum for Creative Curriculum. Debbie explained that this training will be geared toward at-risk children. Any centers who receive equipment as a result of this grant will be trained properly in how to use it effectively. Debbie stressed that much coaching will be done and that Coalition Staff members would be visiting these centers on a monthly basis. Debbie continued with requirements for centers who would be receiving the benefits of the Early Language and Literacy Observation Tool Kits.

Lenore Zulauf directed the committee toward their packets to examine the VPK Monitoring Reports for last year. She explained that they had received a monitoring

grant last year and were again awarded the grant for this year. Discussion ensued regarding the monitoring grant.

Future Meeting Schedule

The next meeting was scheduled for October 16, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. located at the Coalition's Office.

Without any further discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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