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**Quality Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**March 14, 2007, 9:00 a.m.**  
**15506 County Line Road, Suite 104**  
**Spring Hill, FL 34610**

**Committee Members Present: Jim Cook, Maria Crosby, Denise Gill, Irvin Homer, Lydia Pinkowski, Toni Watkins (via telephone conference)**

**Committee Members Excused: Lourdes Benedict, Steven Kanakis, Elaine Wooten, Sister Roberta Bailey**

**Staff Present: Jo-Ann Kay Fuller, Debbie Antioco**

**Others Present: None**

Jim Cook called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. All members introduced themselves. Jim Cook announced that he will not continue to be Chair of the Quality Committee; however, he will continue to serve on the Committee until a nomination for Chair is approved.

The following information was discussed and reviewed during this meeting:

Review of Quality Initiatives Budget

Jo-Ann Kay Fuller and Debbie Antioco presented the Quality Initiatives budget as of March 13, 2007. This budget reflected the reallocation of Quality Initiatives for Hernando to offset the direct service deficit within that county. The Finance Committee will be meeting on March 19, 2007 to further review the Quality Initiatives budget.

The Coalition is waiting an approval or disapproval from the Agency for Workforce Innovation regarding the infant/toddler increases for Pasco County.

Jo-Ann mentioned that \$14,400 has been allocated for eight T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships with the Children's Forum for Pasco County providers.

Regarding health screenings, Jo-Ann mentioned that Connie Porter, Coalition VPK Specialist, has been researching clinics to provide dental screenings. Jo-Ann would like to pursue a collaborative partnership with Pasco Hernando Community College for dental health screenings for those children needing extractions and excessive dental work.

### Inclusion Behavioral Specialist

Jo-Ann presented to the committee the resume for a potential Inclusion Behavior Specialist for Pasco County. The committee reviewed the resume and job description submitted. Discussion regarding whether Coalition should contract, hire directly as full-time employee, or Central Agency full-time employee ensued. Salary and benefits were also presented and the committee further discussed. A direct comparison of this position as an independent contractor and/or a Coalition direct-hire employee was evaluated. The committee recommended Jo-Ann negotiate an offer to the Central Agency for \$50,000 to employ this person.

Discussion followed regarding detailed outcomes with families and children services. Jo-Ann mentioned that she will be contacting Sheila Chambers and Anne McHugh to make a presentation during the next Board Meeting regarding inclusion services.

### Central Agency Mini-Grants

Jo-Ann announced that the Coalition amended the contract with Central Agency for \$33,500 to provide mini-grants for Pasco County child care providers. Committee members reviewed the mini-grant application letter and guidelines that are prepared for mailing on March 19, 2007.

### Future Meetings Schedule

The next two Quality Initiative Meetings are scheduled for May 2, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. and on June 6, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Connie Porter, Coalition's VPK Specialist II, will be making a Creative Curriculum pre/post presentation during the June Committee meeting.

Without any further discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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