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**Quality Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**May 18, 2007, 9:00 a.m.**  
**15506 County Line Road, Suite 104**  
**Spring Hill, FL 34610**

**Coalition Members Present: Sister Roberta Bailey, Jim Cook, Maria Crosby, Denise Gill, Irvin Homer, Lydia Pinkowski, Toni Watkins, Patricia Wiseman, Elaine Wooten**

**Coalition Members Excused: Steven Kanakis**

**Coalition Staff Present: Debbie Antioco, Maryrose Wersan, Lenore Zulauf**

**Others Present: Norma Donatiello, Monique McLaughlin, Maureen Gilbertson, Colleen Wolfe, Theresa Miara**

Jim Cook (in the absence of Steven Kanakis) called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. All members introduced themselves.

The following information was discussed and reviewed during this meeting:

Surplus Slot Dollars

Debbie Antioco, Fiscal Manager, presented the Projected Pasco Direct Services Surplus Spending worksheet. Debbie explained one of the main factors contributing to the large School Readiness surplus is the increased VPK enrollment in Pasco County. In addition, Debbie explained the allocation of the surplus within the specific line items noting a remaining balance of zero. Discussion ensued regarding spending the dollars on various quality initiative items as noted on the worksheet. Jim Cook requested a consensus vote to approve the specific quality initiative items listed. The Committee reached a unanimous vote to approve these items and report their recommendation to the Finance Committee at their next meeting scheduled for May 22, 2007.

Quality Initiatives Budget

Debbie Antioco presented the Quality Initiatives Budget report as of May 18, 2007. This budget reflected the actual and projected quality initiative line items including employee salaries. Discussion followed regarding the mental health referrals line item. The Committee reached a consensus for the Finance Committee to review the budget allocations presented for approval.

Infant/Toddler Update

Lenore Zulauf, Program Manager, gave a brief update regarding the approval or disapproval from the Agency for Workforce Innovation/Office of Early Learning

regarding the infant/toddler increases for Pasco County. She explained that the Coalition is still awaiting a response from AWI/OEL.

#### Dental Health Screenings Update

Debbie mentioned that Connie Porter, Coalition VPK Specialist, has contacted several clinics to provide dental screenings. She explained that a dental services contract has been approved for the Wesley Chapel area in the amount of \$5,000. In addition, Debbie explained that dental kits have been purchased and will be provided to all children in care to promote better dental hygiene. Concerns regarding transportation to dental locations were discussed.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of contracting with a Speech/Language Therapist. In addition, the Committee reviewed the School Readiness provider incentive quality items that were mailed to providers the beginning of the week.

#### Future Meeting Schedule

The next tentatively scheduled Quality Committee meeting of the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc. is June 6, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Without any further discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maryrose Wersan  
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