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Quality Committee Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2007, 2:00 p.m.
15506 County Line Road, Suite 104
Spring Hill, FL 34610

Coalition Members Present: Sister Roberta Bailey, Jim Cook, Steven Kanakis, Toni Watkins

Coalition Members Excused: Maria Crosby, Denise Gill, Lisa Hammond, Irvin Homer, Lydia Pinkowski, Patricia Wisman, Elaine Wooten

Coalition Staff Present: Nicole Flechas, Anne McHugh

Others Present: Sheila Chambers, Christine Dyal, Steve Davis, Kimberly Williams, Luba Sevic, Betsy Kier, Sandy Show, Susan McPhee

Steven Kanakis called the meeting to order. All members and guests introduced themselves. The committee reviewed the draft minutes from the June 6, 2007 meeting. All members reached a consensus that no revisions and/or additions were necessary. Minutes were approved.

The following information was discussed and reviewed during this meeting:

2007-2008 Quality Initiatives

- Quality Initiatives Alignment with Coalition Plan Report

Debbie Antioco referred the committee to the Coalition Plan Report. She stated that at the June meeting Maria Crosby had suggested that everyone review the Coalition Plan and decides what type of quality initiatives need to be put in place. Sue McPhee had taken the time to go through the plan pulling out the elements with the objectives, the outcomes and two added columns so the committee could see what they would need to put in place to support those outcomes as well as who would be responsible.

Debbie stated that the Quality Initiatives Budget has been set at \$337,519.00 and these dollars are being kept at the Coalition level to fund Quality Initiatives for School Readiness children. Jim Cook asked how many Gold Seal Providers the Coalition has. Debbie gave him a monetary figure of \$570,000. She added that the Coalition has exceeded the 4% minimum.

- Coalition's Proposed Recommendations

Debbie brought into the discussion a Quality Rating System. Jim Cook commented that a particular group was working on finding out the cost as this is an expensive system to use. A monitor for Hernando County spoke up to say she believes a new tool is needed in this area and that perhaps the current tool of use should be brought back to the table to be revamped. CDS made the statement that they have a training day coming up, August 23rd. The comment was also made that all centers (weather voucher or contract) will be assessed.

2007 – 2008 Mental Health/Speech/Occupational Therapy

Ann McHugh stated that there is a Mental Health Initiative in Hernando which she is part of. She added that they are contracted with The Harbor and The Mentor Network. Centers can contact her if a child has behavior problems and she will provide necessary therapy in the child's natural environment. She is hoping that Pasco County will get a mental health contract so that Nicole Flechas would be able to provide services in this area as well. Discussion ensued on mental health licensing laws.

Debbie Antioco stated that the Coalition will not be renewing its contract with The Mentor but she is under the impression that the contract will be renewed with The Harbor in both counties. Discussion ensued on the pros and cons of both The Mentor and The Harbor. Ann stressed that a contract would allow early prevention and interim care for children who were on a wait list. On July 28, 2007 both Ann McHugh and Nicole Flechas will be meeting with Gift of Life to discuss such a contract. Nicole expressed interest to perform in-house services. Debbie mentioned that a proposal should be drafted and presented to the Board at its next scheduled meeting.

CDS Report

Christine Dyal presented the Creative Curriculum outcomes report. She further explained the science of the Creative Curriculum to all Committee members. Betsy stated that a Family Childcare Home provider would be sitting in on the next Quality Committee meeting. Ann, Nicole and Debbie will be reviewing QA Matrix provided by Sue McPhee to make sure the all initiatives are in line with the Plan.

Future Meeting Schedule

The next scheduled Quality Committee meeting is August 13, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at the Coalition's office.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Coalition Temp