

Minutes

Early Learning Coalition of Broward County

Community Partner Systems Meeting

5/21/07

10:00 a.m.

6301 NW 5th Way, Suite 3400

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

Attendees:

Diane Bowman, Claudia Dean, Ethel Edwards, Ilene Gevirtz, Sally Laws, Dee Ann Nevares, Anita Platt, Gilbert Rincon, Mary Jean Woika

Staff in Attendance:

K. Lee Tirpak, Director of Program Operations, Lisa Feeney, Sr. ECE Program Specialist, Janice Carter, ECE Program Specialist, Leticia Boswell, ECE Program Specialist, Inez Webb, Administrative Assistant, and Marcie Westover, CRRD Assistant.

I. Welcome and Call to Order

K. Lee Tirpak

The meeting was called to order by Lee Tirpak at 10:05 a.m.

II. Introductions

Self-introductions were made.

III. Review and Approve Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus after items VI was changed to after VIII.

IV. Review and Approve Minutes – 4/24/07

The minutes were approved by consensus without any corrections.

V. Presentations: Curriculum		Mary Jean Woika/Lisa Feeney
<p>a. <u>Update on our State Curriculum Choices for VPK Curriculum</u></p> <p>Department Of Education presented 19 different curricula to be reviewed by the committee. Based on these 19 the state will decide on the appropriate one that fits with the standards.</p> <p>Mary Jean and Wendy Siegel serve on the State Committee to review Curricula. Mary Jean is currently reviewing three different curricula for the VPK Curriculum Approval Committee: High Scope, Saxon Early Learning and Houghton Mifflin Florida Pre-K Complete with Math Bundle Extension.</p>		
<p>b. <u>Coalition Early Education Plan activities to roll out DAP Curriculum for birth – five</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations were made to coordinate the work that has been done on the VPK recommended curriculum • Recommendations on implementation plan • Parental choice • List of curriculum recommended by the Coalition. • Plan workshops after the providers are informed 		
Action Items:	Person Responsible	Deadline
Letter to Providers Inform Coaches and Mentors	Coalition Staff FCI and SBBC in collaboration with Coalition staff	
VI. Key Indicator Draft Report		Leticia Boswell
<p>A draft of the Monthly Key Indicator Report was distributed and reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrections were made to page 4, Graph 10. • Discussion then followed regarding CDA Scholarships on Page 3, Graph 7: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The average CDA scholarship recipient is mentored on a one-on-one basis. FCI will prepare a report on the mentoring process • Partners were asked to review the data and submit their feed-back. 		
Action Items:	Person Responsible	Deadline
Get a clear picture of the data captured	Dee Nevares	
VII. Workshop Discussion Topic		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
1. Review children whose families consent but never receive a screen to determine specific information. Review procedures accordingly.	Sally Laws	June 2007

	VIII. Old Business	Partners
<p>Infant Toddler Conference Planning: The Coalition set aside funds for the event and the following organizations have agreed to be financial co-sponsors: Kaplan, Broward County Public Schools/ Early Head Start and Children’s Services Council. Pam Phelps will be the Keynote speaker at the pre-conference on June 15th. Mimi Graham will be the Keynote speaker on Saturday, June 16, 2007, her topic will be the on the 10 Components of Quality In Toddler Care. Partners were asked to continue to solicit support from interested organizations and it was noted that space is also available for presenters on Saturday.</p>		
	IX. New Business	Partners
<p>a. The ELC reported on 2007/2008 contract year :</p> <p>ELC 1 Resource and Referral and Family Education and Supports – FCI ELC 2 Eligibility Determination and Application Processing: FCI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced Service delivery with improved customer services to process applications • Additional location to be established at the Hispanic Unity – Johnson Street & ST Rd 7 in Hollywood. <p>ELC 3 Quality Improvement Support Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services will be provided by FCI and SBBC • Technical Assistance will begin with environmental rating • Grant money will be matched • R&R library will include a mobile van for distribution • Training – Fund providers through scholarships for CDA national, three credit ECE courses and in-service opportunities • Members were reminded that Children’s Services Council has scholarship funds that are not being used and need to be publicized <p>Other Quality Improvement Supports: WAGES</p> <p>ELC 4 Quality Rating System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services will continue to be provided by Broward County • Pre- assessments (ITERS, ECRS, FCCRS) will be added to the services to provide instruction for all TA – followed by a full QRIS rating within a year. • Transition on a continuous basis beginning July 1, 2007 <p>ELC 5 Child Screening and Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Brigance child assessment tool will be introduced beginning July 1, 2007 • Data systems changes and upgrade • Coordinator Assessor will obtain assessment in the centers. 		

ELC 6 Florida First Start:

- BCPS will continue to implement Florida First Start

b. Department of Health reported: Screening Service identified the following areas:

- Immunization levels have dropped.
- Centers are reluctant to have forms reviewed.
- Reported communicable disease; a major concern at the child care centers, has subsided.
- Symptoms included Gastro Intestinal disorder.
- Sampling done by the Health department.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Make list of workshops available to providers	FCI	

X. Public Comments

None

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

X1. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm
 Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 20, 2007, 10:00 am

These minutes contain the action items of the Community Partner Systems Meeting. They do not contain all items discussed. A tape recording of the meeting is held in the Coalition office. Submitted by: Inez Webb