

Consent Minutes 12/4/08

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 2: **Discussion;** 2nd bullet: **Prioritize C.4. Children with special needs: EIP (Early Intervention Plan) children (Birth to 3 years) and children under the school age of 5 years who are eligible by Exceptional Student Education (ESE) requirements before continuing to serve children in priority groups required by statute, whose time limits have expired and before children enrolled in VPK who need wrap around care.**

Motion by Ilene Gevirtz: Approve minutes: **Seconded** by Meg Wallace

Action items:	Person Responsible	Deadline

Review Revised Prioritization Order for Enrollment of School Readiness Children & Other Recommendations for presentation to the Board

Ms. Westberry began by requesting clarification of the recommendation made at the last meeting: Rollover of Income Eligible 10-13 years old who do not receive TANF or Protective Service.

- If children rolled over before they turned 10 years and they were income eligible from TANF how would we differentiate them? How do we know who they are?

Discussion:

- Should we stop serving children 10-13 years of age; except those in Protective Service or Work force One Transitional care?
- Should we establish Protective Service Transition category.
- A specific EFS code could be developed to track these children (moving forward)

Motion by Monica King

Give special consideration for post at risk children 10 years of age, who originated from Protective Service and become income eligible to receive continuation of care through 13 years of age.

Discussion

- Should a child in protective services get 1 additional year of care as long as they are income eligible? The court system maintains they are eligible because of the history of being at risk.
- Previous at-risk status serves as justification for continued eligibility over the greater need and desire to serve another income eligible group of 0-5 year olds.
- At Risk expenses is a small percentage of overall care and averages \$250,000 monthly for 10-13 years.
- The overall population of at-risk amounts to a small percentage of the total enrollment.
- Should formerly homeless children receive the same courtesy as the protective services, at-risk children?

Call the Question by Deborah Hill

Give special consideration for post at risk children 10 years of age, who originated from Protective Service and become income eligible to receive continuation of care through 13 years of age.

Committee voted 3 yes; 3 no.

Conclusion: This was a split vote therefore the committee continued to clarify the statement to be presented to the Board.

Motion by Mason Jackson

Establish Transition category for At Risk and formerly homeless children between ages 9-12 years to receive 1 additional year of care, if they are income eligible.

Seconded by Deborah Hill. **Passed 5 to 1** (Howard Bakalar abstained)

Action items:	Person Responsible	Deadline
Take motion to the ELC Board	ELC Staff	

Current Prioritization Order for Enrollment of School Readiness Children/Coalition Mission

Recommendations:

1. Children not in TANF or WorkForce One Transitional Care get service up to 10 years. Dis-enroll children in Priority C7 “[Non-school age two parent family with one parent at home](#)” in order to serve younger children higher on the waiting list, due to the present economic situation.
2. The priority list becomes Proposed Prioritization Order for Enrollment of School Readiness children.
3. Children in the At Risk and TANF WorkForce One billing group category will continue to be served as indicated in Section A&B of the Prioritization Order for Enrollment of School Readiness children.

Motion made by Monica King

Coalition have 2 separate documents; reference Tab 2:

- Present Prioritization Order for Enrollment of School Readiness children document as it stands
- Second document revised; same title as above - split age: The coalition recognizes that it has to make difficult budget decision that the disenrollment policy at this time is to dis-enroll the 10-13 years old: Current disenrollment policy recommends that income eligible children 10-13 years will receive financial assistance for 1 more year from the time the Coalition Board makes this decision, therefore will be dis-enrolled from receiving financial assistance from school readiness funds.

Seconded by Meg Wallace

Motion made by Monica King

Amend recommendation revise document to address #5, 6, and 7 on the Priority Enrollment for School Readiness Funds list and split # 7:

5. Children with special needs: EIP children (Birth to 3 years) and children under school age [of 5 years](#) who are eligible by Exceptional Student Education (ESE) requirements.
6. Non-school-age with all parents/[guardians](#) (one or two) working or in educational activity.
7. Siblings [up to age 10](#) of non school-age children with all parents/[guardians](#) working or in educational activity.

Seconded by Howard Bakalar: **Passed unanimously.**

The committee also suggested that the following statement should be included in the background information given to the Board:

- The Coalition recognizes the Priority Order for Enrollment of School Readiness children as proposed by the current recommendation: Income eligible children 10-13 years, who are now enrolled will be eligible to receive financial assistance for 1 more year from the time the Coalition Board makes this decision, thereafter will be dis-enrolled from receiving **financial assistance** from school readiness funds. Due to the financial limitation the Coalition would dis-enroll children 10-13 years old from **school readiness financial assistance** in order to serve children who have been determined to be of a higher priority. The committee will revisit this proposal whenever the economic climate changes.

The committee also suggested that the background context include the following decision-making guidelines which framed their recommendations:

- Funds are not available to serve all the children on the Prioritization list
- There are no good choices
- The Mission statement for the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc., is to serve 0-5 year olds
- Losing the subsidy doesn't necessarily equate to losing childcare

Motion made by Howard Bakalar: Okay for the Coalition staff to word smith the document before it goes to the Coalition Board

Seconded by Ilene Gevirtz

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Prepare document to be presented to the Board	ELC staff	

New Business

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 P.M.

Next Meeting date: To be determined.

These minutes contain the action items of the Ad-hoc Committee: Waiting List. They do not contain all items discussed. A tape recording of the meeting is held in the Coalition office. Submitted by: Inez Webb