



PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2017

Indian River State College Main Campus
3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce
Building Y, Room 302

Present:	Donna Rivett Jennifer Corkern (via teleconference) Steve Newman	Deborah Schooley (via teleconference) Joy Yates
Excused:	Brooke Flood	Sabina Guthrie
Staff:	Migdalia Rosado	Pat Houston

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Chair, Donna Rivett. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA – None

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda, was made by Steve Newman, seconded by Joy Yates and passed unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Program Minutes – January 5, 2017

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Jennifer Corkern, seconded by Deborah Schooley, and passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion – Publish Program Assessment Data (CLASS/ERS scores) on Website

Recognizing the need for a rating scale for providers to educate the community and parents of the providers' strengths, the state has been in the process of developing a statewide QRIS (Quality Rating Information System). The State has discussed merging the current PFP (Performance Funding Project) program into a statewide QRIS. At the request of the Indian River County community, the Committee discussed the pros and cons of publishing providers' classroom assessment scores on our website. Discussion ensued. Noting that the tools were not designed to evaluate a center but rather a specific classroom, and does not result in a good representation of performance, the Committee determined scores should not be published as it would be invalid information with which to gauge the performance of an entire center.

Ms. Houston discussed the information sent out to the Committee, entitled "Uses and Misuses of Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Results", published by The Ounce. The program components of the PFP were discussed and how it relates to a QRIS.

B. Children's Week Tours – Child Care Providers – In conjunction with Children's Week, the Coalition will be scheduling tours of child care providers in each of the counties. This is an opportunity for community partners, the public, board members, the business community, and

any interested parties to participate in an educational tour of early education programs. The tours will take place during the week of March 26.

Ms. Rivett questioned whether there was legislation that requires each center to have a prescribed emergency plan. Although requiring an emergency plan is not a new requirement, they have become more stringent.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – “Talking points” for the next meeting: “Misuses of Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Results”.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Mr. Newman questioned how children are transported to child care providers. In response, Ms. Houston explained that children are transported by parents or buses. Further discussion included that buses are equipped with seatbelts and centers do have procedures in the event a parent is late picking up the child.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 6, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Approved 5/4/17

Donna Rivett, Chair
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