

Quality Committee Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2009 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Present: Dr. Kathryn Stuckey , Chair (v); Susan Miller (v); Jennifer Radebach (v); Linda Guritz (v); ; Janet Hamstra (nv); Kim Coleman (nv); Annette Larkin (nv)

Absent: Janice Mee (nv); Kristen Terrell (nv); Debbie Moore (nv)

ELC Staff: Susan Crowley (ELC); Pam Parmenter (ELC);

Also Attending: Renee Cottrell (Radebach School); Luis Hernandez (Western Kentucky University)

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Kathryn Stuckey welcomed the committee members and thanked them for their participation. Dr. Stuckey wanted to move through the committee business to hear our speaker, Mr. Luis Hernandez from Western Kentucky University.

Action Items:

Minutes

Minutes were presented to the committee for approval. Susan Miller moved and Dr. Stuckey seconded the minutes be approved as presented. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Luis Hernandez, Western Kentucky University, technical assistance to Quality Committee

Curriculum Approval Application

Curriculum Review Form

Establishing Connections between Child Outcome Data and Environment and Curriculum Data (see notes below).

Members present agreed to table any actions until a future meeting to permit Mr. Hernandez' input.

WKU Technical Assistance Notes:

Pam introduced Luis Hernandez of Western Kentucky University. AWI currently has a contract with WKU to provide technical assistance to Coalitions. When presented with the offer, ELC-Manatee asked for assistance for the Quality Committee. Mr. Hernandez is a former R&R Coordinator with both Broward and Miami-Dade central agencies, so he knows Florida's systems. He is also a valued contributor to Child Care Exchange, in which he has a current article on storytelling.

Mr. Hernandez said that with the implementation of the next round of plans, this Coalition has an opportunity to go forward in new and exciting ways. One of the "buzz" topics in the industry is how to involve families in more ways.

The Coalition, especially the Quality Committee, needs to establish a long range plan, 3 to 5 years in length, outlining what it wants to see at the end of that time introduced in graduated segments. This plan should solicit the input of the providers.

Quality Rating System implementations – criteria in addition to Environment Evaluations

Professional development

Family Involvement – *"parents as consumers of a business product"*

Outdoor environments

What are the incentives for implementing quality in those areas?

Remember three items that will pave road for success – communication, clarity of expectations and advance knowledge.

Both the Coalition and the Provider must be held accountable for the Coalition plan and services to children.

Look to develop an outside partner for data collection, i.e. a college or university. This way an impartial third party is collecting the data and providing analysis.

What are the “carrots” or incentives being offered to achieve the levels of quality programming desired?

Dr. Stuckey offered that many degreed persons working toward certification to teach in the schools have no concept of planning, let alone how curriculum, standards, daily schedule, weekly plan and lesson plans all fit together.

Mr. Hernandez finished by reminding us that when we collect data, to present the data collection in a non-punitive manner.

Reports:

Quality dollars remaining in 2008-2009 fiscal year
Cost projection for provision of ERS books
Progress of Checklist Monitoring
Progress of Achieving Reliability with Authors

in process of being determined
\$20,000 budgeted with 2 offices
approximately 15 sites remain
ITERS-R Florida reliability (3)
SACERS Florida reliability (0 -
Pam is 1 assessment away)
ECERS-R none maybe August
FCCERS-R none yet
Beyond Centers and Circle Time
and Creative Curriculum have
largest numbers

Curricular choices preliminary (county-wide)

The Quality Committee chair agreed to call a special meeting. The next meeting will be June 9 at 12:30 pm. This meeting will deal with items to be used on Environment Rating Scales.

Submitted by Pam Parmenter

Minutes Approved: _____
Dr. Kathryn Stuckey, Chair

Date: _____