



Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida

Executive Director's Report for Coalition Board Meeting— 11/29/06

Office of Early Learning Updates

- 1. Board Chair and Executive Director Meeting:** Sabra Cecil and Alan Dimmitt attended the Early Learning Advisory Council 2-day strategic meeting on Sept. 28th and 29th, along with Barbara Saunders. Barbara attended the Executive Director meeting as well on Sept. 27th. The Association of Early Learning Coalitions presented a booklet called “The Power of Positive Practices” to the Chairs and the Lt. Governor. (See Association of Early Learning Coalition best practices document in Notebook pocket.) A draft of the statewide Quality Rating System was presented to the ELAC. See pp. 59-79.
- 2. Best Business Practices: Fiscal Operations—**Barbara and Peter, attended the AWI training for fiscal operations staff and Board Members on October 18, at the Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk in Tampa. Debbie Johnson and Bill Robinson also attended the training.
- 3. ELC of SWFL to participate in the VPK Enrollment and Eligibility Pilot:** The ELC of SWFL was approved to be part of a pilot project to have VPK programs to determine eligibility and directly enroll parents in their school's VPK program. Barbara attended the VPK Enrollment and Eligibility Pilot training session on Sept. 29th and shared the information with the Regional VPK Workgroup. We will begin the selection process and train eligible providers to begin their preliminary eligibility determination process in their own programs in January. See Draft letter to eligible VPK Providers on p. 167-168.
- 4. Early Learning Plan—**The ELC of SWFL Early Learning Plan was submitted to AWI prior to the deadline of Sept. 1, 2006 and we received confirmation on October 12, 2006 that we were granted conditional approval pending only a few suggested changes. The changes were fully addressed on November 10th and AWI confirmed that we have fully met the requirements for approval. The Coalition will be notified of the formal approval status within the next 30 days. See acceptance letter on pp. 80-83.
- 5. Annual Report—**The Annual Report for the FY2005-2006 was submitted on Sept. 24th, 2006. (See copy on the Coalition's website and in the Board Packet). A brief presentation will be given at the November Board Meeting.
- 6. Infant and Toddler Provider Reimbursement Rates Quarterly Report—**Our request to increase infant and toddler provider reimbursement rates was approved by AWI on August 17th. Rate increases went into effect on Sept. 1, 2006. AWI required a quarterly status update. The 1st quarter update was sent

on November 17th as instructed. See Infant and Toddler Rate Increase Update on pp. 84-86.

- 7. First Inaugural Florida's Children's Summit**—The Children's Summit was held on October 6th, from 8am to 4pm at the Orlando/Orange County Convention Center. Feedback on the Legislative Agenda issues will be included in the "Policy Matters" initiative to develop a statewide agenda for Children in Florida. See the 13 issues discussed at the Summit on pp. 87-99.

Coalition Updates

- **ELC of SWF Board Membership**—The Membership Committee met for the fourth time on November 10th to discuss the Board Membership for the January 2007 calendar year. (Minutes of the meeting are listed on pp. 100-101; New applications for membership are on pp. Proposed Coalition Membership Roster for 2006-2007 is on p. 23-27)
- **New Position for Dan England with Magellan Health Services**—Dan will remain on the Board as an optional member, however he will switch positions with Alice Parrish who will be the new DCF Administrator designee. Dan is the new Revenue Maximization Director with Magellan Health Services and he will be working on developing the Prepaid Mental Health Program network for Medicaid funded services for child welfare clients. See his memo on p. 99A.
- **Bylaws Committee**—The Bylaws committee will recommend changes to the Bylaws regarding the phone meeting access policy the Finance & Audit Committee name change, and the responsibilities of the Executive Committee. See DRAFT with mark-up on pp. 13-22.
- **Coalition Financial Committee**—The Finance Committee met on November 17th to discuss the Coalition's Fiscal Operations Transitions Plan in the wake of Mike Kinney's sudden passing. The Committee reviewed the August Fiscal Report and the Child Care Slot Utilization Analysis. See Financial Committee minutes on pp. 28-33 and the Utilization Analysis report on pp. 108-111A).
- **Coalition Policies**—The ELC of SWFL Policies have now all been posted on the website. See the Policy Table of Contents on pp. 115-116.

Naples Children's Education Foundation—The Coalition will apply for new Child Care Executive Partnership dollars (\$150,000) in the new re-obligation process in December. See Presentation for NCEF on Increasing Capacity and Quantity of Child Care on pp. 117-119. See Additional CCEP Funding Request Application on p. 110-117.

- **DOCS FOR TOTS: Southwest Florida Doctors Advocate for Children!!**—Save the Date Post Cards were mailed out last month for the upcoming National Docs for Tots event sponsored by the ELC of SWFL on January 10th, 2007. (See side pocket of notebook) Dr. Askew, the national spokesman, will be the featured presenter at the FGCU dinner event for physicians and at the luncheon for local

health care professionals and directors. (See Docs for Tots Newsletter and ELC Invitation on pp. 118-123.

- **School Readiness Program Evaluator**—Shelley Robertson, from the Robertson Consulting Group, will give her report on the Coalition School Readiness Provider Self-Assessment. (See report on pp. 124-138).
- **School Readiness and VPK Expenditures and Utilization Report**—Peter Escayg will report on the Coalition’s School Readiness and VPK Expenditures and Utilization Report on pp. 112-114.
- **VPK 2006-2007 UPDATES**
 1. **VPK Enrollment Overview for October-November 2006**—See report on p. 138-A.
 2. **CCSWFL VPK Report for September 2006**—Please view report on p. 139-156
 3. **VPK Regional Advisory Group**—October 19th (See minutes on pp. 158-159); and Nov. 16th- See Agenda items on p. 160
 4. **Schedule for FY06-07 VPK Provider Meetings**—See schedule on p. 161-163; and November 20th VPK Provider Meeting Flyer on p. 162
 5. **Schedule for FY06-07 VPK Provider Standards Training**—See VPK Standards training schedule on p. 164-166.
 6. **VPK Pilot Project**—See DRAFT letter to Qualified Providers to enroll their own VPK Children in the ELC of SWFL Pilot on p. 167-168.
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**
 1. **Professional Development Services Committee**—Blending with FGCU SWFL Early Childhood Professional Development Committee and the ELC of SWFL Quality Enhancement Committee. See SWFL Professional Development Partnership newsletter on p. 169-174.
 2. **Early Learning Symposium**—“**The Power of Positive Play**”—A very successful event!!! On October 28th, over 500 early childhood professionals attended the Edison College/Early Learning Coalition of SWFL annual Early Learning Symposium at Barbara B. Mann Hall. The featured speaker was Dr. David Elkind, world renowned child development expert and author as well as children’s singer/songwriter Jack Hartman and Dr. Walter Drew, national spokesperson from Reusable Resources. The Coalition will be producing a video of the events. See Participant Certificate on p. 175; See Reusable Resource Center Flyer on p. 175-A-175-B.
 3. **PERKS GRANT**—See PERKS Updates on p. 176.
 4. **Addressing Challenging Behavior**—There will be a National Training Institute on effective practices supporting young children’s social/emotional development in Clearwater on March 14-17. See flyer on p. 177-178.
 5. **Book Stretchers Workshop November 29th**—See training flyer on p. 180.
 6. **After School Training Event Sponsored by ELC of SWFL**—See flyer on p. 181.
 7. **Edison College Professional Development Endowment Award**—See Press Release on p. 181-A.

- **SCHOOL READINESS UPDATES**

1. **Quality Committee Meeting November 14th**—Agenda and Minutes on pp. 182-187.
2. **School Readiness Provider Meetings for Fall of 2006:** See flyer on p. 179.
3. **QE Committee Focus Statement**—(p. 188).
4. **School Readiness Contracted Early Learning Services Reports—
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Vision & Hearing Screening Report; Health Consult and Training Report
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- **HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

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11. **ELC Health and Developmental Services Committee Membership**—p. 205-206.
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- **Committee Reports—**

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