



Health and Developmental Services
Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 1, 2008

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order, and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM at All Children's Specialty Clinic by Shirley Losch, Director of Health and Developmental Services ELC-SWFL (Joan Foss, and Rita Sockman – co-chairs, unable to attend) Welcome Barb Peck and Dr. Renee Terrasi 	
Review of Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting minutes of January 4, 2008 were reviewed and discussed Motion to approve (Pat Gulley); seconded (Dan England) 	Meeting minutes approved
Discussion of recent child care shooting incident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Friday, January 25, 2008, shooting inside Bobbie Noonan's Child Care facility resulted in death of Christine Lozier, a teacher who had worked at the facility for 8 years; she was killed in front of her 2 and 3 year old students; facility had good security in place; staff and other parents were courageous and heroic; community in shock Alice Parrish reported on facility security that had been observed during licensing visits; standards well exceeded the state requirements Patty Connor reported on her visit with one of the teachers; Shirley reported on the support materials Patty and 4C took to 	<p>Disaster Prep Workgroup – next meeting at 11 AM on Tuesday, March 4 at ELC office – all welcome; can conference call – contact Dee Goforth at ELC office for info (267-4105)</p> <p>Workgroup will work with Sheila to contact Collier Sheriff's Dept and Jerry</p>



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	<p>the facility from the Early Learning Coalition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirley reported on increased security concerns that had been expressed by several child care facilities following the shooting • Disaster Prep Workgroup will meet on Tuesday, March 4th at 11 AM at ELC-SWFL office – all welcome to be at meeting or conference by phone • One of efforts by workgroup is to reach out to local sheriff depts. and police depts. to increase awareness of locations of child care facilities – both centers and family child care homes – Sheila Miller has contact for Collier Sheriff's department • Another suggested contact: Jerry Campbell – head of Lee EOC • Each of the RN Child Care Health Consultants will send out notices to the child care facilities in their counties – to remind them that we are available for on-site disaster prep trainings and consultation in developing their own, site-specific plan • One of the providers suggested to Patty Connor that it would be helpful to use a color code for their internal communications for staff awareness – i.e. if staff were aware of a personal or child threat – to easily remind all workers to be alert • Discussions will continue and workgroup will report at next HDSC mtg 	<p>Campbell of Lee EOC</p> <p>Please refer any interested party to the appropriate county RN for questions, support or training (contact information at our website under health and safety – www.elcofswfl.org)</p>
<p>Multi Committee Workgroup – To Discuss Mandated Licensing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions in this committee and the Quality and Professional Development Committee meeting of January 8th, both groups strongly support investigating the possibility of requiring that all school readiness (subsidized) children be only placed in licensed facilities • Licensed facilities meet minimum health and safety standards, are regularly inspected by DCF, can be fined or loose licensure if not in compliance • A joint workgroup meeting has been set for February 22, 2008 at the ELC office from 2-4 PM; Goal is to begin exploration of this idea and present information to the ELC-SWFL Board of Directors • Joanie Schaeffer reported that there are currently 63 facilities (both child care centers and family child care homes) who have SR children who are not licensed • The workgroup will address obstacles (zoning, fencing, etc) and possible to exemptions and reference the experiences of other Coalitions who have taken this step 	<p>All welcome to attend Licensing Workgroup Meeting – for conference calling info please contact Dee Goforth at ELC office for info (267-4105)</p>
<p>Presentation: Renee Terrasi, PhD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Terrasi shared her background as a teacher and advocate for children with special needs – especially those with autism – which led her to open “Peace by Piece Solutions, Inc” • She offers a variety of services – advocacy assistance for parents with IEP’s, behavior services, respite, private school 	<p>Renee can be reached at: 239-247-2279 or rterrasi@peacebypieceinc.com</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Her Learning Center is a full time school, funded through McKay Scholarships • She uses an evidence based approach, specializing in developing a plan that is functional for the child in all settings; she works to educate the parents on how behavior works so that they can be an increasingly active participant in planning for their child's needs; uses Applied Behavior Analysis method • This is a growing, not-for-profit venture; hopes to be able to offer services year round • Has trained therapy dog, sensory room, auditory integration therapy, etc – to search for the one way of learning that works for the child • School facility – kinder to grade 5 (due to funding limits of McKay) • Private patients – any age 	
<p>Presentation: Healthy Kids Insurance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barb Peck presented information to the group – Child Care of Southwest Florida is the organization that is providing the outreach sign-up's for our community • Program for the uninsured children of working families; child must be without insurance for 6 months, then are eligible • They serve our 4 county area plus Charlotte county • Healthy Kids Insurance has 3 components: CMS (includes behavior problems); MediKids (0-4 years); Healthy Kids (5-18 years) • They are looking for outreach sites/events to promote sign-ups • She has fliers and applications – and distributed charts with information about specific service providers in our area and some of the requirements 	<p>Barb Peck can be reached at: 239-278-1002 or bpeck@ccswfl.org</p> <p>Materials distributed to the group and additional available by contacting Barb</p>
<p>Reports - ASQ, Inclusion and Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages and Stages Screening (ASQ) - Lana reported on the status of the ASQ screenings – most of the annual screenings are being returned, however many may be returned late; intake ASQ's still problematic • Warmline/Inclusion Services – Lana reported that she mailed out surveys to all providers asking for information about inclusion services – 143 have been returned; Lana will summarize the results and report on them at our next meeting • Health and Safety Monitoring – Joanie noted that one of her staff has resigned, which impacted the numbers of HS monitorings completed to date; She noted that the two facilities discussed last month continue with compliance concerns; at this point, written communication will be sent from the Coalition to the director of the facility with clearly outlined expectations and deadline for completion; 4C five month summary of H/S monitorings shared; Shirley expressed concern that the findings are not improving in this second year of monitoring as was expected 	<p>Lana will report on the Inclusion Survey at our next meeting</p> <p>Data reports on Vision, Hearing and Developmental Screenings are available on the ELC-SWFL website in the Electronic Board Packet.</p> <p>If anyone would like more information on these screenings or copies of the</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danna reported she screened 357 children and 5 adults last month; she is facilitating several events at child care facilities by their local Missing and Exploited Children office; she has sent fliers to all 105 of the Family Child Care providers in Collier county to offer on-site vision and hearing screening services • Sue was unable to attend this meeting • Patty reported that the Color Me Healthy program trained 40 teachers on January 19th; the next class is scheduled for 3/15 and is full with a wait list; Screenings set at local libraries that target nearby family child care facilities are continuing; she also continued her report on the visit at Bobbie Noonan's facility 	summary reports, please contact Shirley at the coalition office 239-267-4105
Challenging Behavior Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gayla – shared the current calendar along with the special parent calendar; events continue to be well attended • Trainer for Second Step (Teri Konzak) has returned to her homeland of Minnesota – so we are searching for another trainer for this wonderful program that helps children understand their emotions and develop self control; Liz Bender suggested someone who is a trainer; Gayla will contact them; ELC supplies the kit for each participant 	
Voluntary Pre-K Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean – shared information about the current enrollment and the upcoming results of the 	
General Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darline – CCSWFL is sponsoring an Infant/Toddler conference in Collier county on 3/15/08 – featured speaker – “Nanny 911”; for more information contact Darline at 425-1050 • Lynn – Shared info about grants for families with a child with autism – she will forward details to Shirley to be sent to the group • Sheila – reported on her recent use of the ASQ SE on a child that was in the typical range on the regular ASQ, but in the very needy zone on the SE – Family was grateful to have a tool that validated their concerns; had not been able to get it addressed previously; Sheila will keep us posted 	
FYI Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirley distributed the following to the group: Health and Safety monitoring report for Rel Exempt Centers and Registered FCCH; Summaries of areas of most concern for both; Lee Schools special needs workshop – Dr. Naseef 2/23; Leadership Series flier – FGCU; Tax Credit outreach campaign; Cerebral Palsy Support group; MRSA in schools program; Psychological First Aid conference; 2008 Florida Nursing Law conference; Pet Turtles May Be Harmful parent alert and info; Florida Child Abuse Death Review; Poison Pointers newsletter – Poison Prevention Week; Healthy Snacks – Healthy Eating flier; Fighting Fair NAMI workshop flier; Autism and Co-Existing Mental Health Disorders conference – May 9th at FGCU; Autism: Dealing with Misunderstood Behaviors – program flier 	Anyone wishing more information or a copy of these fliers, please contact Shirley at 267-4105 ext 28
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday March 7th – at 9 AM at All Children's Clinic • Program: Dr. Michael Fox speaking with us about child psychiatry – his practice, overview of current concerns and issues in finding the right diagnosis in a child with very challenging behaviors. 	