

# Quality Committee Meeting

July 10, 2007

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

## Members Present:

Elaine Schaeffer, Melanie Holaway, Nancy Hamilton, Terri Konczak, Jenn Faber, Donna Hernandez, Jeanne Lafountain, Peg Sullivan, Joanie Schaeffer, Gayla Thompson, Jean Smith, Barbara Saunders, Bonnie Clukey, Trish Herman, Liz Karas, Shirley Losch, Sandra Palmer, Darline Pinheiro, Susan Sherrod.

Issues	Discussion	Action/Assignments/Needs
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	All members present stated their name and title.	* Please double check your email address and let Melanie know if you are not receiving email about the Quality Committee. <a href="mailto:Melanie.holaway@elcofswfl.org">Melanie.holaway@elcofswfl.org</a>
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	The May Meeting minutes were reviewed and no corrections were made.	
<b>Even Start Concept</b>	Donna Hernandez, Lee County Even Start <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Donna gave a history of the Lee County Even Start Program and the immediate need for funding to continue this successful program.</li><li>• Amount requested from Even Start was \$145,244.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Barbara Saunders will work with Liz on connecting to some other options for funding.</li><li>• Peg Sullivan suggested the PIRCS grant and would mention this need at a meeting she is attending.</li><li>• The Committee recommended getting Jennifer Booth-Reed with the News Press to do a story to gain awareness of the Even Start financial need.</li><li>• Elaine will speak to Alan Dimmitt after the meeting about the committees discussion on this financial need.</li></ul>
<b>Mini Grant Summary</b>	Melanie Holaway, Director of School Readiness Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 80 mini grant applications were approved in the 2006-2007 FY.</li><li>• 31 of these mini grants were specifically Infant / Toddler materials.</li></ul>	

<p><b>Professional Development</b></p>	<p>Gayla Thompson, Director of Professional Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distributed the <i>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Challenging Behavior Training Calendar</i>.</li> <li>• Gayla gave a brief summary of the provider survey results from the School Readiness Provider meetings in April &amp; May. Shelley Robertson, ELC evaluator, will give a comprehensive roll up of the survey in September.</li> <li>• 77 professional development scholarships were granted this year.</li> <li>• Scholarships by category – 48 Conference Registrations 13 NAEYC memberships 7 CDAEs 3 CEUs for Positive Beginnings Trng. 2 DCF courses 1 Family Child Care Accreditation 1 National CDA Accreditation 1 National CDA Renewal 1 Infant / Toddler Course</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Course Completion Certificates</b></p>	<p>Elaine Schaeffer, Early Childhood Coordinator at Edison College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Dean of Edison College has approved a record of course completion certificate. This certificate will be for successful (C or better) completion of a set number of courses and each student who completes this cluster of courses will receive a certificate that could be framed.</li> <li>• The intent of this Course Completion Certificate is to help promote a student's efforts in Early Childhood and would hopefully entice an employer to give a salary enhancement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elaine will give an update on this at the September meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hearing &amp; Vision Screening</b></p>	<p>Shirley Losch, Director of Health Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nurses in all 4 counties provided a 110 trainings</li> <li>• Over 500 consults were given to providers by the nurses in all 4 counties.</li> <li>• 5,522 children were screened in 2006-2007 FY.</li> <li>• 15,470 screened in the past 4 years.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VPK</b></p>	<p>Jean Smith, Director of Voluntary PreK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 315 children in Summer VPK for Lee County.</li> <li>• 228 children in VPK for Collier County.</li> <li>• New Training for Providers on August 9 focused on- Educating Parents on the VPK Standards.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyone interested in being a trainer for the VPK standards training, please contact Jean Smith at 239-267-0324x24.</li> </ul>

<b>Child Care of SWFL</b>	<p>Sandra Palmer, CCSWFL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 3 is the Circles of Care conference which the logo and name has been trademarked.</li> <li>• Jack Hartman will be the keynote at Circles of Care.</li> <li>• March 1 there will be a Infant/ Toddler conference in Collier at the Lely Campus.</li> <li>• This summer CCSWFL is having a Training Institute for 10 hrs of training and the class is full.</li> <li>• DCF has given CCSWFL approval to provide the new Staff Credential Training formerly known as the CDAE. The cost is \$500. This 120 hr training articulates to the national CDA if a student chooses that route.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Sandra Palmer at Child Care of SWFL for more information on the trainings they offer – 239-278-0160.</li> </ul>
<b>Fall 2007 Symposium</b>	<p>Elaine Schaeffer, Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Howard Gardner and Jim Greenman have been reserved to speak at the Fall Symposium at Barbara B. Mann</li> <li>• The Edison Foundation paid half of Howard Gardner’s fee.</li> <li>• Registration will be through the Edison Website.</li> <li>• CCSWFL donated \$2500.</li> <li>• FACCM donated \$1,000.</li> <li>• The Early Learning Coalition is trying to get other Coalitions to partner on this as well.</li> </ul>	<p>Symposium Suggestions and Tasks to be completed –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elaine to talk to Dan England about moderating.</li> <li>• Video loop playing was suggested.</li> <li>• Reserve a block of rooms for people coming from out of town.</li> <li>• Jenn Faber suggested heavily promoting School Age programs.</li> <li>• Elaine suggested Reggio displays in Lobby.</li> <li>• Title suggestion: “Multiple Intelligences in Multiple Spaces.”</li> <li>• Anyone wanting to partner on the Symposium, contact Elaine Schaeffer at 239-489-9265.</li> <li>• Flyers need to be created asap to give out at other events, such as the One Goal Conference.</li> </ul>
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	<p>“Growing Up With Books” Aug. 25–Cape Coral  LCAEYC Mtg. – July 11 – Edison Child Care  One Goal Conference – July 18-20 – Tampa  Circles of Care – May 3, 2008 – Edison  Fall 2007 Symposium – Oct 27, 2007 - Edison</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If anyone has an event they would like posted on the ELC website, please email Melanie at <a href="mailto:Melanie.holaway@elcofswfl.org">Melanie.holaway@elcofswfl.org</a></li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p><u>Tuesday, September 11, 9:00 a.m., All Children’s Specialty Clinic on Colonial, Ft. Myers</u></p>	<p>A reminder will be sent out and date posted on website.</p>