



Provider Quarterly Meeting

09/28/2013

Present: Bertha Millan, Kelly Elizondo, Noemi Pedroza, Eduardo Cantu, **Rudy Gonzalez** and CCS Staff

Ms. Millan welcomed all providers to the quarterly meeting. Ms. Millan introduced board staff and CCS staff present introduced themselves to the group.

Memorandum – Effective 10/01/2013, all ARRA toys and equipment will become the property of the facility where the items are located. Also, memorandum will be posted on the Workforce Solutions website, www.southtexasworkforce.org and CCS can be contacted with any questions.

Performance Target for BCY14 – The performance target for BCY 2014 is 1965 and the allocation for BCY 2014 is 7,032,953.

HB 376 – Quality Initiatives/Texas Rising Star Certification – HB 376 is related to the initiative for more providers to obtain the Texas Rising Star Certification. A separate allocation will be disbursed to the boards in order to develop quality initiatives that will include training and other similar activities that would increase a provider's ability to become certified as a Texas Rising Star. Currently, at the state level, a group of providers selected from different areas, will develop quality initiatives related to HB 376.

Billing – Updated Provider Payment Schedule – Check Release schedule for program year 2013-2014 for providers was issued out at meeting and in addition it will be posted on the Workforce Solutions website, www.southtexasworkforce.org.

Supplemental Billing Form – No issues with supplemental billing at this time.

CCAA – Rule 809.95 Provider Automated Attendance Agreement – Copy of CCAA provider agreement was distributed during meeting. Providers asked if time for submittal of supplemental billing forms can be moved from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Topic was discussed and agreed upon that time would be changed to 5:00 pm so CCAA provider agreement form did not have to be signed and submitted at time of meeting in order for time to be changed to reflect 5:00 pm. Also, an updated CCAA provider agreement form would be mailed out to providers for signature. Copy of policy regarding the CCAA system responsibilities and reporting requirements was distributed out at meeting.

Parent fees for replacement CCAA Swipe Cards – Providers were noticed that in the future, after further evaluation, a policy will be developed that will require parents to pay a fee for replacements of CCAA swipe cards.

Maximum Reimbursement Rates – A power point presentation was used in order to explain how maximum provider reimbursement rates are based on local factors, including a market rate survey provided by the Commission, a Board shall establish maximum reimbursement rates for child care subsidies to ensure that the rates provide equal access to child care in the local market and in a manner consistent with state and federal statutes and regulations governing child care. The actual reimbursement that the Board or the Board's child care contractor pays to the provider shall be the Board's maximum daily rate or the providers published daily rate, whichever is lower. A Board or its child care contractor shall ensure that the provider's published daily rates are calculated according to Commission guidance



and include the provider's enrollment fees, supply feeds, and activity fees. A comparison of rates was displayed which included different Board areas in the state of Texas to illustrate where South Texas stands in relation to other medium size Boards and Boards in border areas. Also, it was illustrated how the mean market rate for South Texas is \$17.02 and the Average max rate paid by the Board is \$17.38 which means the Board is paying over the mean market rate at 102.12%. Due to being over the mean market rate, the Board cannot raise the reimbursement rates at this time. The performance target for BCY14 is 1965 with an allocation of 7,032,953. Formula used is Target*Billable Days*Avg. Rate = \$\$\$, which is $1965 * 261 * 13.72 = \$7,036,508$ which shows a higher amount than allocation received for BCY14 so therefore reimbursement rates cannot be increased. A website link was illustrated on power point presentation that providers could visit to read more on this topic and other topics related to child care services. In addition, this website link will be posted on the Workforce Solutions website, www.southtexasworkforce.org.