

Action Sheet

FINANCE / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 26, 2020

SUBJECT: Approval of financial support for childcare providers

ACTION ITEM

Approve re-allocation of up to \$100,000 from the ELCMC Quality Budget to allow us to pay Marion County School Readiness providers \$50 a day beginning March 16th for a maximum of five week or until \$100,000 has been utilized for each day the child care provider was opening and operating. This action would allow each school readiness provider to receive a maximum of \$1,250 is the school readiness provider was operating five days a week during the indicated time frame.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

COVID-19 has created challenging times for our childcare providers, most of which are small businesses in Marion County. Financial burdens are being incurred by these small businesses as parents encounter challenges with working on a regular basis, maybe having their work hours decreased, or even being displaced from their place of employment as businesses close for the safety of the community.

To support the small local businesses of childcare in Marion County, the above action will allow the businesses to meet some of their financial needs during this challenging time.

The Coalition encourages the providers to use the funds in a manner that best needs their needs, including and prioritizing salaries for their staff.

The Coalition requests the Executive Committee approve this action for immediate implementation, to be paid to the providers as follows:

Payment for March 16th – March 31st will be received by the Provider by April 3, 2020

Payment for April 1st – April 17th will be received by the Provider by April 24, 2020.