



ELC Programs, Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting  
August 31, 2020 at 7:00 AM  
Zoom Meeting ID: 927 1858 2028

**Committee Attendees:** Gladys Montes; James Haj; Sandi Bisceglia

**Absent Committee:** Joycelyn Lawrence; Deena Hoagland

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres; Fiorella Altera-Christie; Sandra Gonzalez; Pam Hollingsworth; Jackye Russell; Belkis Torres; Ana Sejeck; Anabel Espinosa; Angelo Parrino

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**Gladys Montes**

- G. Montes called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Quorum was established.
- G. Montes welcomed three new committee members: S. Bisceglia, Deena Hoagland and Joycelyn Lawrence.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**Judy Schaechter**

- Motion to approve minutes by J. Haj.
- Motion seconded by S. Bisceglia.
- Motion unanimously passed.

**III. Early Head Start**

**Belkis Torres**

- B. Torres presented the EHS enrollment, attendance and meal programs they were reviewed and accepted.
- B. Torres stated that an EHS Parent Orientation was held on August 26 and 27 and parents received information about all the services provided by EHS

**IV. Professional Development Institute Program Updates**

**Pam Hollingsworth**

- P. Hollingsworth gave a brief update on PDI stating that they were fully virtual and would be holding their annual conference on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**V. Annual Retreat Initiatives**

- P. Hollingsworth stated that for the "Leading for Equity" initiative the ELC would modify the Value 'Equity' in the ELCMDM strategic plan. Use the strategic plan as the on-ramp to examine ELCMDM practices and programs through an equity lens.
- A. Espinosa stated that for the "Capacity Building" initiative the ELC would expand board opportunities to Chamber of Commerce, it was decided that this recommendation would be



moved to our Nominating Committee. E. Torres stated that he would have a meeting with a few chamber members to discuss how better to continue with this recommendation.

**VI. TeleTherapy**

**Anabel Espinosa**

- A. Espinosa stated that Teletherapy was a therapy treatment provided through a live, audio-visual connection over the internet. It has ensured consistent treatment, parent caregiver involvement is promoted, promotes carry-over of functional skills in child's natural environment, delivery model allows for more flexibility and provides greater access to qualified providers.

**VII. Public Comments**

**Gladys Montes**

**VIII. Adjourn**

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