



Policy Council
Program and School Readiness Goals Committee
April 9, 2025
2:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Ms. Sarahi Rivera presided over the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The following participated in the meeting:

Members	Representing Centers
Anielka Coke	Springview Academy Of Hialeah
Iris Strachan	Community Rep
Virginia Alegra-Ponce	Naranja Prep Academy Annex
EHS Staff	Position
Jessica Dittmar	Administrative Coordinator
Sarahi Rivera	EHS Director of Education

III. Action Item

A. Election of a Committee Chair

The following were nominated for the position of chair. Ms. Anielka Coke was elected 3 in favor and 0 opposed.

B. Election of a Committee Vice Chair

The following were nominated for the position of vice chair. Ms. Virginia Alegra-Ponce was elected 3 in favor and 0 opposed.

IV. Reports

Ms. Coke asked Ms. Rivera to share the Program and School Readiness Goals. Ms. Rivera shared the following:

A. Program Goals

The Early Head Start program is funded for a 5-year project period. The program is required to develop program goals and objectives for each 5-year project period. There are 2 goals and 5 objectives.

Goal 1 aims to improve teachers' understanding of best practices for children with developmental delays and social-emotional concerns. While the teacher turnover posed a challenge, both objectives for **Goal 1** were met or are on track. To mitigate turnover impact, the program recruited additional teachers.

Goal 2 emphasized parental education on health-related care. **Objective 3** extended to educating the medical community on Early Head Start requirements to minimize resistance experienced by parents when trying to obtain preventative health services. A baseline was established for **Objective 1**, and **Objective 2** was met. **Objective 3** was partially met. Unresponsive pediatricians hindered meeting of this objective.

B. School Readiness Goals

The School Readiness Goals are developed for the five-year grant period. The program reviewed data from the past five years to have a better understanding of the needs of the children as we developed the goals.

School Readiness goals identify the widely held developmental expectations for young children from birth through 3 years old. They include specific action steps for each age group that reflect the skills and knowledge needed to be successful in life and school.

V. Public Comments

No public comments were shared.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

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