



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 5, 2020; 8:00 a.m.
Zoom Meeting ID: 912 5630 0840

Board Attendees: Adrian Alfonso; Rick Beasley; Loreen Chant; Bob Eadie; Jenni Roig; Gilda Ferradaz; James Haj; Gerald Schwartz; Alex Soto; Iris Strachan; Aaron Slavens; Sandi Bisceglia; Chuck Mohr; Deena Hoagland; Gladys Montes; Jane McQueen, Joycelyn Lawrence; Matthew Bruno; Lisa Taylor; Marisol Diaz;

Board Absentees: Maurice Kemp;

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino; Jackye Russell; Lisney Badillo; Pam Hollingsworth; Ana Sejeck; Fiorella Christie; Fred Hicks; Mercy Castiglione; Alex Sanchez; Diana Lane; Victor Caballero; Juan Castillo; Lissandra Curbelo; Michelle Meilan; Ana Rodriguez; Belkis Torres; Ileana Vallejo; Adelina Gross; Cassie Alaniz

General Attendees: Bob de la Fuente (Board Counsel); Dave Lawrence; Abilio Rodriguez; Eileen Fluney

I. Welcome and Introductions

Adrian Alfonso

- A. Alfonso called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- L. Sanabria called roll and a quorum was established with twenty (20) voting members.
- A. Alfonso presented the award sent to Dr. Abilio Rodriguez for his participation on the board.
- A. Alfonso congratulated David Lawrence for being honored by The Greater Miami Chamber with the "Sand in My Shoes" award.
- A. Alfonso stated that ELC staff continue to hold weekly provider meetings via Zoom to provide updates from the different ELC departments. This past week they had a representative from DCF giving updates on licensing and DCF COVID recommendations.
- A. Alfonso stated that the Children's First Conference was held on Sept. 12 via Zoom Meeting and it was a very successful event.
- A. Alfonso thanked Rick Beasley for organizing the Early Learning Impact to MDC Business Community meeting, which was held on September 15. ELC Staff, various Board members and CEO's from various Chambers attended. The topics discussed were: Value Added to Employers,



Economy and Community by Early Learning Coalition and Cultivating the Synergy between Early Learning Coalition and Employers. It was a productive meeting and we look forward to working with the chambers.

II. Approval of Minutes

Adrian Alfonso

- A. Alfonso called for the approval of the meeting minutes from September 2020.
 - J. Haj moved to approve the minutes.
 - L. Chant seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

III. Executive Committee Report

Adrian Alfonso

- a. A. Alfonso stated that the Executive Committee met on September 22. The committee was asked to approve a shade meeting between ELC staff, the Litigation Committee and attorneys representing the cases.

IV. Finance Committee Report

Adrian Alfonso

- A. Alfonso stated that the Finance Committee met on October 1st reviewed, and approved resolution:
- Resolution 10052020-01 Authorize the President and CEO to receive the one-time supplemental funding for the Early Head Start budget in the amount of \$479,039.00 and approve the final amendment for the Early Head Start budget. Fiscal Impact: The total award is \$479,039.00 for a one-time supplement. Funding Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.
 - Motion to approve resolution in a block vote by B. Eadie.
 - Motion seconded by G. Montes.
 - Motion unanimously passed.
- A. Alfonso stated that monies spent are higher because ELC is paying the providers based on enrollment and not actual attendance. This makes for a difficult budget year because of the unique situations the ELC is facing, paying parent fees, reimbursing for full-time for school-aged children that would regularly be part-time, etc.
- A. Alfonso reviewed the reconciliation snapshot and stated that there were still many providers that had not responded to the letter, phone call and emails sent.
- A. Alfonso stated that the Snapshots show no waitlist in Miami-Dade or Monroe County. Children are being brought in every two weeks in Miami-Dade and daily in Monroe.



- A. Alfonso stated that there were no charges on the EHS credit card report.

V. Nominating Committee Report

Marisol Diaz

- M. Diaz stated that the Nominating Committee met on September 24th and interviewed two applicants for the faith-based provider representative position on our Board. After the interviews and discussion, the Nominating Committee approved the nomination of Dr. Eileen Fluney, from Paradise Christian School
 - G. Schwartz moved to approve the nomination.
 - J. Roig seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Programs, Policy & Strategy Committee Report

Gladys Montes

- G. Montes stated that the Programs, Policy & Strategy Committee met on September 28 and discussed the following items:
 - EHS enrollment, attendance and meal programs were reviewed and accepted. The committee had some concerns about the number of children reported as not attending the program. After the meeting, staff followed up on the attendance identified that only six (6), out of the 695 children enrolled, have not been participating virtually or attending classes in person.
Family Advocates have been in communication with the families of the 6 children and continue to provide the family services piece of the program. The program has been flexible with families during these trying times, but will now proceed with the committee's recommendation to have these 6 families commit to in-person or virtual education services in order to continue being enrolled in the EHS program.
 - Dad's Take Your Children to School Day
 - Self-Assessment Plan
 - Process
 - Data Collection
 - Focus Group Formation
 - Data Sharing
 - Data Analysis
 - Impact of Analysis
 - Final Report and Improvement Plan (01/20/21-01/22/21)
 - Report Presentation (02/01/21-02/17/21)
 - Focus Group Updates (02/22/21-07/31/21)
 - Children's First Conference-Virtual conference, strong support from Miami-Dade, participants from all Florida counties even one participant from Puerto Rico.



- Leading for Equity-startup phase, value statement has been changed, creating a small team to develop a Planning & Steering Committee.
- Improving Reading Skills for Preschoolers- studies conducted by the Children’s Trust were reviewed by ELC staff. We will have a presentation from Rachael Spector at our upcoming Board meeting to discuss the results. (Ask Evelio to say a few words)

VII. Provider Services Committee Report

Rick Beasley

- R. Beasley stated that the Provider Services Committee met on September 24 and discussed the following items:
 - A Certificate of Insurance monitoring report was presented by the Quality Assurance Director. 80 providers were randomly selected for review and all had valid insurance.
 - VPK Assessments Period 1 are to begin soon as they are to be conducted within the first 30 calendar days of the start of the VPK program and submitted within 45 days.
 - Communications Monthly Report was presented, reflecting the efforts made for outreach to providers and parents. News alerts, social media posts and the attendance at our weekly provider meeting were shared.
 - Data requested by the Provider Sustaining and Strengthening break-out group on provider under-enrollment was shared. The data identified the reimbursements for children attending vs. enrolled, attendance rates, number of open providers and participants in the first responders grant.

VIII. Litigation Committee Report

Gerald Schwartz

- G. Schwartz stated that the Litigation Committee met on September 24 and discussed two cases:
 - Dania Espinosa vs. Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc.
 - Mirian Chavez, as Personal Representative of the Estate of A.M.C. for the use and benefit of Miriam Chavez, individually, and Brian Matute, individually, Plaintiff, v. The Sundari Foundation Inc. d/b/a Lotus House a/k/a Lotus House Women’s Shelter, Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc., The Tree of Life Deliverance Ministry, Inc., Vision for Life, Inc., and Karen J. Aviles, Case No. 18-11138 CA, Circuit Court of the 11th Judicial Circuit, Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- These discussions were held “in the shade”. The Board will receive further information once the cases are resolved.

IX. Monroe County Advisory Sub-Committee Report

Sandi Bisceglia

- S. Bisceglia stated that the Monroe County Advisory Committee met on September 24th to discuss the Monroe County Needs Assessments.

X. CEO Report

Evelio Torres



<https://www.elcmdm.org/Content/Uploads/elcmdm.org/files/Meeting%20Packages/CEO%20Report%20102020%20final.pdf>

XI. Public Comments

Adrian Alfonso

XII. Adjourn

Adrian Alfonso