



Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting
October 5th, 2015; 8:00 a.m.
ELC Board Room

Board Attendees: Adrian Alfonso (chair); Imran Ali; Tina Carroll-Scott; Heather Carruthers; Robert Eadie (treasurer); Helene Good; David Lawrence Jr.(via conference call); Dr. Judy Schaechter(via conference call); Alan Eckstein(via conference call); Dr. Mara Zapata; Rick Beasley; Abilio Rodriguez; Shaleen Fagundo, Alexander Soto; Lucy Pineiro

Board Absentees: Gerald Schwartz; Theresa Axford; Russell Benford; Gilda Ferradaz; Philip Gassman; Magaly Abrahante; Gladys Montes;

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres (President/CEO); Angelo Parrino; Lisa Sanabria; Jackye Russell; Fred Hicks; Wilfredo Ayala; Mercy Castiglione; Fiorella Altare; Ana Rodriguez; Dr. Anabel Espinosa; Pamela Hollingsworth; Mercy Castiglione; Lucy Shrack; Ileana Vallejo; Victor Caballero; Cindy Lozada; Yesenia Reyes; Kerry Allen

General Attendees: Santiago Echemendia, Shutts & Bowen LLP; Valerie Farinas, UF; Marisol Diaz, MDCPS; Michele Kaplan, Devereux; Philip Poekert, UF; Catherine Radziewicz, YMCA

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 sixteen (12) voting members.
- A. Alfonso stated that if anyone has a conflict of interest on any item coming before the Board, to declare the conflict and see Lisa Sanabria for a form.
- A. Alfonso stated that in the packet there is a draft letter written to Senator Aaron Bean from the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet about health care for immigrant children. Both Dave Lawrence and Dr. Judy Schaechter are members of the committee and on their way to the meeting being held October 5th, 2015. The board was asked to write a letter from the Early Learning Coalition to support this cause.
 - H. Good moved to approve the minutes.
 - B. Eadie seconded the motion.
 - Motion was passed unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

Adrian Alfonso

- A. Alfonso called for the approval of the meeting minutes from August, 2015.
 - B. Eadie moved to approve the minutes.
 - M. Zapata seconded the motion.
 - Motion was passed unanimously.



III. Finance Committee Report

Bob Eadie

- Resolution 09302015-01 Authorize the President and CEO to receive and execute the grant agreement with Nemours Foundation. Fiscal Impact: The grant is a not-to-exceed amount of \$375,000.00, subject to approval for legal sufficiency and form. Funding Source: Nemours
 - Motion to approve resolution by B. Eadie
 - Motion seconded by H. Good
 - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Resolution 09302015-02 Authorize the President and CEO to receive funds from the Office of Early Learning-Early Learning Performance Funding Pilot Project grant/contract. Fiscal Impact: The contract in the amount of \$830,775.00, subject to approval for legal sufficiency and form. Funding Source: The Office of Early Learning
 - Motion to approve resolution by B. Eadie
 - Motion seconded by M. Zapata
 - Motion was unanimously passed.
- B. Eadie reviewed the financial statements and stated it was business as usual.
- B. Eadie reviewed snapshots waitlist in Monroe County remains at "0" and the Miami Dade County wait list has been significantly reduced.

IV. Provider Services Committee Report

Rick Beasley

- R. Beasley stated the following:
 - Children's Hour Day School received a total of two Class 1 Violations, 08/06/2014- ST. 12 Child Discipline. A form of discipline used by staff was associated with food, rest and/or toileting and 8/06/2014 – ST. 63 Access/Child Abuse or Neglect/Misrepresentation. They also received a total of 13 Class 2 Violations and 27 Class 3 Violations. A termination Letter sent on August 4, 2015. Provider was able to appeal the violations with DCF. The Hearing Committee vacated termination without prejudice.
 - Little Language Academy a review of the children response booklets for the center was conducted on 6/30/15. During the review, it was found that the center did not properly administer the VPK Assessment to all children enrolled in the VPK program. Email was sent to provider on 6/30/15, stating that the coalition "received notification from OEL that the center is to be removed from the program for 5 years in accordance with Section 1002.67(4)(b), Florida Statutes. As discussed with you earlier, children were assessed the last week of school when they should have been assessed the month of April/May. Because of the delay in assessing children 8 students were not assessed at all and 6 were missing the last portion of the assessment (OL/V). Failure to assess the children deems the center no longer eligible to offer the VPK Education Program." Notice of Termination and Revocation of Eligibility sent on 7/21/15. The Hearing Committee terminated contract for a period of 5 years
 - Tutor Me Day Care & Preschool II, Jenny Espinosa Provided a Directors Credential that seems to have been altered prior submission. The Hearing Committee terminated contract for a period of 5 years
 - Future Leaders Academy of Kendall, the licensing violations of June 5th, 2015 constitute a clear default of the terms and conditions of probation, wherein the provider agreed to not receive any Class I or Class II violations. The following DCF licensing violations posed a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the children. Total Class



2 Violations: 2. Termination Letter sent on August 26, 2015. The Hearing Committee accepted a corrective action plan.

- Little Angels Christian Academy, On August 14th 2015 the Coalition received notification from the Office of Early Learning stating that Provider had been placed on the USDA Disqualified list. The Hearing Committee's terminated contract for a period of 5 years

V. Inclusion Workgroup Report **Helene Good**

- H. Good stated group is trying to identify children with special need.

VI. CEO Report **Evelio Torres**

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VII. Public Comments **Adrian Alfonso**

VIII. Adjourn **Adrian Alfonso**