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ELC Provider Services Committee Meeting

April 28, 2022 2 P.M.

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Committee Attendees: Rick Beasley; Daniel Armstrong; Chereen Coile; Jenni Roig

Committee Absentees: Loreen Chant; Dr. Fluney

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino; Mercy Castiglione; Vanessa Aguilar-Viera; Marine Allen-Tucker; Lillian Amador; Lisney Badillo; Marisleydis Bruguez; Victor Caballero; Fiorella A Christie; Thalia Daumy; Natalia Gamundi; Sandra Gonzalez; Pam Hollingsworth; Lucrece Lafontant; Diana Lane; Paloma Lopez-Barcena; Michelle Meilan; Sheyla Perez; Ana Rodriguez; Ana Sejeck, Ileana Vallejo, Aileen Suazo, Vernise Casimir, Laurie Bravo, Lismay Diaz, Donna Bronigan, E. Orozco, Alex Sanchez, Alyssa Linares, Jennelle James, Anabel Espinosa, Dolores Mendez, Isha Sanders, Laurie Dunn

General Attendees Travis Kelly, P. Contreras, Zoila Paez Hernandez, Ana Sejeck, Beth Davis, Bob de la Fuente, Pastor Cathi's Otter, Angela-Perla Almodovar, Dasiely Cruz, Steven Munne, Sharon Zweig, Little Red School House, Beth Rosenthal Davis, Danish Williams, Pamela Malval, Yazmin Amaya, Isaac Caries, Steve's Academy, Penelope Quintas, Alma Diaz, SHAWNA POINTVILLE, Loraine Abrahams, Juanita's, Yvena Simon, Natalie Williams, Ollie Anderson, Steven Munne

I. Welcome & Introductions

Rick Beasley

- K. Gregory called roll and quorum was established with four (4) voting members.

II. Approval of Minutes

Loreen Chant

- A. Motion to approve March 31, 2022 minutes.
 - Motion to approve by Dr. Armstrong
 - Motion seconded by C. Coile
 - Motion unanimously passed.

III. Providers

Bob de la Fuente

- Reagan School status report given. Issues have been resolved and provider is on a corrective action plan.

Mission: To promote high-quality school readiness, voluntary pre-kindergarten and after school programs, thus increasing all children's chances of achieving future educational success and becoming productive members of society. The Coalition seeks to further the physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs of Miami-Dade and Monroe County children with a priority toward the ages before birth through age 5.



- Happy Kids Daycare Inc. report given. Issues have been resolved and provider is on a corrective action plan.

IV. New Initiatives

- A. Early Childhood Internship Program **Pam Hollingsworth/**
- B. Early Childhood Apprenticeship Program **Travis Kelly**

A presentation was conducted by Pam Hollingsworth and Travis Kelly with Career Source.

V. ARPA Update and Family Child Care Home Association Annual Conference Scholarships **Fiorella Christie**

Fiorella Christie provided the following information:

Child Care Stabilization Grant Program is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Grant Priorities

- Stabilize and support Florida's entire network of early learning providers.
- Expand access to high-quality providers for families where cost is the primary barrier
- Invest in quality
- Invest in the early learning workforce and take steps to transition Florida's early learning workforce into the early learning profession
- Strengthen Providers

Applications are open until *June 30, 2022*.

Early learning/child care providers must meet the following eligibility criteria:

They were licensed, registered or regulated under the appropriate state or local law on **or before March 11, 2021.**

OR

They meet Child Care and Development Fund health and safety requirements including completion of comprehensive background checks.

AND

- Early learning/child care provider agrees to complete a current fiscal year Child Care Resource and Referral profile in the Florida Early Learning Provider Services Portal, if not previously completed; and
- Early learning/child care provider did not have a contract terminated for cause within the past five years and provider is in good standing with the early learning coalition; and
- Early learning/child care provider is not under investigation or has been convicted of child care fraud; and
- Early learning/child care provider is not included on the Florida Child Care Food Program U.S. Department of Agriculture Disqualified List; and
- Early learning/child care provider submits an Internal Revenue Services Form W-9 for payment and direct deposit forms (as required by coalition), if not previously submitted; and
- Early learning/child care provider completes the *American Rescue Plan Act Stabilization Subgrant – Round I Application*, which includes child counts, monthly operating expenses, and budget for funds use.



- Allowable Expenses are:
- Payroll/Benefits, Other Personnel Costs
- Rent or Mortgage, Business Operating Costs and Facility Expenses
- Personal Protective Equipment, Cleaning Supplies and Services
- Professional Development related to Health and Safety Practices
- Mental Health Supports for Children and Child Care Employees
- Equipment and Supplies in Response to COVID-19
- Goods and Services to Maintain/Resume Child Care Services
- Workforce Investment
- Copayments or Tuition Waivers

VI. Classroom Assessment Scoring System Trends and Information **Fiorella Christie**

- Classroom Assessment Scoring System Information and Trends were provided by Fiorella Christie.

VII. Early Education Partners Roundtable **Provider Representatives**

- A. Family Child Care Home Discussion
 - Dr. Perla Almodovar
 - Danish Williams
 - Alma Diaz
- B. Program-Based Discussion
 - Jenni Roig (Private Provider Representative)
 - Dr. Eileen Fluney (Faith-Based Provider Representative)
 - Dr. Daniel Armstrong (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Program Representative)
- C. General Discussion

VIII. Chamber Reports **Board Members and Staff**

IX. Public Comments **Rick Beasley**

X. Adjourn **Rick Beasley**