



ELC Provider Services Committee Meeting
December 16, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting ID: 980 3006 4857
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Committee Attendees: Rick Beasley; Daniel Armstrong; Chereen Coile; Eileen Fluney; Jenni Roig

Committee Absentees: Jane McQueen; Loreen Chant

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino; Michelle Meilan; Sandra Gonzalez; Mercy Castiglione; Pam Hollingsworth; Belkis Torres; Diana Lane; Jessica Parra; Vanessa Aguilar-Viera; Sheyla Perez; Marine Allen-Tucker; Lisney Badillo; Marisleydis Bruguez; Victor Caballero; Thalia Daumy; Johnnetta Nuby-Powell; Natalia Gamundi; Ileana Vallejo; Alyssa Linares; Ana Sejeck; Vernise Casimir; Donna Bronigan; Yadira Aguilar; Isha Sanders

General Attendees: Bob de la Fuente, Lisset Cruz; Maria Villa Cortes; Raquel Donoso Nigro; Adriana Deza; Odalmis Morejon; Patricia Boyd; Angela-Perla Almodovar; Christine Patterson; Jennelle James; Nicole Quniteros; Antoinette Patterson; Barabra Subirana; Lorena Suarez; Priscila Hazrun; Marie Demerville; Caridad Valdes; Maria Elena Delgado; Daniel Fernandez

I. Welcome & Introductions

Rick Beasley

- A. R. Beasley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- B. C. Pollard called roll and quorum was established with five (5) voting members.

II. Approval of Minutes

Rick Beasley

- A. Motion to approve November 18, 2021 minutes.
 - o Motion to approve by C. Coile
 - o Motion seconded by J. Roig
 - o Motion unanimously passed.

III. Early Education Partners Roundtable

Provider Representatives

- Dr. Perla Almodovar shared that the Family Child Care Home (FCCH) Association is working on an important initiative with Miami Dade College (MDC) that will positively impact FCCH providers. She also encouraged partners to engage state and local representatives to prioritize initiatives such as the paid leave act and the expanded child tax credit.

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.



- J. Roig and E. Fluney briefly shared about new mandates for VPK trainings, specific to the Directors Credential. It was also stated that school enrollment is still a challenge for them and many other providers.

IV. Chamber Reports

Board Members

- R. Beasley stated that the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce recently approved their 2022 legislative agenda, which included expanded workforce initiatives, support for equitable provider reimbursement rates and increased eligibility for Florida KidCare.
- D. Armstrong shared the need to support increased income thresholds for families to qualify for critical services. He commended the various chambers and the Coalition for their work on addressing the benefits cliff.

V. ELC Strategic Initiatives

Evelio Torres

- P. Hollingsworth shared the Coalition's strategic initiative to help child care partners build resilient infrastructure. Initiatives include:
 - Help finding resources during difficult times
 - Support in retaining high-quality staff
 - Assistance in understanding the Coalition's contract
- It was stated that the strategic planning process is ongoing and feedback from partners is supported.

VI. New Initiatives

- P. Hollingsworth shared that the Internship Program launched in November and a second cohort is projected to launch in February 2022. It was stated that partners in Florida City, Monroe County, Hialeah and Little Haiti will be selected to host new interns.
- P. Hollingsworth also stated that the Apprenticeship Program application has been submitted and a response from the State is expected in January 2022. She included that there will be 25 participant slots available for the program.

VII. Public Comments

Rick Beasley

VIII. Adjourn

Rick Beasley