



# Minutes

PROGRAM POLICY & PROVIDER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015; 3:30 P.M.  
ELC Board Room

**Committee Attendees:** The Hon. Cindy S. Lederman; Shaleen Fagundo; David Williams, Jr.; Robert Eadie (via conference call); Rick Beasley; Abilio Rodriguez; Mara Zapata; Helene Good (via conference call); Charles Auslander; Tina Carroll-Scott

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio C. Torres, CEO; Angelo Parrino; Sandra Gonzalez; Lisa Sanabria; Santiago Echemendia (Board Attorney); Fred Hicks; Yesenia Reyes; Yasmon Wong; Jackye Russell

**Public Attendees:** Vivian Sanchez; Hisnardo Sanchez; Michelle Sanchez

**I. Welcome and Introductions** **The Hon. Cindy S. Lederman**

- C. Lederman welcomed the Committee, staff and attendees. Quorum was established.

**II. Approval of Minutes** **The Hon. Cindy S. Lederman**

- C. Lederman moved the motion for the approval of meeting minutes from October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
  - A. Rodriguez moved to approve the minutes.
  - D. Williams seconded the motion.
  - Motion was passed unanimously.

**III. The Learning Corner Early Childhood Center 1** **The Hon. Cindy S. Lederman**

- Y. Reyes stated that The Learning Corner Early Childhood Center I, 1003 Old Federal Highway, Hallandale, Fl. filed a grievance because they were denied a School Readiness contract from the coalition. Under the previous owner, who is the mother of the current owner, the center was placed on the United States Department of Agriculture National Disqualified List in August 2014. The coalition received the updated disqualification list in November 2014 from the Office of Early Learning. This disqualification also disqualifies them from having a School Readiness contract. Notice of termination of contract was sent to the provider with a termination date of December 26, 2014.
- The business has now been transferred to the daughter, but staff and the Program Committee felt strongly that the transaction was not an arms-length transaction, in which the buyers and sellers act independently and have no relationship to each other. Under their DCF license and their Broward SR contract the center can continue to

operate legally in Broward, but will not serve Miami-Dade SR children. This change of ownership issue is addressed in this year's early learning bill as follows:

(b) The owner of a child care facility, family child care home, or large family child care home may not transfer ownership to a relative of the operator if the operator has had his or her license suspended or revoked by the department pursuant to s.402.310, has received notice from the department that reasonable cause exists to suspend or revoke his or her license, or has been placed on the United States Department of Agriculture National Disqualified List. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "relative" means father, mother, son, daughter, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister.

- The ELC's eligibility and Child Care Resource and Referral office was informed of the contract termination. Parents were contacted and provided with referrals to other area programs.
- C. Lederman moved to deny the appeal.
  - R. Beasley moved to approve amendment.
  - M. Zapata seconded the motion.
  - Motion was passed unanimously.
- S. Echemendia informed the providers may appear on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 to make final appeal to the Board of Directors
- E. Torres reviewed the three audits that were conducted:
  - OEL Accountability Monitoring
  - Harvey, Covington & Thomas
  - Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Farra

**IV. Public Comments**

**The Hon. Cindy S. Lederman**

**V. Adjourn**

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