



ELC Programs, Policy, & Strategy Committee Meeting

July 26, 2021; 7:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 946 4204 5918

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Committee Attendees: Sandi Bisceglia; James Haj; Eileen Fluney; Stephanie Scuderi; Chereen Coile

Committee Absentees: Gladys Montes; Joycelyn Lawrence; Raeann Bacchus; Mara Zapata

Staff Attendees: Angelo Parrino; Pam Hollingsworth; Fiorella Christie; Belkis Torres; Anabel Espinosa; Jackye Russell; Sandra Gonzalez; Maria Schrack

Non-Committee Attendees: Daniel Armstrong;

I. Welcome and Introductions

Sandi Bisceglia

- S. Bisceglia called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Quorum was established with five (5) voting members.

II. Approval of Minutes

Sandi Bisceglia

- S. Bisceglia for the approval of the meeting minutes from June 2021.
 - E. Fluney moved to approve the minutes.
 - C. Coile seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

III. Early Head Start

Belkis Torres

- B. Torres presented the following updates:
 - Attendance: The average daily attendance has remained 92% or higher during the past five (5) months;
 - The June average daily attendance was 92%;
 - Self-assessment: Three (3) of eight (8) areas have been fully completed all of the self-assessment action steps. The remaining five (5) areas are expected to be completed by the end of October 2021;
 - Corrective Action Plan (CAP): 20 of the 25 required action steps have been completed. The remaining five (5) have been started and continue to be implemented.



IV. Quality Initiatives

Fiorella Altare Christie

- F. Altare Christie discussed The Children’s Trust Scholarship Program and announced that the ELC would receive additional funding in an approximate amount of \$11, 500.00 for the period July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. This will allow for additional children to be served through The Children’s Trust Scholarship Program.

V. Inclusion & Assessment Updates

Dr. Anabel Espinosa

- A. Espinosa discussed the following:
 - Concerns surrounding the management of development screenings have been identified with the Single Statewide Information System (SSIS). The screening, inclusion, and assessment team have designed and implemented work-arounds to address the misalignment between SSIS, current processes, and administrative rule requirements;
 - The screening, inclusion, and assessment team achieved growth and proficiency on Quality Assurance monitoring during FY 2020-21, in spite of the challenges with SSIS.
 - For quarter three (3), Miami-Dade providers achieved 100% compliance with development screening and assessment and Best Practices in Early Childhood Education. Monroe providers achieved 100% and 97% respectively.

VI. Professional Development Institute

Pamela Hollingsworth

- P. Hollingsworth discussed the following:
 - The Professional Development Institute provided trainings for 11, 572 participants during FY 2020-21;
 - 11, 359 Miami-Dade participants (duplicated number);
 - 213 Monroe participants (duplicated number);
 - Equity Institute: The Children First Equity and Inclusion Series will be featured at the Built to Thrive 21 Summit, September 21, 2021, sponsored by The Children’s Movement of Florida;
 - ELC Talks presented Confederate statues and monuments on July 15. The August 19 session will address the Impact of COVID-19 on Early Childhood Education and Child Development.

VII. Public Comments

Sandi Bisceglia

VIII. Adjourn

Sandi Bisceglia