I. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Approval of Minutes

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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