Programs & Policy Committee Meeting
Monday, February 6th, 2017
7:00 am – 7:45 am

I. Approval of Minutes
   A. October, 2016
   B. December, 2016

II. Early Head Start
    A. Federal Food Program

III. Programs Update
     A. Study Tour, Connecticut
     B. Inclusion
     C. Health & Wellness
     D. PDI/Monroe Conference

IV. Public Comments
    Dr. Judy Schaechter

V. Adjourn
    Dr. Judy Schaechter
ELC Programs & Policy and EHS Health Services Advisory Committee Meeting
October 17th, 2016 at 9:00 AM
ELC Conference Room

**Committee Attendees:** Dr. Judy Schaechter (via conference call), Gladys Montes, James Haj, Tina Carroll-Scott (via conference call)

**Absent Committee:** Bob Eadie

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres, Fiorella Altare, Lisa Sanabria, Belkis Torres, Sandra Gonzalez, Jackye Russell; Kerry Allen; Wilfredo Ayala; Anabel Espinosa

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

- J. Schaechter called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Quorum was established.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to approve minutes by J. Schaechter.
  - Motion seconded by T. Carroll-Scott.
  - Motion was unanimously passed

III. **Early Head Start**

- B. Torres presented the Federal Food Program report to the committee. This report shows the daily counts of food served to the early head start children.

IV. **Contracted Slots**

- K. Allen discussed the contracted slots which are funded by the Specific Appropriation 87, $10,000,000 from the Child Care Development Block Grant Trust Fund shall be used to provide contracted slots with priority given for children who are at the greatest risk of school failure and attend a participating provider located in an area that has been designated as a poverty tract according to the latest census data. $1,922,609 awarded to Miami-Dade/Monroe ELC, the funding is tied to individual children and Funding cycle from October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The providers selected must meet certain requirements:
  - 50% of selected providers must be Early Learning Performance Funding Participants
  - If not participating in Performance Pilot, capacity for supporting and verifying performance standards must be sustained at a local level such as Quality Counts.
IV. Public Comments
Dr. Judy Schaechter

V. Adjourn
Dr. Judy Schaechter
ELC Programs & Policy and EHS Health Services Advisory Committee Meeting  
December 20th at 9:00 AM  
ELC Conference Room

Committee Attendees: Dr. Judy Schaechter James Haj

Absent Committee: Bob Eadie, Gladys Montes, Tina Carroll-Scott

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Lisa Sanabria; Belkis Torres, Sandra Gonzalez; Jackye Russell; Wilfredo Ayala; Anabel Espinosa; Pamela Hollingsworth; Milton Silvera

I. Welcome and Introductions  
Dr. Judy Schaechter

- J. Schaechter called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Quorum was not established.

II. Approval of Minutes  
Dr. Judy Schaechter

- Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

II. Early Head Start  
Belkis Torres

- B. Torres presented the Federal Food Program report to the committee. This report shows the daily counts of food served to the early head start children.

III. Health & Wellness  
Wilfredo Ayala

- W. Ayala discussed the following programs:
  - Let’s Move Childcare- Funded by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention / Nemours Foundation, 352 low-income centers in Miami-Dade & Broward counties trained, 95 Quality Counts centers trained, 1,408 teachers trained and 17,600 children served.
  - Structured Physical Activity Initiative- Funded by the Health Foundation South Florida, training partner is the CATCH Foundation, 55 low-income centers trained, 22 Quality Counts centers trained, 165 teachers trained and 2,750 children served.

- W. Ayala discussed electronic cigarettes and how the ELC is educating on prevention:
  - Funded by the Health Foundation South Florida, training partner is the CATCH Foundation, 55 low-income centers trained, 22 Quality Counts centers trained, 165 teachers trained and 2,750 children served.
W. Ayala discussed firearm safety:
  o In Development- Potential partners are the local Police Department and the Public Library System, the goal is to education/awareness campaign on Gun Safety that includes the following:
    ▪ Articles in the ELC Provider & Parent Newsletter.
    ▪ Social Media
    ▪ Facebook & Twitter weekly posts.
    ▪ ELC & PDI websites
    ▪ Recurring slider links
    ▪ Flyers & Brochures
    ▪ Available in all ELC facilities for families.
    ▪ In-person trainings for ELC staff, providers and families. Trainings to be conducted by local police department at the ELC and the main branches of Public Library System.
W. Ayala stated the 2016-2017 Early Head Start school year will have:
  o 86% of the children will have completed a hearing and vision screening
  o 96% of the children will have a medical home.
  o 16% of the children will have received preventative dental care.

IV. Programs Meeting Schedule

Evelio Torres

E. Torres stated that due to the change in the board meeting schedule it has affected the programs scheduling. The programs committee will meet 6 times this year:
  o February 6th, 2017
  o April 3rd, 2017
  o June 5th, 2017
  o August 7th, 2017
  o October 2nd, 2017
  o December 4th, 2017

V. Public Comments

Dr. Judy Schaechter

VI. Adjourn

Dr. Judy Schaechter
Belkis Torres, Vice President
## December 2016 Meal Report

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Health & Wellness

Wilfredo Ayala, Director

Strategic Plan Priority Initiative:

• Neediest Children
• Youngest Children
• Educate All
Obesity Prevention

**TRAINING PROJECTS**

**LET’S MOVE! Child Care**

- Funder: Nemours/Centers for Disease Control
- 287 low-income centers in Miami-Dade & Broward counties have completed the project to date.
  - Target: 240-300 centers trained by 2017
- 95 Quality Counts Centers Trained.
- ~861 teachers trained.
- ~21,584 children served.
- 65 low-income centers participating in 5th and final year of grant.

**Structured Physical Activity Initiative**

- Funder: Health Foundation of South Florida
- Training Partner: CATCH Foundation
- 55 low-income centers trained.
  - Target: 165 centers trained by 2018
- 22 Quality Counts centers trained.
- ~ 165 teachers to be trained
- ~2,750 children to be served.
- 35 centers recruited for training in March.
Electronic Cigarettes Prevention

Partners:

- Florida Department of Health Tobacco Free Florida (TBF)
- Florida Poison Information Center – Miami (FPIC)

Public Awareness:

- ELC Provider and Parent Newsletters
  - Published: Poisonous Dangers of E-Cigarettes to children 0-6

- Social Media
  - Facebook and Twitter weekly posts

- ELC and Professional Development Institute (PDI) Websites
  - Recurring slider links

- Flyers and Brochures
  - Available in all ELCMDM facilities for families

In Development:

- Webinar on the dangers of e-cigarettes available at ELC Website
- In-person trainings for ELC’s providers and families
  - Various poisonous control dangers
  - What to do when exposed to these dangers
Lidia Clarke, Managing Director

Strategic Plan Priority Initiative:

• Educate All
• Neediest Children
• Providers
Featured Training
Learning Language and Loving It™ - The Hanen Program® for Early Childhood Educators

The Learning Language and Loving It Program is designed to provide early childhood educators with practical strategies for helping all children in the classroom build language and social skills, no matter what their learning and communication styles are.

• Funded by The Children’s Trust

• 5 Participating Quality Counts Providers Enrolled

• 20 hours of onsite group based training sessions

• 12 hours of individual practitioner coaching and mentoring
Professional Development Institute
Serving Miami-Dade and Monroe

**Miami-Dade**
ELCMDM Main Office
North Service Center
Keiser University Miami Campus
Homestead YMCA Family

**Monroe**
Marathon Lutheran School
First Baptist Jack Hill
Parent Engagement

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)
- 33 Families enrolled in Collier
- 14 Families enrolled in Monroe
- Family group meetings well attended in both counties
- Monitoring scheduled 2/27/2017

Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing
- Trusted Messenger Training completed:
  - Jackson Health Systems
  - Holtz Children’s Hospital
  - Healthy Start Coalition
  - Help Me Grow
  - Miami Dade County Public Library
  - The Neighborhood Place for Early Head Start
Parent Engagement

Parenting Journey

- Quality Counts/ Professional Development Institute Collaboration
- 4 participating Quality Counts sites enrolled
Monroe Early Childhood Conference

• Save the date - May 6, 2017

• Marathon Middle/High School

• Theme: Healthy Families; Healthy Communities