



Minutes

Program, Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

7:00 am

Teleconference: 786-389-5135; code 801

Board Attendees: Gladys Montes; Denisse Barrera; Sandi Bisceglia; Chereen Coile; Eileen Fluney; Joycelyn Lawrence

Board Absentees: Raeann Bacchus; James Haj; Stephanie Scuderi; Mara Zapata

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino; Pam Hollingsworth; Anabel Espinosa; Ana Sejeck; Maria Schrack; Lisney Badillo; Lissandra Curbelo; Jacqueline Dominguez; Belkis Torres

General Attendees: Rachel Spector

I. Welcome & Introductions

Gladys Montes

- A. G. Montes called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- B. C. Pollard called roll and quorum was established with six (6) voting members.

II. Approval of Minutes

Gladys Montes

- A. Motion to approve minutes for September 27, 2021
 - o Motion to approve by S. Bisceglia.
 - o Motion seconded by C. Coile
 - o Motion unanimously passed.

III. Resolution 10262021-01 – School Readiness Plan Amendment – Mercy Castiglione, Lisney Badillo, Jacqueline Dominguez

Authorize the President and CEO to submit a School Readiness Plan amendment for approval to the Florida Department of Education’s Division of Early Learning, for updates to the Finance, Contracts, and Human Resource Policies.

It was shared that changes have been made to the Finance, Contracts, and Human Resources policies. Changes include:

- Title updates
- Electronic process for providers and vendors
- Addition of Webauthor procurement software
- E-verify and background screening process

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.





- Financial signature authority
- Updated Coalition observed holiday's
 - Motion to approve Resolution 10262021-01 – School Readiness Plan Amendment – Mercy Castiglione, Lisney Badillo, Jacqueline Dominguez by E. Fluney
 - Motion seconded by S. Bisceglia
 - Motion unanimously passed.

IV. Early Head Start

Belkis Torres

B. Torres shared the following:

- Average daily attendance was 76% in September. Low attendance continues to be attributed to classroom closures due to COVID exposure.
- Compared to August, there were increases in the number of meals served for all three meals (breakfast, lunch, and snack)
- There has been no update to program compliance but results should be expected soon.

V. Ages and Stages Questionnaire Updates

Dr. Anabel Espinosa

A. Espinosa shared the following:

- The Division of Early Learning (DEL) released an update to Rule 6M-4.720, Screening of Children in the School Readiness Program, effective October 3, 2021.
- The updates require increased communication with partners and families and expands service delivery to more children in the School Readiness program.
- Revisions to Citrus Health Network's contract scope of work have been made to align with rule changes. The revised contract includes additional funds and the accompanying resolution will be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

VI. Professional Development Institute (PDI)

Pam Hollingsworth

P. Hollingsworth shared the following:

- The Early Education Internship Program will kick-off in November with a reception being held at Kids for Kids Academy on November 8th.
- The Apprenticeship program is in the final stages of the application process and 15 slots have been filled.
- ELC Talks on the topic of childhood trauma took place on October 22nd and featured a panel of two experts in the field.
- The Region IV Training Institute has invited the Coalition to conduct a Poverty Simulation. Additional support is needed to move forward with the training.

VII. Public Comments

Gladys Montes

VIII. Adjourn

Gladys Montes