



Program Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting
Monday, November 28, 2022; 9 A.M.
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MINUTES

Committee Attendees; Chereen Coile; Sandi Bisceglia; Jim Haj; Dr. Fluney

Committee absentees: Denise Barrera; Suzette Frazier Joycelyn Lawrence

Staff Attendees: Michelle Meilan; Belkis Torres; Evelio Torres; Lisney Badillo; Ana Sejeck; Pamela Hollingsworth; Sandra Gonzalez; Fiorella A Christie; Alex Sanchez; Dr. Hicks; Vanessa Aguilera; Lissandra Curbelo; Cindy Cabrera; Ana Sejeck; Anabel Espinosa; Lucy Schrack; Paloma Lopez-Barcena

I. Welcome & Introductions

Chereen Coile

- A. C. Coile called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- B. K. Gregory called roll and quorum was established with Four (4) voting members.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chereen Coile

- A. Motion to approve October 24, 2022 minutes
 - Motion to approve Dr. Fluney
 - Motion Seconded S. Bisceglia
 - Motion unanimously passed.

III. Making a Difference

Dr. Anabel Espinosa

- A. Dr. Anabel Espinosa provided a story highlighting supports offered to children and families.

IV. Early Head Start

Belkis Torres

- A. Attendance for October is 84.62% which is up from last month.
- B. Meals Served for October
 - Breakfast 99.49% up from previous month
 - Lunch 99.82 up from previous month
 - Snacks 99.43% up from previous month

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.



- C. Enrollment- The program has attained 99% enrollment as of November 21, 2022. The program is shy 1% of meeting full enrollment.
- D. Policy Council Refresh- B. Torres shared information from the Office of Head Start: ACF-IM-HS-22-08 Intent: Summarize the 2023 Monitoring process and the new Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) video pilot conducted on Head Start programs only.

B. Torres shared that the program participated in the Neighbors 4 Neighbors Adopt-A-Family for the Holidays Program. Family Advocates submitted the names and stories of several of our families. Thus far, 15 families have been adopted by generous members of our community.

V. American Rescue Plan Act Update

Fiorella A. Christie

- A. F. Altare reported the most updated statistics on the ARPA Round 2 applications and awards as well as the ARPA Workforce Notice of Award.

Professional Development Institute

Ana Sejeck

- B. Child Development Associate (CDA) Updates were provided by A. Sejeck.
- C. Super CLASS Saturday Updates and opportunities were discussed by A. Sejeck.

VI. New VPK Requirements Revisited

Cindy Cabrera

- A. Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Updates were provided by C. Cabrera
- B. Review of VPK Provider Readiness Rates and Plan to Improve Updates were provided.
- C. Cabrera provided a list of supports provided by the Early Learning Coalition. (Provided in Program Policy and Strategy Committee packet).

VII. Public Comments

Chereen Coile

VIII. Adjourn

Chereen Coile