



ELC Programs, Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting
January 25, 2021 at 7:00 AM
Zoom Meeting ID: 919 8816 6356
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Committee Attendees: Gladys Montes; James Haj; Sandi Bisceglia; Joycelyn Lawrence; Eileen Fluney

Absent Committee:

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Fiorella Altare-Christie; Sandra Gonzalez; Pam Hollingsworth; Jackye Russell; Belkis Torres; Ana Sejeck; Anabel Espinosa; Angelo Parrino; Adelina Gross; Lucy Schrack

Non-Committee Attendee: Rachel Spector

I. Welcome and Introductions

Gladys Montes

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Gladys Montes

- Motion to approve minutes by S. Bisceglia.
- Motion seconded by J. Lawrence
- Motion unanimously passed.

III. Early Head Start

Belkis Torres

- B. Torres presented the Early Head Start Annual Self-Assessment. B. Torres stated that a meeting was held on Dec. 18 and there were 35 participants, which included board members, policy council members, community partners and ELC staff. Two of the accomplishments highlighted in the meeting were the Wellness Initiative and the transition from in person to virtual programming.
- B. Torres stated that some of the areas identified as opportunities for enhancement were Nutrition - Increase parent participation in nutrition and health education classes, demos, and events. Health - Attain at least 50% of well-baby compliance (which has been difficult to attain because some pediatricians are not complying with the schedule) ERSEA - Increase waitlist by 10% over the number of transitioning families for each community served by the program. Family & Community Engagement - Strengthen the relationship with community partners to increase both the program's waitlist and the available resources for families.
 - Motion to approve the annual self-assessment by J. Haj.
 - Motion seconded by J. Lawrence



- Motion unanimously passed.

- B. Torres presented EHS enrollment, attendance and meal programs. B. Torres stated that it was rare to attain a 100% on meals served because many children get to the centers after breakfast has been served or are picked up before lunch.

IV. Monroe County Needs Assessment

Angelo Parrino

- A. Parrino stated that feedback from the Monroe County Advisory committee was requested and received. This feedback was forwarded to NOLO who will be conducting the needs assessments. Further discussion will be had at the Feb. 9 Monroe Advisory Committee meeting.

V. The Children’s Trust Scholarship Program

Fiorella Christie

- Resolution 01252021-01 Authorize the President and CEO to apply to the Single Source procurement from The Children’s Trust, once the proposal is approved, authorize the President and CEO to negotiate the contract, execute and receive the funds. Fiscal Impact: The approximate amount of \$8,000,000.00 commencing July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, which is subject to the availability of funding.
 - Motion to approve the resolution by S. Bisceglia.
 - Motion seconded by E. Fluney
 - Motion unanimously passed.

VI. Professional Development Institute

Pam Hollingsworth

- P. Hollingsworth discussed the following items:
 - Monroe Early Learning Conference – it will be a two-day conference, 04/23/2021-04/24/2021. We are still booking speakers.
 - Kellogg Foundation: Racial Equity 2030 – Kellogg seeks to close the racial equity gap so all children, families and communities can be more confident, healthier and secure in their trust of the systems and institutions that serve them. Kellogg is looking for ideas from teams of visionaries, change agents and community leaders from every sector and organizations of all types, from anywhere in the world. ELC will collaborate with The Children’s Trust in grant response.
 - Motion to approve participation by E. Fluney.
 - Motion seconded by S. Bisceglia
 - Motion unanimously passed.



- Leading With Equity - Assemble a diverse team of leaders to take on this transformative work; Create a 'kitchen cabinet' of community stakeholders and high visibility

consultants to guide and inspire; Educate and empower the L-WE team and beyond; Activate the 'kitchen cabinet'; Goal Setting and Theory of Change; Transformation begins.

VII. Public Comments

Gladys Montes

VIII. Adjourn

Gladys Montes