



ELC Programs, Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting
March 29, 2021 at 7:00 AM
Zoom Meeting ID: 918 2242 3665
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Committee Attendees: Gladys Montes; Sandi Bisceglia; Eileen Fluney; Joycelyn Lawrence; Stephanie Scuderi

Absent Committee: James Haj;

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Fiorella Altare-Christie; Pam Hollingsworth; Jackye Russell; Belkis Torres; Anabel Espinosa; Angelo Parrino; Ana Sejeck; Isabel Afanador

Non-Committee Attendee:

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 E. Fluney
- Motion unanimously passed.

III. Early Head Start

Belkis Torres

- B. Torres presented the meals enrollment and attendance. B. Torres stated that the attendance is a bit low but still maintains above the 85% threshold.
- B. Torres presented the EHS Grant application. B. Torres stated that many of the changes made were due to the pandemic.
 - Motion to approve grant application by E. Fluney.
 - Motion seconded by J. Lawrence.
 - Motion unanimously passed.
- B. Torres stated that two incidents of alleged child abuse in EHS center were reported. B. Torres stated that both are under investigation and have been reported to DCF.

IV. Professional Development Institute

Pam Hollingsworth

- P. Hollingsworth discussed the following:



- In 2021, and moving forward, the Professional Development Institute will sponsor one virtual conference, yearly. This years It Takes a 'Virtual' Village Early Childhood Conference will be held on April 23rd and 24th, 2021
- PDI had its first group of CDA graduates. A total of 46 Students completed 120 hours of training and completed a professional resource file.

V. The Equity Institute Lead With Equity

Pam Hollingsworth

- P. Hollingsworth discussed the following:
 - Internal – Anti-Bias and Leadership Training/YES Institute, 21 Day Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge, OEL/Equity Mentor, ELCMDM Board Directives
 - External – Outreach to Coalitions, Children First Equity and Inclusion Series, Gender Stereotyping and Anti Bullying, Anti-Bias Classroom Certificates and Kellogg Racial Equity 2030 Partnership.

VI. Public Comments

Gladys Montes

VII. Adjourn

Gladys Montes