



ELC Programs & Policy Committee Meeting  
August 7, 2017 at 7:00 AM  
ELC Conference Room

**Committee Attendees:** James Haj, Dr. Judy Schaechter; Bob Eadie; Gladys Montes (via conference call)

**Absent Committee:**

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres; Pamela Hollingsworth; Belkis Torres; Anabel Espinosa; Wilfredo Ayala; Yusneli Martinez; Lidia Clarke; Ana Sejeck; Sandra Gonzalez; Fiorella Altare; Jackye Russell; Angelo Parrino; Lisa Sanabria

**I. Welcome and Introductions** **Judy Schaechter**

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

**II. Approval of Minutes** **Judy Schaechter**

- Motion to approve minutes by B. Eadie.
- Motion seconded by J. Haj.
- Motion was unanimously passed.

**II. Early Head Start** **Belkis Torres**

- B. Torres stated that the Program Performance Summary report was received and Early Head Start received satisfactory to above satisfactory scores.
- 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. Professional Development Institute** **Lidia Clarke**

- L. Clarke announced the highlights of the upcoming Children First conference:
  - More than 2000 Early Childhood Professionals and community stakeholders
  - Partnering with Florida Association of Infant Mental Health and Early Head Start Partnerships
  - Legislative Issues Panel featuring Rodney McKinnon, CEO, Office of Early Learning
  - More than 100 featured sessions and presentations in English, Spanish and Creole.
- L. Clarke stated that the following would be the guest speakers at the conference:
  - Captain Robert Bialas – Regional program Manager, Region IV, Office of Head Start



- Dr. Mimi Graham – Director of Florida State University Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy
- Tonier “Neen” Cain – author and public speaker
- Walter S. Gilliam, PhD – Associate Professor in the Child Study Center and of Psychology Yale University
- Iheoma U. Iruka, PhD – Chief Research Innovation Officer and Director of the Center for Early Education Evaluation HighScope
- Dr. Nefertiti Poyner – author and public speaker
- Laura Posada – author, motivational speaker and certified life coach
- Dr. Jeff Brosco – Chief Resident University of Miami/Jackson memorial Hospital
- 123 Andres! – music artist and 2016 Latin Grammy Winner for Best Children’s Album

**IV. Quality Counts**

**Fiorella Altare**

- F. Altare present the following updates on Quality Counts:
  - As of June 2017 Quality Counts 382 providers participating
  - Out of the 63 providers that have dropped from the program, 17% closed their school, 24% were dropped and 59% withdrew.
  - The current wait list has 12 providers waiting to enter the program.
  - 257 providers in the program are Goal Seal Accredited
  - Out of the 382 providers in the program, 146 have been in the program 8 or more years, 41 6-7 years, 45 4-5 years, 102 2-3 years and 48 0-1 year.

**V. Public Comments**

**Judy Shaechter**

**VI. Adjourn**

**Judy Shaechter**