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; Yusnili Martinez; Lidia Clarke; Ana Sejeck; Sandra Gonzalez; Fiorella Altare; Jackye Russell; Angelo Parrino; Lisa Sanabria

I. Welcome and Introductions
   Judy Shaechter
   • J. Schaechter called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Quorum was established.

II. Approval of Minutes
    Judy Shaechter
    • 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:
       o More than 2000 Early Childhood Professionals and community stakeholders
       o Partnering with Florida Association of Infant Mental Health and Early Head Start Partnerships
       o Legislative Issues Panel featuring Rodney McKinnon, CEO, Office of Early Learning
       o 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:
       o 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. Altatre present the following updates on Quality Counts:
  o As of June 2017 Quality Counts 382 providers participating
  o Out of the 63 providers that have dropped from the program, 17% closed their school, 24% were dropped and 59% withdrew.
  o The current wait list has 12 providers waiting to enter the program.
  o 257 providers in the program are Goal Seal Accredited
  o 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

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