



ELC Programs, Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting
September 28, 2020 at 7:00 AM
Zoom Meeting ID: 957 9883 4888

Committee Attendees: Gladys Montes; James Haj; Sandi Bisceglia; Joycelyn Lawrence; Deena Hoagland

Absent Committee:

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Fiorella Altera-Christie; Sandra Gonzalez; Pam Hollingsworth; Jackye Russell; Belkis Torres; Ana Sejeck; Anabel Espinosa;

I. Welcome and Introductions **Gladys Montes**

- G. Montes called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Quorum was established.

II. Approval of Minutes **Judy Schaechter**

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

III. Early Head Start **Belkis Torres**

- B. Torres presented the EHS enrollment, attendance and meal programs they were reviewed and accepted. G. Montes had some concerns about the number of children reported as not attending the program and asked staff to follow up on the actual attendance.
- B. Torres presented pictures of the "Dad's Take Your Children to School Day" many participated and it was a successful event.
- B. Torres presented this year's Self-Assessment Plan and the steps EHS will be taking:
 - Data Collection
 - Focus Group Formation
 - Data Sharing
 - Data Analysis
 - Impact of Analysis
 - Final Report and Improvement Plan (01/20/21-01/22/21)
 - Report Presentation (02/01/21-02/17/21)
 - Focus Group Updates (02/22/21-07/31/21)

IV. Professional Development Institute Program Updates **Pam Hollingsworth**

- P. Hollingsworth stated that the Children's First Conference-Virtual conference, strong support from Miami-Dade, participants from all Florida counties even one participant from Puerto Rico.



V. Annual Retreat Initiatives

- P. Hollingsworth stated that for the "Leading for Equity" initiative the ELC is in the startup phase, value statement has been changed, creating a small team to develop a Planning & Steering Committee.

VI. Improving Reading Skills for Preschoolers

Evelio Torres

- E. Torres stated that studies conducted by the Children's Trust were reviewed by ELC staff. We will have a presentation from Rachael Spector at our upcoming Board meeting to discuss the results.

VII. Public Comments

Gladys Montes

VIII. Adjourn

Gladys Montes