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ELC Provider Services Committee Meeting

March 31, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

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Committee Attendees: Loreen Chant; Daniel Armstrong; Chereen Coile; Eileen Fluney; Jenni Roig

Committee Absentees: Rick Beasley

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino; Mercy Castiglione; Vanessa Aguilar-Viera; Marine Allen-Tucker; Lillian Amador; Lisney Badillo; Marisleydis Bruguez; Victor Caballero; Fiorella A Christie; Thalia Daumy; Natalia Gamundi; Sandra Gonzalez; Pam Hollingsworth; Lucrece Lafontant; Diana Lane; Paloma Lopez-Barcena; Michelle Meilan; Sheyla Perez; Ana Rodriguez; Ana Sejeck

General Attendees P. Contreras, Zoila Paez Hernandez, Ana Sejeck, Beth Davis, Bob de la Fuente, Pastor Cathi's Otter, Angela-Perla Almodovar, Dasiely Cruz, Steven Munne, Sharon Zweig, Little Red School House, Beth Rosenthal Davis, Priscila Hazrun, Lorena Suarez

I. Welcome & Introductions

Loreen Chant

- L. Chant chaired the meeting for R. Beasley
- Moment of Silence for Manny Fermin, CEO, Healthy Start Coalition
- Chairman's Partner Spotlight Kids for Kids Academy, Beth Davis spoke. She also spoke at the Early Learning Coalition's Board Meeting on February 7, 2022.
- L. Chant called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- K. Gregory called roll and quorum was established with five (5) voting members.

II. Approval of Minutes

Loreen Chant

- A. Motion to approve February 17, 2022 minutes.
 - Motion to approve by C. Coile
 - Motion seconded by Dr. Fluney
 - Motion unanimously passed.

Mission: To promote high-quality school readiness, voluntary pre-kindergarten and after school programs, thus increasing all children's chances of achieving future educational success and becoming productive members of society. The Coalition seeks to further the physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs of Miami-Dade and Monroe County children with a priority toward the ages before birth through age 5.



III. Sliding Scale Fee

Sandra Gonzalez

A. S. Gonzalez reported on the new Sliding Fee Scale Model that will go into effect July 1, 2022. The scale is set by Department of Early Learning. The following slides were provided in the packet.

- 400.01C_22 SlidingFeeScaleModel_2022-23
- Federal Poverty Guidelines

B. Motion to approve Sliding Fee Scale Model.

- Motion to approve by Dr. D. Armstrong
- Motion seconded by Dr. Fluney
- Motion unanimously passed.

IV. School Readiness Reimbursement Rate

Evelio Torres

A. Evelio Torres explained the new School Readiness Reimbursement Rate.

V. 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Update

**Pam Hollingsworth
Angelo Parrino**

A. Pamela Hollingsworth provided an update with the Strategic Plan initiative that is assigned to the Provider Services Committee which is: Support Early Care and Education Partners.

VI. 2022 Legislative Session Highlights

Victor Caballero

A. Victor Caballero provided valuable information regarding the outcome of the recent legislative session. Details of the 2022-2023 School Readiness Allocation were discussed. Informative slides were provided in the packet.

VII. Early Education Partners Roundtable

**Provider
Representatives**

A. Family Child Care Home Discussion

- Dr. Perla Almodovar discussed needs for providers obtaining training and mentoring with the self-study kit and getting the National Accreditation.
- There is a conference next month with the National Association of Family Child Care Providers in a couple of months.
- E. Torres reported that the Early Learning Coalition is sponsoring several providers to attend the conference.
- Dr. Perla Almodovar reported that the Community Change Makers is planning a solidarity strike on May 9, 2022 to National Day of Action.



B. Program-Based Discussion

- Jenni Roig (Private Provider Representative) reported a concern with the VPK credentials. M. Meilan will be researching and will provide information in reference to VPK training.
- Dr. Eileen Fluney (Faith-Based Provider Representative) reported concerns from providers in reference to trainings for lockdowns and safety protocols. Concerns remain with staff turnover.
- Dr. Daniel Armstrong (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Program Representative) provided the latest Covid-19 statistics and forecast. Dr. Armstrong reported on several studies on long term affects of Covid-19.

C. General Discussion

VIII. Chamber Reports

Board Members and Staff

- A. E. Torres reported that we continue to be very involved with the Miami-Dade and Monroe Chambers.

IX. New Initiatives

Pam Hollingsworth

- A. Pam Hollingsworth reported on the progress of the Early Childhood Internship Program with CareerSource of South Florida, Miami Dade College, DCF as well as Early Learning Programs Is in full swing. we recently placed 13 interns in several sites. They are in the 3rd week. The background checks had been an issue. Recruitment continues to be an issue.

X. Public Comments

XI. Adjourn

Loreen Chant