



ELC Provider Services Committee Meeting
November 18, 2021; 2:00 p.m.
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Committee Attendees: Rick Beasley; Jenni Roig; Eileen Fluney; Daniel Armstrong; Loreen Chant

Committee Absentees: Jane McQueen; Chereen Coile

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Pam Hollingsworth; Michelle Meilan; Ileana Vallejo; Donna Bronigan; Eilin Orozco; Lisney Badillo; Johnnetta Nuby-Powell; Kerry Allen; Paloma Lopez-Barcena; Victor Caballero; Alex Sanchez; Natalia Gamundi; Marine Allen-Tucker; Vanessa Aguilera-Viera; Vernise Casimir; Alyssa Linares; Thalia Daumy; Ana Sejeck; Laurie Dunn; Sheyla Perez; Belkis Torres

General Attendees: Bob de la Fuente; Delores Jackson; Martha Perez; Christine Patterson; Michelle de la Hoz; Maria Elena Delgado; Milagros Rodriguez; Adriana Menendez; Valrine Cato; Iris Suarez; Lissy Londono; Ivelise Barrera; Berkis Perez; Robyn Perlman; Dina Westburg; Jennelle James; Maria Vaillant; Nilda Bernaldez; Roberto Rodriguez; Emilu Alvarez; Nadie Mondestin; Annys Turcios; J. Abilio Rodriguez; Sharon Zweig; Ingrid Navas; Angela-Perla Almodovar; Laurie Bravo; Katherine Moll; Lourdes Nieves; Beth Davis; Chary Esteban; Jennifer Ferraro; Eddys Maestre; Wendy Reyes; Rose Virgile Frederic; Lisset Cruz; Alma Diaz; Daisy Mordan; Brandi Jordan; Fania Mederos; Patricia Contreras; Betty Suarez; Venante Exalant; Patsy Contrera; Beatriz Zahlene; Lorena Suarez

I. Welcome & Introductions

- R. Beasley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- C. Pollard called roll and quorum was established with five (5) voting members.

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Motion to approve October 28, 2021 minutes.
- Motion to approve by D. Armstrong
 - Motion seconded by L. Chant
 - Motion unanimously passed.

III. Business Leadership Institute

R. Perlman shared information about the Business Leadership Institute (BLI) for Early Learning. It was stated that the BLI Master Class Series will kick off in early 2022 and will empower business professionals and entrepreneurs in the industry of childcare. R. Perlman shared that the

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curriculum focuses on creative business strategies with an emphasis on quality care and education.

IV. Phase VI Provider Bonuses

P. Lopez-Barcena shared information on the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act Initiatives. It was stated that Phase VI grant application is now available. The grant provides additional funding to child care partners to assist in continued services to children and families during the pandemic.

V. Early Education Partners Roundtable

- Dr. Perla Almodovar shared an update on Family Child Care Home (FCCH) partners. It was stated that some partners are facing challenges with the new online application process to transition to a Large FCCH. E. Torres stated that a representative from Department of Children and Families would be notified to follow-up. Dr. Almodovar also suggested the BLI include a module dedicated to FCCH's to address unique challenges.
- J. Roig, provider representative, shared that partners continue to face challenges with enrollment and teacher retention. Many attending partners shared the same concerns.
- A survey was provided to assess the monthly Early Education Partners meeting. Survey results showed that the current time of day and length of meeting is preferred.

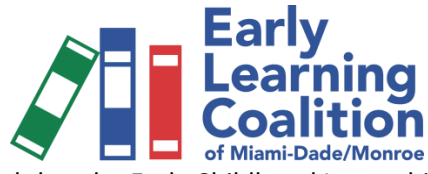
VI. Chamber Reports

- C. Pollard shared that the Coral Gables Chamber hosted the Tallahassee Fly-In featuring state legislators, which included information on the legislative priorities the chamber is supporting. It was also stated that the Chamber hosted a breakfast with keynote speaker Commissioner Raquel Regalado who shared updates on education initiatives.
- E. Torres shared that the Coalition is working with the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and Key West Chamber of Commerce to further prioritize early learning initiatives. It was stated that the Coalition's number one priority is equitable rates for childcare partners.

VII. ELC Strategic Initiative: Building Resilient Infrastructure

E. Torres shared that the Strategic Initiative assigned to the Provider Services Committee includes helping providers build resilient infrastructure. The initiative was devised during the Coalition's strategic planning process and will be developed by the committee.

VIII. New Initiatives



- P. Hollingsworth shared that the Early Childhood Internship Program launched on November 1st. The kick-off reception took place at the pilot center, Kids For Kids Academy on November 8th and included partners, CareerSource South Florida and Miami Dade College. Beth Davis, Owner of Kids For Kids Academy shared an update on the program and participating interns. It was stated that the program will expand soon and include Monroe County.
- P. Hollingsworth shared that the Apprenticeship Program application was complete and being submitted to the State. The program is still on track to launch in early 2022.

IX. Public Comments

X. Adjourn