



Minutes

Strategic Planning Committee

February 3, 2022: 8:30am

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Board Attendees: Loreen Chant; Stephanie Scuderi; Denisse Barrera; Mara Zapata; Sandi Bisceglia

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino; Pam Hollingsworth; Sandra Gonzalez; Mercy Castiglione; Ileana Vallejo; Fiorella Christie; Michelle Meilan; Paloma Lopez-Barcena; Fred Hicks; Lisney Badillo; Matthew Zaldivar; Lissandra Curbelo; Jacqueline Dominguez; Alex Sanchez; Belkis Torres; Anabel Espinosa; Aileen Suazo; Ana Sejeck; Laurie Dunn

General Attendees: Carol Wick

I. Welcome & Introductions

Loreen Chant

S. Scuderi called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

K. Gregory called roll and quorum was established with five (5) voting members.

E. Torres acknowledged special guest, Carol Wick, CEO of Sharity Global.

II. Approval of Minutes

Loreen Chant

A. Motion to approve minutes for October 29, 2021

- Motion to approve by S. Bisceglia.
- Motion seconded by D. Barrera.
- Motion unanimously passed.

III. ELC Strategic Plan

Loreen Chant

The Committee continued to explore long-range goals to present at the February 7, 2021 Board meeting. C. Wick led the discussion on the five (5) priority areas for systems improvements, utilizing a team approach.

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.



- E. Torres mentioned the mission, vision and values will stay the same. Explained the six 6 priority initiatives over the next five years.

1. TARGET HIGH NEED AREAS

Advocacy Committee

Opportunity*

Current reimbursement rates are inequitable and negatively impact child care partners in high need areas.

Outcome Measure

Every provider receives the same rate regardless of their private rate or area they serve.

2. INCREASE ENROLLMENT IN EARLY LEARNING COALITION PROGRAMS

Advocacy Committee

Opportunity*

Increased wages offered by employers has resulted in a benefits cliff with fewer families qualifying for the School Readiness program, leading to decreased enrollment.

Outcome Measure

School Readiness enrollment increases by 5% within 12 months of state policy change.

INCREASE AWARENESS IN EARLY LEARNING COALITION PROGRAMS

Executive Committee

Opportunity

Increase awareness of Early Learning Coalition programs so families who may qualify and do not currently have their children enrolled in the program become aware, apply for the programs, and enroll their children.

Outcome Measures

Dashboard reflects increased inquiries.

Families confirm via survey that outreach efforts led them to apply for services.

Voluntary Prekindergarten enrollment increases by 5% within 12 months of outreach campaign launch.

Early Head Start enrollment increases to 750 children with a waitlist.

3. PROVIDE ENHANCED RESOURCES TO CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Program Committee

Opportunity

Historically, a low percentage of families with children identified as having concerns accept additional services and connect to the first level of intervention.

Outcome Measures

At least 50% of families with children identified as having concerns respond to communication attempts.

After baseline is established, pre and post questionnaires reflect increased insight by parents of developmental milestones, screening process and available services.

A 5% increase in the number of families that accept additional services.

Opportunity

There are children with special needs who are not receiving the services they need.

Outcome Measures

More than 10% of partners participate in and complete the BPIECE program.

More than 10% of partners are accessing the special needs rate.

A % of partners that receive the rate are implementing enhanced services.

4. ENHANCE SERVICES FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

Program Committee

Opportunity

Enhance services for infant and toddlers.

Outcome Measures

To be determined after needs assessment is conducted and action plan is formulated and approved by Program Committee.

5. SUPPORT EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PARTNERS

Provider Services Committee

Opportunity

Early learning programs have historically faced workforce challenges. To deliver high-quality early education services, programs must be able to recruit and retain highly qualified and committed staff and provide ongoing professional development.

Outcome Measures

Increased % of participants registering for training courses.

Increased % of participants completing training courses.

85% participant satisfaction with courses (IACET Standard).

Board approved reimbursement rate remains above state average.

6. PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Program Committee

Opportunity

Promote parent engagement as essential for a child's development because parents serve as a child's first teacher.

Outcome Measures

85% participant satisfaction with parent engagement activities.

85% participants gain knowledge/insight.

- E. Torres explained that Early Head Start, VPK and School Readiness enrollment is down
- Discussions continued on establishing what the potential outcomes and measures for each initiative would be. The strategic planning process is ongoing.

IV. Public Comments

Loreen Chant

V. Meeting Adjourn

Loreen Chant