



Minutes

Strategic Planning Committee
October 7, 2021, 9:00 am
Zoom Meeting ID: 912 2492 2255
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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; Jackye Russell; 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.
- C. Pollard 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 September 23, 2021
 - o Motion to approve by S. Bisceglia.
 - o Motion seconded by D. Barrera.
 - o Motion unanimously passed.

III. ELC Strategic Plan

Loreen Chant

The Committee continued to explore long-range goals to present at the November 1 Annual Board/ Strategic Planning meeting. C. Wick led the discussion on the five (5) priority areas for systems improvements, utilizing a team approach.

- 1. Expanding Services in Monroe County**
- 2. Board Engagement**

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.



- 3. Advocacy & Public Policy**
- 4. Professional Development**
- 5. Parent Engagement**

- S. Scuderi shared challenges in expanding services in Monroe County that should be considered such as labor shortage, income threshold and local wages.
- C. Wick recommended Civic Engagement be changed to Board Engagement to further clarify the initiative and focus on the engagement expected of the board members.
- L. Chant shared challenges with low Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) and School Readiness (SR) enrollment across the state.
- E. Torres shared that the income threshold and market rates are being discussed with state legislatures.
- C. Wick recommended making the focus of professional development on helping partners build resilient infrastructure and taking full advantage of the Business Leadership Institute (BLI). Discussions included adding a focus group of early education partners and creating a resource bank. S. Bisceglia recommended thriving partners mentor other partners needing assistance.
- C. Wick recommended assessing the data on the positive effects of higher parent engagement on children and the expected outcomes.

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

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