



ELC Provider Services Committee Meeting

Thursday October 26, 2023; 2 P.M.

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MINUTES

Committee Attendees: Rick Beasley, Chereen Coile, Dr. Fluney, Dr, Maite Riestra, Loreen Chant, Lynn Maceyras

Absent Committee Members: Jenni Roig, Dr. Armstrong

Board Attendees: Iris Strachan

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres, Angelo Parrino; Victor Caballero; Mercy Castiglione; Sheyla Perez; Vernise Casimir; Dr. Anabel Espinosa; Pamela Hollingsworth; Ana Sejeck; Lisney Badillo; Thalia Daumy; Alex Sanchez; Vanessa Aguilera-Viera; Sandra Gonzalez; Belkis Torres; Dolores Mendez; Vanessa Aguilera-Viera; Pam Malval; Ana Sejeck; Laurie Dunn; Ana Rodriguez; Jacqueline Dominguez; Paloma Lopez-Barcena;; Michelle Meilan; Sandra Gonzalez; Debbie Rodriguez; J. Lara; Jenelle James; Laurie Bravo; Jessica Parra; Laurie Dunn; Lismay Diaz; Gabriela Cortez; Iliana Vallejo; Danish Williams; Cindy Cabrera; Ahmed Mitwalli; Fiorella A. Christie; Liliana Ponzoa, Donna Brongian, Debora Rodriguez; Isabel Afanador; Amanda Gonzalez; Nicole Quinteros; Rachel Spector; Aileen Suazo; LaSha Sanders; Cindy Macaya; Pedro Castillo; Luis Ramirez

General Attendees: Bob de la Fuente;

I. Welcome & Introductions

Rick Beasley

A. R. Beasley welcomed everyone.

B. K. Gregory called roll and quorum was established with Six voting members present

II. Approval of Minutes

Rick Beasley

A. Motion to approve September 28, 2023 minutes.

- Motion to approve by Dr. Fluney
- Motion seconded by C. Coile
- 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. Provider Hearings

Bob de la Fuente

- All God's Children Christina Academy

The Committee carefully reviewed the the case, and based on the non-compliance item listed below, as well as, the evidence presented by the Partner, the Committee has made the following decision regarding the eligibility for the Partner to contract with the Coalition:

Item of non-compliance:

The facility received a composite score of 3.80 on their School Readiness Program Assessment score.

The Committee has made the final determination to deny the appeal and affirm the termination of the All God's Children Christian Academy 2023-2024 SR Provider Contract effective November 3rd, 2023 and the revocation of eligibility for a period of twelve (12) months. The Partner will be re-eligible to apply for services on October 26h, 2024.

IV. Informational Items

Bob de la Fuente

Bob de la Fuente reported that the following providers are currently on hold pending DCF information.

- Maranatha Child Development
- Excelsior Prep Academy Preschool
- Miami Beach Learning Academy
- Brickell Heights Preschool

III. Communications

Michelle Meilan

- Summary of Partner Meeting Presentations were provided by M. Meilan.

October 12th The ELC had the Early Care in Education meeting where the following updates were provided.

The Quality Assurance dept presented on The Curriculum Expansion Project

- The Division of Early Learning (DEL) has provided additional funding for Early Learning Coalitions to reimburse School Readiness (SR) and/or Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) contracted early care and education partners for curriculum and professional development related to that curriculum that is listed on the DEL Approved Curriculums list.
- Early care and education partners who apply for reimbursement agree to be part of the Curriculum Expansion and Implementation Study.



- Purchases must be made between March 29, 2023, through November 17, 2023 and each provider will be reimbursed for a maximum of 2 curriculums. The application is available through the ARPA Web Author Module as well as additional information on our website.

Miami-Dade Public Schools introduced the Transition to Kindergarten initiatives

These initiatives will strengthen the bonds between early learning centers and MDCPS to foster successful transitions to kindergarten. Share activities and resources aligned with the FELDS (Florida early learning and developmental standards). Provide technical assistance sessions/Lunch and Learn (45 min sessions with Q&A, CEUs are provided by PDI). Facilitate parent workshops. Connect providers with Miami-Dade County feeder pattern schools (schools that that the pre-k students channel to)

The University of Florida Lastinger Center presented on New Worlds Reading Program

In this program Any Florida VPK student who is not yet meeting age-appropriate standards according to FAST Star Early Literacy is eligible to receive free books and reading activities. Parents can choose the

types of books and the language they prefer (English, Spanish, Haitian Creole or braille). Children will receive a new book and activities in the mail each month for free through the fifth grade.

V. Early Education Partners Roundtable

Provider Representatives

A. Family Child Care Home Discussion

- Dr. Perla Almodovar
- Danish Williams
- Alma Diaz

B. Program-Based Discussion

- Jenni Roig (Private Provider Representative)
- Dr. Eileen Fluney (Faith-Based Provider Representative)
- Dr. Daniel Armstrong (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Program Representative)

C. General Discussion

VI. Public Comments

Rick Beasley

VII. Adjourn

Rick Beasley

Next Provider Services Committee Meeting: December 21, 2023; 2 P.M.