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.

Program Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting
Monday August 29, 2022; 7 A.M.
Meeting ID: 969 1137 0244
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MINUTES

Committee Attendees: Chereen Coile; Sandi Bisceglia; Jim Haj; Denise Barrera; Eileen Fluney; Gladys Montes
Board Attendees: Dr. Daniel Armstrong

Committee Absentees: Joycelyn Lawrence; Mara Zapata

Staff Attendees: Michelle Meilan; Belkis Torres; Angelo Parrino; Lisney Badillo; Ana Sejeck; Evelio Torres; Pamela Hollingsworth; Sandra Gonzalez; Victor Caballero; Fiorella A Christie; Alex Sanchez; Natalia Gamundi

I. Welcome & Introductions

   A. G. Montes called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
   B. K. Gregory called roll and quorum was established with six (6) voting members.

II. Approval of Minutes

   • Motion to approve May 31, 2022 minutes
     o Motion to approve by C. Coile
     o Motion seconded by S. Bisceglia
     o Motion unanimously passed.

III. Early Head Start

   A. Attendance- Due to families taking vacation, the June and July attendance went below the 85% threshold.
   B. Meals- Although meal service for all three meals went down in June, lunch and snacks went up in July.
   C. EHS Self-Assessment Updates: All self-assessment objectives are wither completed or in the process of being completed. Self-assessment update slides provided individual progress of the objectives for each service area.
D. EHS Enrollment Updates
   o All 750 slots have been allocated to childcare partners.
   o The current enrollment is 663.
   o Finding classroom coverage at new partner site has been a challenge and has delayed meeting full enrollment.
   o Of the 750 slots 80 are classrooms that are pending coverage. The remaining 7 slots are normal turnover.

IV. Resolutions

A. 08292022-01 EHS Self-Assessments
   • Authorize the President and CEO to proceed with the implementation of the Early Head Start 2022-2023 Self-Assessment Plan.
   o Motion to approve the Resolutions S. Bisceglia
   o Motion seconded by C. Coile
   o Motion unanimously passed.

V. Professional Development Institute

A. A. Sejeck presented information on the program titled In CLASS® with PDI. She provided a list of classes offered along with information on how to enroll.
B. A. Sejeck provided information on the program titled All the Way with VPK. She provided a list of classes offered along with information on how to enroll.

S. Bisceglia thanked the PDI staff and reported that she took the Administrative course.

VI. VPK

A. C. Cabrera presented the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST). She noted the new requirements. All assessors will be required to complete training before administering the FAST- using Star Early Literacy program. Additional information can be located at http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/vpk/fast. Progress monitoring assessment deadlines were provided. All VPK children must be entered into the EFS Mod Roster as soon as possible. Child data will be transferred from EFS Mod to the Renaissance System.
B. C. Cabrera reviewed VPK Provider Readiness Rates and provided the plan to Improve scores. She provided an email address for questions and stated the VPK team will attend to each question received.
Information item
  • Gladys Montes reported that the new Program Policy and Strategy Committee meetings will be 9 AM.

VII. Public Comments
  • No public comments were made.

VIII. Adjourn

Gladys Montes