



ELC Provider Services Committee Meeting
February 17, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
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Committee Attendees: Rick Beasley; Daniel Armstrong; Chereen Coile; Eileen Fluney; Jenni Roig

Committee Absentees: Loreen Chant

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Angelo Parrino; Mercy Castiglione; Vanessa Aguilar-Viera; Marine Allen-Tucker; Lillian Amador; Lisney Badillo; Marisleydis Bruguez; Victor Caballero; Cindy Cabrerra; Fiorella A Christie; Thalia Daumy; Laurie Dunn; Erika Erched; Natalia Gamundi; Sandra Gonzalez; Pam Hollingsworth; Lucrece Lafontant; Diana Lane; Paloma Lopez-Barcena; Michelle Meilan; Sheyla Perez; Ana Rodriguez; Ana Sejeck; Lucy Schrack

General Attendees: Tina Ali; Angela-Perla Almodovar; Emilu Alvarez; Theslyn Brown; Samuel Cato; Kathy Cordial; Eliett Cortes; Lisset Cruz; Eddy de Armas; Bob de la Fuente; Maria Elena Delgado; Alma Diaz; Lismay Diaz; Lidimi Fuget; Mayte Gonzalez; Kathleen Hardcastle; Priscila Hazrun; Audrey Hernandez; Jeanette Herrera; Kimika Hoilett; Brandi Jordan; Arleen Lambert; Rosalyn Laney; Ivon Ledon; Ruby Maldonado; Raashida Meadows; Maria Motta; Steven Munne; Yolandria Nash; Regina Navarro; Christine Patterson; Evelinda Perez; Dialina Quintanal; Katherine Quinteros; Nicole Quinteros; Wilda Ramos; Ivette Riano; Marilu Rios; Monica Roa; Alfred Sanchez; Lorena Suarez; Paula Viquez; Ruby P White; Danish Williams

I. Welcome & Introductions

Rick Beasley

- A. R. Beasley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- B. K. Gregory called roll and quorum was established with five (5) voting members.

II. Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

Alfred Sanchez

- A. A. Sanchez provided insurance information for providers.

III. Approval of Minutes

Rick Beasley

- A. Motion to approve December 16, 2021 minutes.
 - o Motion to approve by C. Coile
 - o Motion seconded by J. Roig
 - o 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.



IV. Mimi World Learning

- A. De la Fuente presented the Committee with the Review Hearing as required by the Partner School Readiness Contract. Mini World Learning appealed the recommendation of the termination of the contract. Mini World Director of the center Jennifer Blanco was given an opportunity to speak. J. Blanco stated the owner was with her but identity could not be verified. J. Blanco is not an approved representative to speak for the provider. M. Beasley declared J. Blanco an unauthorized representative. E. Torres stressed the liability and importance of partners adhering to the contract requirements.
- B. Motion to terminate School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten contract for year 2021-2022.
 - Motion to approve by D. Armstrong
 - Motion seconded by Dr. Fluney
 - Motion unanimously passed.

V. New VPK Director Credentials/VPK Emergent Literacy Requirements

- A. E. Erched explained new Director Credentials/VPK Emergent Literacy Requirements.

VI. Memo for Sectarian Childcare Providers

- A. B. De la Fuente explained memo. Memo will be sent out in blast to partners via ELC email blast.

VII. Early Education Partners Roundtable

- Dr. Perla Almodovar, Danish Williams, and Alma Diaz shared updates for the Family Child Care Home (FCCH) Association.
- J. Roig and E. Fluney are present to support providers on the call that have questions.

VIII. Chamber Reports

- A. V. Caballero provided information on the 3 Bills the Early Learning Coalition of Miami Dade and Monroe are watching closely.
 - HB 1199 -Eliminates requirement that SR program funds be used to increase # of children served



- 1299- Establishes Early Learning Scholarship program (Brighter Future Act) in order to close the opportunity gap by increasing access to high-quality early learning services. ELCs will issue the scholarship in coordination with DEL
- HB1319- Requires ELCs to adopt a payment rate schedule –requires ELCs to reimburse providers a minimum payment rate regardless of provider’s private pay rate

IX. ELC Strategic Initiatives

- P. Hollingsworth shared Internship Program information and updates.

X. Public Comments

Rick Beasley

XI. Adjourn

Rick Beasley