



## Program Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 31, 2022; 7 A.M.

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# MINUTES

**Committee Attendees:** Chereen Coile; Sandi Bisceglia; Jim Haj; Denise Barrera

**Committee Absentees:** Joycelyn Lawrence; Mara Zapata; Eileen Fluney; Gladys Montes

**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; School marm's I phone.

- I. Welcome & Introductions were presented by committee member James Haj as Chair was unable to attend.
- II. Minutes March 28, 2022 were not voted on since there was no quorum.
- III. Belkis Torres presented Early Head Start information.
  - A. Attendance- April exceeded the 85% threshold for the average daily attendance compared to previous month.
  - B. Meals- April there was an increase in breakfast with a decrease in lunch and snack compared to previous month.
  - C. Office of Head Start Communication- recipients for Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP) will now be categorically eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start.
  - D. Policy Council Update was not provided as Dr. Mara Zapata was not present.
  - E. Enrollment challenges were discussed. Evelio Torres reported that the current enrollment is 604 and we are contracted for 750. There is a waiver in place, but it will expire. We have a meeting with Chancellor Mears to discuss these challenges. Recruitment and retention of staff is still a challenge as well.
- IV. Professional Development Institute information and updates
  - A. Early Childhood Apprenticeship/Internship Programs no new updates were discussed at this time.

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.



**V.** 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Update was presented by Pam Hollingsworth- Priority initiatives that are tied to our scorecard were discussed. She concentrated on the three following priority initiatives:

- Provide Enhanced Resources to children with special needs
- Enhance services for infants and toddlers
- Parent Engagement

There will be a concentration of the Parent engagement initiative discussed at the next Monroe Advisory Committee.

**VI.** There were no Public Comments

**VII.** Meeting Adjourned