



Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting
November 7th, 2016; 8:00 a.m.
Miami-Dade College, Interamerican Campus

Board Attendees: Adrian Alfonso (chair); James Haj; Theresa Axford; Rick Beasley; Russell Benford; Robert Eadie; David Lawrence Jr; Gilda Ferradaz; Alexander Soto; Alan Eckstein; Dr. Mara Zapata; Marisol Diaz; Gladys Montes; Loreen Chant; Tina Carroll-Scott; Heather Carruthers; Judy Schaechter; J. Abilio Rodriguez; Gerald Schwartz; Matthews Bruno

Board Absentees: Philip Gassman; Shaleen Fagundo

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres (President/CEO); Lisa Sanabria; Jackye Russell; Mercy Castiglione; Fiorella Altare; Dr. Anabel Espinosa; Kerry Allen; Michelle Meilan; Sandra Gonzalez; Wilfredo Ayala; Jason Johnson; Milton Silvera; Miguel Alfonso; Lydia Clarke; Victor Caballero; Angelo Parrino; Pamela Hollingsworth; Liliana Murillo; Tamara Garcia; Diana Lane; Mary Williams; Ileana Vallejo; Chris Armely;

General Attendees: Santiago Echemendia (Shutts & Bowen); Jackie Romillo (Citrus); Vittoria DeCana (Devereaux); Jukienne Morrison (Devereux); Wendy Salmon (Family Central); Scarlett Pena (Candy house Day Care); Rachel Spector (Children's Trust); Nunt Shenby (NSU); Dr. Daniela Foerch (FIU)

I. Welcome and Introductions **Adrian Alfonso**

- A. Alfonso called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- L. Sanabria called roll and a quorum was established with nineteen (19) voting members.
- A. Alfonso welcomed Matthews Bruno to our board.
- A. Alfonso stated that Dave Lawrence's term ends in December and on behalf of the board thanked him for being the founding chair of the ELC, for his national, state, and local leadership for so many years, and for having an attendance record that is second to none. A. Alfonso announced that with the approval of the board he would motion to keep Dave on the board by creating a Founding Chair honorary position.
 - H. Carruthers moved to approve nomination.
 - G. Schwartz seconded the motion.
 - Motion was passed unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes **Adrian Alfonso**

- A. Alfonso called for the approval of the meeting minutes from September, 2016.
 - A. Eckstein moved to approve the minutes.
 - M. Zapata seconded the motion.
 - Motion was passed unanimously.

III. Finance Committee Report **Bob Eadie**

- Resolution 11072016-01 presents RFP#ELCMDM2016-06 (Social Emotional Services) Evaluation Committee's scoring results for review and recommendation of vendor selection to the Board of Directors. This resolution also requests



authorization and approval for the President and CEO to award, negotiate, and execute contract(s) with the selected vendor.

Proposer's Name	Final Rating (Max of)
Citrus Health Network, Inc.	283
Family Central, Inc.	277

- Motion to approve resolution by A. Eckstein.
 - Motion seconded by H. Carruthers.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Resolution 11072016-02 Present RFP#ELCMDM2016-07 (Developmental Screening Follow-up and Inclusion) Evaluation Committee's scoring results for review and recommendation of vendor selection to the Board of Directors. This resolution also requests authorization and approval for the President and CEO to award, negotiate, and execute a contract with the selected vendor.

Proposer's Name	Final Rating (Max of)
Citrus Health Network, Inc.	496

- Motion to approve resolution by A. Eckstein.
 - Motion seconded by G. Schwartz.;
 - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Resolution 11072016-03 Present RFP#ELCMDM2016-08 (Environmental Assessment Services) Evaluation Committee's scoring results for review and recommendation of vendor selection to the Board of Directors. This resolution also requests authorization and approval for the President and CEO to award, negotiate, and execute contract(s) with the selected vendor.

Proposer's Name	Final Rating (Max of)
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	375
Nova Southeastern University	350.5

- Motion to approve resolution by H. Carruthers.
 - Motion seconded by A. Eckstein.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.
- B. Eadie stated that the financials seem to be in order, fairly unremarkable. Snapshots for Miami Dade County show a net decrease in children and decrease in dollars spent. The wait list was reduced a bit because 1400 letters to families with children 0-1 were sent. VPK enrollment is over 20,000 children enrolled which is a high number for this time of year.
 - B. Eadie stated that the ELC has maintained their commitment to Monroe County and the wait list is at 0. There was decrease in # of children although small it is significant for Monroe County. ELC staff met with providers and asked them to encouraged families to apply.



IV. Provider Services Committee Report

Rick Beasley

- R. Beasley stated that William Lehman Child Day Care Center had a class 1 violation due to a child not adequately supervised and left premises without knowledge of staff. This case came before the committee in September. The case was continued because the committee requested more information and/or proof that steps have been made to remedy the situation. After reviewing the proof and action plans the committee placed the provider on a 6 month corrective action plan with the agreement of the provider that if any additional class 1 or 2 violations are received they would have no right to appeal.
- R. Beasley stated that Lincoln Marti had a class 1 violation due to an employee, while caring for children, committed an act or omission that meets the definition of child abuse or neglect. After reviewing the case the committee placed the provider on a 12 month corrective action plan with the agreement that if any additional class 1 or 2 violations are received they would have no right to appeal.
- R. Beasley stated that Sweet Angels, Loss Prevention had reason to believe that the Provider committed intention to defraud the Coalition and the School Readiness Program. Provider knowingly claimed attendance on a child for services that were not rendered from October 2014 through February 2016. After reviewing the case the committee terminated the provider's contract for all three of her centers.
- R. Beasley stated that Small Wonders, Loss Prevention had reason to believe that the Provider committed intention to defraud the Coalition and the School Readiness Program. Provider knowingly claimed attendance on a child for services that were not rendered. After reviewing the case the committee terminated the provider's contract.
- R. Beasley stated that New Angels had a class 1 violation due to one or more children not adequately supervised in that one female child was bitten on the face by two male children during lunch time, the teacher did not witness the event and it posed an imminent threat to a child. After reviewing the case the committee placed the provider on a 12 month corrective action plan with the agreement that if any additional class 1 or 2 violations are received they would have no right to appeal.
- R. Beasley stated that Esperanza Ospina Large Family Day Care Home had a class 1 violation due to a child not being adequately supervised. Children were left in the care of a household member who does not have the required training. The child came into contact with a hot beverage left on the child activities table and suffered burns as a result. After reviewing the case the committee terminated the provider's contract until the end of the contract term. The provider will be allowed to apply again. Provided they can prove having sufficient certified staff members in the house.

V. Strategic Planning Committee Report

Mara Zapata

- M. Zapata requested the approval of minutes.
 - H. Carruthers moved to approve the minutes.
 - G. Ferradaz seconded the motion.
 - Motion was passed unanimously.

VI. Programs & Policy Committee Report

Judy Schaechter

- J. Schaechter stated that contracted slots which is funded by the Specific Appropriation 87, \$10,000,000 from the Child Care Development Block Grant Trust Fund shall be used to provide contracted slots with priority given for children who are at the greatest risk of school failure and attend a participating provider located in an area that has been designated as a poverty tract according to the latest census data. \$1,922,609 was awarded to Miami-Dade/Monroe ELC, the funding is tied to individual children and Funding cycle from October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The providers selected must meet certain requirements:



- 50% of selected providers must be Early Learning Performance Funding Participants
 - If not participating in Performance Pilot, capacity for supporting and verifying performance standards must be sustained at a local level such as Quality Counts.
- J. Schaechter stated that there were 17 providers selected to participate, 13 participated in the Performance Pilot, 1 is a Family Child Care Home and 4 participate in Quality Counts. 295 children will be served.

VII. Public Comments

Adrian Alfonso

VIII. Adjourn

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