



# MINUTES

## Program Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting

Monday, March 28, 2022; 7 a.m.

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**Committee Attendees:** Eileen Fluney; Denisse Barrera; Chereen Coile; Gladys Montes; Jim Haj. Board member Dr. Daniel Armstrong.

**Committee Absentees:** Joycelyn Lawrence; Mara Zapata; Sandi Bisceglia

**Staff Attendees:** Michelle Meilan; Belkis Torres; Angelo Parrino; Lisney Badillo; Ana Sejeck; Chereen Coile; Aileen Suazo; Lissandra Curbelo; E. Torres; Pamela Hollingsworth; Sandra Gonzalez; Victor Caballero; Fiorella A Christie; Lucy Schrack; Anabel Espinosa; Mercy Castiglione; Alex Sanchez; Vanessa Aguilera-Viera

### I. Welcome & Introductions

Gladys Montes

- G. Montes called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- K. Gregory called roll and quorum was established with five (5) voting members.

### II. Approval of Minutes

Gladys Montes

- A. Motion to approve February 28, 2022 minutes.
  - Motion to approve by Dr. Fluney
  - Motion seconded by C. Coile
  - Motion unanimously passed.

### III. Early Head Start

Belkis Torres

- A. B. Torres provided Early Head Start Attendance information. The program is hitting the Benchmark for attendance.
- B. B. Torres reported that the Meals for the month of February were lower than January.
- C. Resolutions
  - **03282022-02** EHS Grant Reapplication  
Authorize the President and CEO to submit the Early Head Start noncompeting continuation grant application and all of its supporting documents for the 2022-2023 program year.

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.



- Motion to approve 03282022-02 EHS Grant Reapplication
  - Motion to approve by Dr. Fluney
  - Motion seconded by C. Coile
  - Motion unanimously passed.
  
- **03282022-03** EHS Training and Technical Assistance Plan  
Authorize the President and CEO to submit, with the Early Head Start noncompeting continuation grant application, and implement the Early Head Start Training and Technical Assistance Plan for the 2022-2023 program year.
  
- Motion to approve 03282022-03 EHS Training and Technical Assistance Plan
  - Motion to approve by C. Coile
  - Motion seconded by Dr. Fluney
  - Motion unanimously passed.

D. Policy Council Update was not reported on as Dr. Mara Zapata was not present.

**IV. Sliding Fee Scale**

**Sandra Gonzalez**

A. Resolution

- **03282022-01** Sliding Fee Scale-School Readiness Plan Amendment  
Authorize the President and CEO to submit a School Readiness Plan amendment to the Florida Division of Early Learning for approval to implement the 2022-2023 Florida Division of Early Learning Sliding Fee Schedule.
  
- Motion to approve 03282022-01 Sliding Fee Scale-School Readiness Plan Amendment
  - Motion to approve by C. Coile
  - Motion seconded by Dr. Fluney
  - Motion unanimously passed.

**V. School Readiness Reimbursement Rates**

**Evelio Torres**

- E. Torres reported on and provided the new School Readiness Reimbursement Rates.



**VI. Professional Development Institute**

**Pam Hollingsworth**

- A. P. Hollingsworth provided an update on Early Childhood Apprenticeship Program and The Early Childhood Internship Program. The second phase rolled out a few weeks ago. Training has been working more efficiently. There has been a lag in the background FDLE clearances. The program will begin recruiting apprentices as soon as DEL approves the application and registers the program.

**VII. 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Update**

**Pam Hollingsworth  
Dr. Anabel Espinosa  
Lucy Schrack**

- A. P. Hollingsworth provided updates on the following Strategic Plan initiatives that are assigned to the Program Policy and Strategy Committee.

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

**VIII. 2022 Legislative Session Highlights**

**Victor Caballero**

- A. V. Caballero reported Legislative Session highlights. Effective 07/01/22, we will be able to pay all providers, regardless of the community they serve, the same board approved rate to help us achieve countywide payment and quality equity. DOE will issue guidance or administrative rule to govern this new policy.
- B. V. Caballero reported there will be a funding increase for the VPK Program.

**IX. Public Comments**

**Gladys Montes**

**X. Adjourn**

**Gladys Montes**