



Minutes

Program, Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting
Monday, February 28, 2022; 7:00 am
Zoom Meeting ID: 939 4189 3575
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Committee Attendees: Eileen Fluney; Denisse Barrera; Sandi Bisceglia; Chereen Coile; Gladys Montes; Jim Haj

Committee Absentees: Joycelyn Lawrence; Mara Zapata

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

I. Welcome & Introductions **Gladys Montes, Chair**

- 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 **Gladys Montes, Chair**

- Motion to approve January 24, 2022 minutes
 - Motion to approve by Chereen Coile
 - Motion seconded by Eileen Fluney
 - Motion unanimously passed.

III. Early Head Start **Belkis Torres**

Belkis Torres Presented Early Head Start along with Lucrecia Jones School Readiness goals. Several items must be submitted with the Grant application every May. Belkis presented reports: Annual Report was made public on our website to review. Program goals were discussed.

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. Professional Development Institute

Pam Hollingsworth

Pam Hollingsworth presented information on Investing in the Workforce behind the workforce. Internship and apprenticeship updates and information were provided. The second cohort will be starting soon.

V. Citrus Health Network

Dr. Anabel Espinosa

Dr. Anabel Espinosa provided information on Key points and Rule changes:

- The Division of Early Learning released an update to Rule 6M-4.720, Screening of Children in the School Readiness Program, effective October 3, 2021.
- The follow-up and intervention practices outlined in rule are delivered by Citrus Health Network via Developmental Screening and Follow Up Services contract.
- The contract's scope of work has been amended to include Wellness Webinars and establish alignment to rule changes.
- The revised scope of work increases communication with partners and families and expands service delivery to more children in our School Readiness program.
- Wellness Webinars are offered quarterly in both English and Spanish, expanding Professional Development opportunities for partners.

VI. American Rescue Plan Act Grant

Fiorella A. Christie

Fiorella A. Christie provide information on the American Rescue Plan Act Grant. The application process for partners has started.

VII. Legislative Session Update

Victor Caballero

Victor Caballero provided the latest House Bill information.

VIII. Public Comments

Gladys Montes

IX. Adjourn

Gladys Montes