



Programs, Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting  
Monday, August 6, 2018  
7:00 am – 7:45 am

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|------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| I.   | Approval of Minutes                   | Dr. Judy Schaechter                  |
|      | A. April 4, 2018                      |                                      |
|      | B. June 6, 2018                       |                                      |
| II.  | Early Head Start                      | Belkis Torres                        |
|      | A. Federal Food Program               |                                      |
|      | B. Early Head Start Phase 2           |                                      |
| III. | Evidence Based program Review Project | Pamela Hollingsworth/Anabel Espinosa |
| IV.  | Medical Home/Telemedicine             |                                      |
| V.   | Public Comments                       | Dr. Judy Schaechter                  |
| VI.  | Adjourn                               | Dr. Judy Schaechter                  |





ELC Programs, Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting  
April 4, 2017 at 7:00 AM  
ELC Conference Room

**Committee Attendees:** Dr. Judy Schaechter; Gladys Montes; James Haj

**Absent Committee:** Bob Eadie

**Staff Attendees:** Ana Sejeck; Michelle Meilan; Fiorella Altare; Pam Hollingsworth; Angelo Parrino; Belkis Torres; Jackye Russell; Sal Martorano; Milton Silvera; Wil Ayala; Anabel Espinosa

**I. Welcome and Introductions** **Judy Schaechter**

- G. Montes called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Quorum was established.

**II. Approval of Minutes** **Judy Schaechter**

- Motion to approve minutes by G. Montes.
- Motion seconded by J. Haj.
- Motion was unanimously passed.

**II. OEL Accountability Monitoring 2017** **Michelle Meilan**

- M. Meilan stated that the following items were audited:
  - Coalition Governance
  - Operations and Program Management
  - Child Care Resource and Referral
  - Educational Services Delivery
  - School Readiness Eligibility
  - School Readiness Payment Validation
  - Voluntary Prekindergarten Child Eligibility
  - Voluntary Prekindergarten Payment Validation
  - Voluntary Prekindergarten Provider Eligibility
  - Data Accuracy
- M. Meilan stated that Coalition's monitoring report and supporting documentation for SR services delivered for May, June, November and December 2016. Coalition's operations from July 1, 2015, through March 31, 2017. VPK services during the 2015-2-16 and 2016-2017 program years.
- M. Meilan stated that there were no findings in the following areas:
  - VPK Payment Validation
  - VPK Child Eligibility



- M. Meilan stated that OEL requires the coalition to submit a corrective action plan (CAP) for all compliance issues within 30 days from receiving this accountability review report. The response should demonstrate the coalition's steps to address each compliance issue and the numbered findings on the monitoring spreadsheets. For all uncorrected findings, a corrective action plan should identify the initial finding's cause and the coalition's plan for continued compliance.

### **III. Early Head Start**

**Belkis Torres**

- B. Torres presented the Federal Food Program report to the committee. This report shows the daily counts of food served to the early head start children.
- Resolution 04022018-01 - Approve the attached 2018-2019 Early Head Start (EHS) grant application and confirm the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe's Board knowledge in the development of the Early Head Start grant application.
  - Motion to approve resolution by G. Montes.
  - Motion seconded by J. Haj.
  - Motion was unanimously passed

### **IV. Public Comments**

**Judy Schaechter**

### **V. Adjourn**

**Judy Schaechter**



ELC Programs, Policy & Strategy Committee Meeting  
June 4, 2018 at 7:00 AM  
ELC Conference Room

**Committee Attendees:** Dr. Judy Schaechter; James Haj

**Absent Committee:** Bob Eadie; Gladys Montes

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres; Ana Sejeck; Fiorella Altare; Pam Hollingsworth; Angelo Parrino; Belkis Torres; Jackye Russell; Milton Silvera; Wil Ayala; Anabel Espinosa; Sandra Gonzalez; Lidia Clarke

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**Judy Schaechter**

- J. Schaechter called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Quorum was not established.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**Judy Schaechter**

- Motion to approve minutes, quorum was not established.

**II. Resolutions**

**Judy Schaechter**

- Resolution 06042018-01 Authorize the President and CEO to negotiate, execute and receive funds from Save the Children to provide training for hurricane preparedness and psychosocial support for childcare providers, children and families in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties.
- Resolution 06042018-02 Authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the contracts listed within the background section of this resolution, adding all funding sources and shared services as allowed under funder's guidelines.
- Resolution 06042018-03 was pulled from the agenda.
- Resolution 06042018-04 Authorize the President and CEO to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Assessments, General Repairs/Improvements and Playgrounds for our Early Head Start child care centers.
- Resolution 06042018-05 Authorize the President and CEO to negotiate, execute and receive funds from The Children's Trust for tiered payment differentials and contract slot payments.
- Resolution 06042018-06 Authorize the President and CEO to submit a School Readiness Plan amendment to the Florida Office of Early Learning for approval to implement the 2018-19 Florida Office of Early Learning Sliding Fee Schedule.



- Resolutions 06042018-01, 06042018-02, 06042018-04, 06042018-05 were ratified by board through other committees such as Finance and Executive.
- Resolution 06042018-06 will be presented to the Board for approval.

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**V. Adjourn**

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Belkis Torres  
Vice President for Early Head Start

### Strategic Plan Priority Initiative:

- Educate All
- Neediest Children
- Providers

# May Meals

Provider	Breakfast		Lunch		Snack	
	# of Meals	% of Meals	# of Meals	% of Meals	# of Meals	% of Meals
America's Little Leaders	244	100%	245	100%	242	99%
Cambridge Academy	504	100%	504	100%	504	100%
Children Of The Sun Academy	236	99%	238	100%	233	98%
Excel Kids Academy Miami	995	100%	988	99%	995	100%
Excel Kids Academy Opa Locka	510	100%	510	100%	510	100%
Kids Small World Learning Center	653	100%	653	100%	651	100%
Kinderkids Academy III	248	100%	248	100%	248	100%
Kinderland 4 Kids	313	100%	313	100%	313	100%
Le Jardin #4	624	100%	621	100%	609	98%
Liberty Academy	823	99%	827	100%	826	100%
Lincoln Marti - 450	1,336	100%	1,341	100%	1,340	100%
Lincoln Marti - 905	351	100%	351	100%	351	100%
Little Ones Academy	758	100%	758	100%	758	100%
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Our Little Hands Of Love	324	99%	326	99%	323	98%
Pink And Blue Academy	200	91%	215	98%	185	84%
Precious Moments Learning Ctr. 1	741	97%	758	99%	711	93%
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Sheyes Of Miami #1	593	100%	593	100%	593	100%
Sheyes Of Miami #3	477	100%	477	100%	477	100%
Sheyes Of Miami Learning Center	778	100%	778	100%	773	99%
Shores School	669	100%	669	100%	669	100%
Wynwood Learning Center	495	100%	495	100%	473	96%
Wynwood Learning Center II	782	100%	782	100%	782	100%
Early Learning Coalition	14,737	98%	14,964	100%	14,809	99%

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# Office of Strategic Initiatives and Program Development

**Pamela Hollingsworth, M.Ed.,** Senior Vice President

**Anabel Espinosa, Ph.D.,** Director

## Strategic Plan Priority Initiative:

- Neediest Children
- Youngest Children
- Providers
- Funding

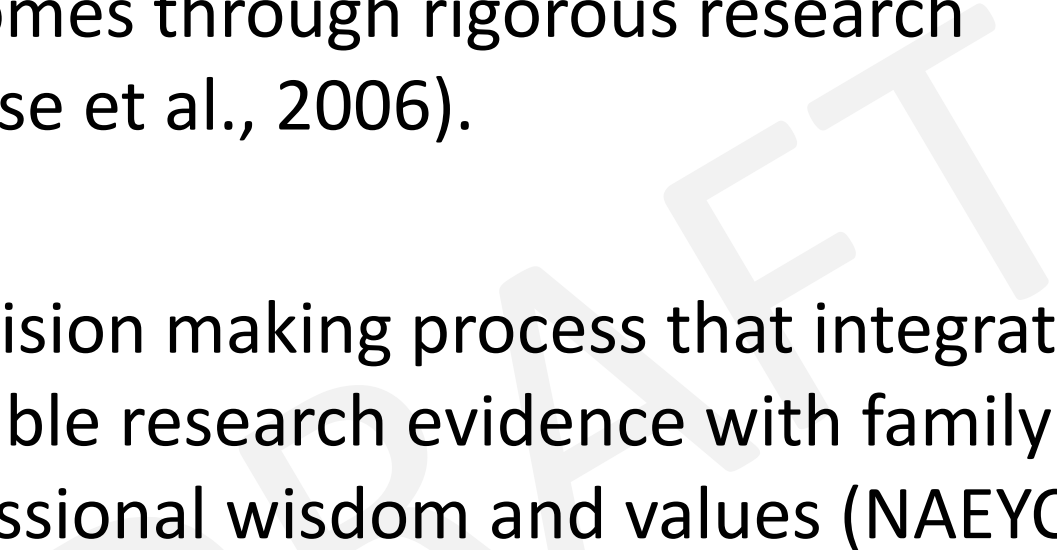


# Evidence Based Practice Program Review

- The ELCMDM is embarking on a 12-18 month journey to review and structure all programs through an **Evidenced Based Practice** lens
- A definition of **Evidence Based Practice** will be crafted and vetted.
- A set of policies and procedures will be developed to review all ELCMDM services and programs.
- All services and programs will receive a green/amber/red designation relating to its **Evidence Based** status.
- Once designation is achieved an action plan will be developed for all amber and red and programs.

# What is Evidence Based Practice?



- Instructional practices shown to improve child outcomes through rigorous research (Buysse et al., 2006).
  - A decision making process that integrates the best available research evidence with family and professional wisdom and values (NAEYC, 2006).
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# Evidence Based Practice and Education

Increased focus with federal mandates:

- No Child Left Behind Act of 2002
- Every Student Achieves Act 2015-16. (ESSA) applies to early education programs and defines evidence based practice as “an activity, strategy, or intervention that demonstrates statistically significant effect on improving student outcomes or other relevant outcomes.” (ESSA 2015-2016 p.393)

# How is Evidence Based Determined?

- Researchers and professional organizations support the field in identification of evidence based practice.

## Some professional organizations:

- SAMSHA's (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices
- What Works Clearing House (WWC), a subsidiary of the U.S. Department of Education
- American Educational Research Association (AERA)
- Council for Exceptional Children (CEC): Division of Early Childhood (DEC)

# How is Evidence Based Determined?

- The process is complex and involves many steps and considerations.
- No single study can provide conclusive results.
- Some criteria for high quality research:
  - ▣ Use of empirical methods
  - ▣ Appropriate data analysis
  - ▣ Reliability and validity
  - ▣ Peer review
  - ▣ High fidelity
  - ▣ Effect sizes

# What types of evidence is considered?

- Specific types of studies (experimental/non-experimental)
- Multiple studies
- Meta analyses by independent researchers
- Basic information about the sample to allow for generalization
- Sufficient detail to allow for replication
- Address issues that relate directly to student outcomes
- Report effect sizes for all measures in terms of academically meaningful differences

# Next Steps:



1. Create an **Evidence Based Program Review Task Force** comprised of ELCMDM staff, board and stakeholders
2. Task Force will develop a definition, guiding principles and review process for evidence based program review
3. Present to the ELCMDM Programs Committee and Board of Directors for approval
4. **Evidence Based Program Review** begins