



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday – August 30, 2017

ELC Offices

Coalition Members Present:

Marcus Rowe	Curtis Hart	Michelle Braun
Dana Ferrell-Birchfield	Dr. Tom Connolly	Theresa Little
Sunny Gettinger	Bruce Ferguson	Evelynn Livingston
Jon Heymann	Amanda Baggett	Luzonia Waters (for LaTanya Wynn-Hall)
Dr. Tiffany Hunter	Dionne Danner (for Jacquelyn Green)	

Coalition Members Absent: Ken Wilson, Jackie Green, Jennifer Chapman, Vance Stallings, Dr. Pauline Rolle, Pat Willis, Sandy Ramsey,

Guests: Lenora Wilson, Beverly Price, Susan Manskowski, Dionne Danner, Luzonia Waters,

Staff: Denise Marzullo, Padma Rajan, Cathy Parker, Kendra King, Johnna Cooper-Daniels, Darlene Mahla, Angel Carro, Lisa Tyner, LaShonda Hicks, Jennifer Agnew, Danielle DeCastro, Charlene Gross, Sybil Wilkes

Interim Coalition chair, Curtis Hart, called the meeting to order and opened with a welcome and introduction of members and guests. Curtis announced Denise Marzullo as the new CEO of the Coalition and the members welcomed her. He then asked members to review the draft minutes from the June meeting and for a motion to approve the minutes. Theresa made a motion to approve.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2017 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion was seconded by Bruce Ferguson and approved.

Curtis directed the members to take note of the board meeting packet containing the list of board meeting dates, committee listing and lunch invoice. He asked the members to contact Denise if they needed to discuss their committee assignment. He then gave Padma the floor to share her presentation on early learning indicators. She showed the early learning funders list of participants and shared that Alisa Ghazvini facilitates the workgroup meetings. She included the Kentucky early childhood profile in the meeting packet. Elements of the community framework were shared as well as the top 3 outcomes for Duval County. Sunny asked about other indicators that were shown in the presentation and why weren't they used? Padma shared that only a sample of the indicators were chosen as recommended by the workgroup members.

After Padma's presentation, Theresa and Evelynn presented a framed picture to her and recognized her for the years of service she's had at ELC. This was going to be her last board meeting and last week of work at the Coalition and the board members and staff present commended her for her work,

research and passion for our mission. DELDN also recognized her and thanked her for believing in their purpose.

DELDN also shared that their conference would be held at North Jacksonville Church on Main street 9/30/17. At this time 129 providers had RSVP'd.

Michelle Braun made the formal introduction of Denise to the board and guests. She has worked with her over the years and was also part of the CEO search process. She shared that the board and coalition are truly getting an excellent leader and driver of advocacy.

Marcus gave the finance update and discussed the enrollment update. Some CCEP numbers had been rolled into the BG-8 category for the summer. The wait list is up from last year at 3251. August redeterminations had a return rate of 61% which is good. VPK is up from last year at this time.

Marcus also touched on Wage Incentives. He said that \$1.1 million dollars was given out. Gave kudo's to the finance department on job well done.

Marcus shared that a budget adjustment had to be made to move \$350k from quality into slots. Since we are required to maintain 78% of the budget on slots and we are currently at 77%, we need to move funding which requires a motion to take place. This happened because the state changed how they calculate slots. If we drop below the 78% it could affect the amount of future state funding we receive. Sunny stated that the law is poorly written so we hope this will change in the future. Michelle made the motion.

MOTION: TO MAKE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT, MOVING \$350K FROM QUALITY INTO SLOTS.

Jon Heymann seconded and motion was approved.

Marcus also shared there may be an increase in families needing childcare, and an enrollment increase since Jacksonville is seeing some new business trends and growth. Marcus asked for a motion to approve the new delegation of authority. The update is to transfer into Denise Marzullo's name as the new CEO, and removing Susan Main's name. All other specifics stay the same. Theresa made the motion.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE NEW DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY - REMOVING FORMER ELC CEO NAME AND ADDING NAME OF NEW CEO FOR THE COALITION.

Bruce Ferguson seconded and motion was approved.

Evelynn discussed the upcoming DELDN conference and there are 15-20 vendors planning to be in attendance. They have had 129 providers register and it will be held at a church located on Pearl St. on the Northside.

Denise commended staff for their warm and friendly welcome her first week in the office. She discussed her priorities for the next few months.

1. She'll be holding independent department staff meetings to brainstorm and get to know what they do and what their needs are
2. Engaging the early learning community and funding partners
3. Advocacy in FL. She met with Theresa Little and Jax Journey group and will schedule meetings with city council members. She is also on the Duval Delegation schedule for their next meeting.

Jon suggested meeting with the CSC's around the state and to reach out to Britney Birken. He shared that JCC funding will be continued until the end of May. Denise added that she would love to meet with any board member or anyone they recommend that she meet with.

With no further business or public comment, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kendra King