



## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday – August 29, 2018**

### **ELC Offices**

**Coalition Members Present:**

Dana Ferrell-Birchfield

Bruce Ferguson

Jacquelyn Green

LaTanya Wynn-Hall

Christa Henley (for Dr. Pauline Rolle)

Ginger Peacock-Preston (for Joe Peppers)

Marcus Rowe

Dr. Tom Connolly

Curtis Hart

Theresa Little

Karen Feagins

Amanda Baggett

Carlos Esquivia-Lee

Sunny Gettinger

Dr. Tiffany Hunter

Amy Buggle

**Coalition Members Absent:** Michelle Braun, Sandy Ramsey, Marian Wilcher

**Staff:** Denise Marzullo, Cheryl Benveniste, Angel Carro, Johnna Cooper-Daniels, Darlene Mahla, Nachele Brooks, Charlene Gross, Lashonda Hicks, Cathy Parker, Jennifer Agnew

Coalition Interim Chair, Marcus Rowe, called the meeting to order and opened with a welcome to the 2018-2019 year and introduction of members and guests.

Marcus asked the members to review the draft minutes from the June meeting. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Thomas Connolly made a motion to approve.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JUNE 27, 2018 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion was seconded by Bruce Ferguson and approved.*

Marcus asked the members to review the consent agenda while Angel gave a brief overview of the extra dollars the coalition was given and where we propose to allocate the funds. Angel shared that this \$5 million is a one-time allocation and we recommend spending in the following manner:

Childcare Slots -\$4,000,000- 79.8%

Quality- \$812,705- 16.2%

Admin & Non Direct- \$200,000- 4.0%

Total -\$5,012,705- 100.0%

After a brief discussion, Theresa made a motion to approve.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

*Amanda Baggett seconded and motion was approved.*

A plan on how we will spend quality dollars will be presented in the October meeting.

Denise reviewed the HB1091 which was passed in the 2018 legislative session. HB1091 will set minimum quality standards that providers must meet to receive a school readiness contract beginning July 2019. All school readiness providers will be assessed yearly with the CLASS tool and must receive a minimum score ( to be determined in rule making) to have a contract. There will be some exemptions for areas/providers with special circumstances. A current workgroup consisting of board members, providers and community partners are working on a plan to merge our current Guiding Stars system with the HB1091.

Board member concerns about having enough assessors and funding were addressed after the HB10910 presentation.

EFS Mod (the new system OEL requires coalitions to use) updates were shared by Angel. Currently the VPK side of the system is working properly. The School Readiness side is still having issues. Staff are having to enroll children in two systems to make sure we have accurate data since the new system is not operating consistently. Due to attendance the portion of EFS Mod not working properly we had to estimate payments to providers for July and now again for August to ensure providers would be paid on time. Temporary staff are being hired to help enroll more families into the new portal and answer the calls from parents with questions on the enrollment process. Denise communicated that OEL is working diligently to correct all the issues the system is having.

Curtis asked Angel to share the Finance committee information. Angel reviewed the financial summary and discussed the estimates for payments to providers. Our waiting list is around 1900 which is just an estimate due to EFS Mod issues. We are looking to eliminate the waiting list with the new dollars received. Programmatic audit is scheduled for October 12-15<sup>th</sup>.

Theresa thanked Denise for the personal gift card contribution to the DELDN conference on July 14<sup>th</sup>. The conference was a success with over 200 in attendance. It was also that the providers enjoyed meeting the ELC staff that were present and assisting with the conference. They said it was really nice to meet the faces of ELC. September 20<sup>th</sup> will be the next DELDN meeting here at the ELC to review DCF policies.

The CEO report was given. The report addressed the Strategic plan and how the coalition will implement it going forward. A Leadership Development training will be held here at ELC on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. All board members are invited to attend. Please email Denise or Cheryl with your full name if you plan to attend. Staff appreciation week was August 6-10 and was a huge success. October 8<sup>th</sup> will be a service day for ELC Staff and align with our United Way campaign. In the Loop will be the board newsletter that will be emailed to each member sharing ongoing updates on community events, ELC programs, and staff happenings.

Marcus opened the floor for public comment and other business. The ELAC meeting will be in October and Marcus asked for thoughts on having a statewide ELC Score Card. The Score Card will be a scoring system for all ELC's based off information that is already public knowledge. After much discussion members still have questions as to how the data will be used.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Benveniste