



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday – February 27, 2019

ELC Offices

Board Members Present:

Amy Buggle
Karen Feagins
Curtis Hart
Dana Ferrell Birchfield
Michelle Braun

Marcus Rowe
Dr. Tom Connolly
Bruce Ferguson
Theresa Little
Dr. Tara Haley
LaTanya Wynn-Hall-(Assistant)

Amanda Baggett
Miriam Williams
Sunny Gettinger
Dr. Pauline Rolle
Amber Holley

Board Members Absent: Carlos Esquivia-Lee, Jackie Green, Dr. Diana Greene, Joe Peppers, Sandy Ramsey, Marian Wilcher, Jason Roth

ELC Staff Present : Denise Marzullo, Cheryl Benveniste, Angel Carro, Johnna Cooper-Daniels, Darlene Mahla, Nachele Brooks, Charlene Gross, Lashonda Hicks, Cathy Parker, Kendra King, Laurie De La Cruz, Sheila Mackey

Guests Present: Frances Corrigan-UNF Student, Ananlya Singh-UNF Student, and Alexis Roberson-UNF Student

Coalition Chair, Marcus Rowe, called the meeting to order and opened with introduction of members and guests followed by nominating committee recommendation of Jason Roth and Amber Holley to serve as board members.

A motion was made by Sunny Gettinger to approved Jason Roth to serve on the board.

MOTION: TO APPROVE JASON ROTH TO SERVE ON THE ELC BOARD

Motion was seconded by Dr. Connolly and approved

A motion was made by Bruce Ferguson to approved Amber Holley to serve on the board

MOTION: TO APPROVE AMBER HOLLEY TO SERVE ON THE ELC BOARD

Motion was seconded by Michelle Braun and approved

Special recognition was given to new member Dr. Tara Haley who has taken the place of Dr. Tiffany Hunter.

Marcus asked the members to review the draft minutes from the December meeting. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Theresa Little made a motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 12, 2018 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion was seconded by Bruce Ferguson and approved.

Marcus shared information from the ELAC meeting that he and Denise attended on Tuesday. He said the meeting was very spirited and that OEL was giving a one month reprieve for slots. He discussed that they are looking at a statewide funding formula and EFS MOD was the golden topic of discussion.

Consent Agenda was reviewed and Dana Ferrell-Birchfield made a motion to approved

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was seconded by Amy Buggle and approved.

Denise presented a brief Health and Safety Violation presentation based off 18 months of collected data. Denise asked the board for guidance on when termination of a contract is needed based off excessive class 2 and 3 violations. Denise shared that we currently have 5 providers that have an abundance of corrective action plans and probations. OEL guidelines state that coalitions can terminate providers for excessive violations. Each coalition is different and each provider is on a case by case basis. After much discussion and withholding payment not an option the board agreed that it would be a case by case basis.

Finance report was given by Sunny Gettinger in Sandy's absence. We are up in SR and VPK Slots. Our waiting list is down and redeterminations are increasing. Our enrollment plan is:

| Enrollment to Start | Children |
|---------------------|----------|
| March 2019 | 400 |
| April 2019 | 400 |
| May 2019 | 300 |
| June 2019 | 300 |

Sunny then turned finance over to Angel for more detail. Angel communicated that the state opened VPK attendance in MOD for August-January reconciliation. He shared that the SR side is still a struggle so we will continue to use legacy at this time. We are also using paper packets again which is increasing our numbers. A huge thank you was given to Lisa Tyner and CRF team for all their hard work, overtime and dedication to the two systems.

SmartCare was the only software management system to place a bid for us to pilot. Polk County and other Coalitions are using SmartCare already. ELC will pilot 100 centers the first year for a total of \$120,000. Selection of providers will be based off the centers with the most SR children and FCCH. Angel asked for a motion to pilot SmartCare. Amanda Baggett made a motion to pilot SmartCare. Board members Amy Buggle and Theresa little abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest. Form 8B was submitted by both board members before 3/7/19.

MOTION: TO APPROVE PILOT OF SMARTCARE

Motion was seconded by Bruce Ferguson and approved

DELDN update was given by Theresa Little. Summer conference will be July 27th. Next month's meeting will be on Expulsion.

Legislative update was given by Theresa Little. There are two bills (871 House & 970 Senate) centered around Principals of schools partnering with childcare providers to share information. Early Grade Success Committee is pushing for kindergarten testing to be at the end of VPK year instead of first few weeks of Kindergarten. Theresa said call Representative Grall and advocate for our children.

Denise shared CEO report:

1. Preliminary Readiness Rate are the same as last year and disappointing. We are having our Professional Development team create strategies for VPK teachers to better prepare their students for the test.
2. Town Hall meeting will be April 2, 2019 at FSCJ Downtown at 6:00pm. All are welcome to join as we discuss VPK readiness rates, HB10910, Guiding Stars and calculating the SR rates.
3. A Class I violation letter was sent to providers sharing suggestions on ways to improve health and safety practices in centers.
4. Children's Day in Tallahassee will be on March 26th. We have a bus going with DELDN, Providers and Parent. All Board members are welcome to attend just let Cheryl know.
5. ELC held a poverty simulation hosted by United Way of Northeast Florida. It was an eye opening event for all staff giving a different perspective on the way people live. We will host another simulation in August and welcome all Board Members to attend.

After CEO report Marcus opened the floor for public comment.

Karen Feagins from PNC Bank shared that they are hosting a community lunch with Dave Lawrence on April 26. More information on the time will be shared at a later date. All are welcome to attend.

With no further business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Benveniste