



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday – August 28, 2019

ELC Office 11:30am-1:30pm

Board Members Present:

Amy Buggle
Karen Feagins
Jacquelyn Green
Dr. Tara Haley
Sandy Ramsey
Jason Roth

Marcus Rowe
Dr. Tom Connolly
Bruce Ferguson
Curtis Hart
Amber Holley
LaTanya Wynn Hall
Marian Wilcher

Michelle Braun
Dana Ferrell-Birchfield
Sunny Gettinger
Dr. Saralyn Grass for Joe Peppers
Theresa Little
Christa Henley for Dr. Pauline Rolle

Board Members Absent: Dr. Diana Greene, Amanda Baggett, Carlos Esquivia- Lee, Miriam Williams

Guests: Jan Morse, United Way; Lenora Wilson, Kids Hope Alliance; Tia Keitt, Kids Hope Alliance; Joy Stanton, Florida Blue; Barb Waite, Marybeth College

ELC Staff Present : Denise Marzullo, Cheryl Benveniste, Angel Carro, Johnna Cooper-Daniels, Jennifer Agnew, Jim Ungaro, Gwendolyn Carmichael, Lisa Tyner, Danielle DeCastro, Kathy Bragg, Lashonda Hicks

Coalition Chair, Marcus Rowe, called the meeting to order and opened with introduction of members, guests and ELC Staff.

Marcus asked the members to review the draft minutes from the June 26, 2019 meeting. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Curtis Hart made a motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JUNE 26, 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion was seconded by Dr. Thomas Connolly and approved.

Marcus provided information on leadership changes at OEL sharing that Shann Goff is the new Executive Director.

Sunny presented the status of the strategic plan with implementation, completion and future progress. She gave kudos to the Coalition Staff for all the progress they have made so far this year. Sunny reviewed the strategic measures highlighting our areas of growth and weakness.

Finance Reports were given by Sandy and Angel
Provider rate analysis and increases were discussed.
The Finance Committee made a motion for the rates to be increased.
Four board members disclosed conflicts and are submitting and 8B form.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROVIDER RATE INCREASES

Motion was voted on and approved with Amy Buggle, LaTanya Wynn-Hall, Theresa Little, and Marian Wilcher abstaining from the vote.

ELC had several proposals for the IT bid and chose Compass for the contract. Due to the contract being around \$120,000 it requires a board vote.

The Finance Committee made a motion to approve the contract with Compass

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH COMPASS

Motion was voted on and approved

Review of overall finances

- We are up over 10,000 VPK certificates vs last year's number at 7,489
- We are continuing to enroll and send out funding notifications to the families on our waitlist.
- We have selected to remain with BDO for single audit.

Appeals Committee shared the ELC's top 10 list of providers we have on a watch list for multiple violations.

Theresa informed the board that the legislative session starts early this year. The three areas we will focus on this year as a coalition are The Child Safety Alarm Act, more funding for VPK and SR, and moving the assessments to the end of the VPK school year. Some committee members and Denise will take a trip to Tallahassee in November to start advocating.

DELND held their annual conference on July 27, 2019. There were 339 in attendance. The conference was a huge success. DELND will continue their advocacy efforts aligning with ELC for the coming year. DELND will also create postcard quilts to take to Tallahassee to leave a lasting impression on legislators.

CEO Report was presented by Denise. She shared that Duval received an additional \$2,663,808 in match funding from OEL with a possibility to draw down more throughout the year.

Zero in on Safety will be an initiative we roll out in October. We want to recognize centers with zero violations in the last 5 years. All members are welcome to join us for a publicly noticed brunch before the October board meeting to collaborate with these providers and find out how they have accomplished this over the last 5 years. We will also recognize these providers at the October Board Meeting.

Our Next Town Hall Meeting is September 10, 2019 from 6-7:30 at FSCJ Downtown Campus in the Auditorium. We will review Guiding Stars 4.0, Program Quality and Assessment, Health and Safety, and Reimbursement. All board members are welcome to attend.

ELC will hold our 2nd annual Service Palooza. We have several organizations already set up for us to volunteer. If anyone would like to join the staff please let us know.

We have an RFP out for Program Quality and Workforce Development. We anticipate receiving up to \$1.4 million from KHA. The deadline for agencies to submit a proposal is September 5th.

After the CEO report Marcus opened the floor for public comment.

Denise shared that we have a family we are supporting from the fire at Calloway Cove. Any donations you would like to make would be helpful.

Amy invited everyone to attend DLC Nurse & Learn's 30 year Dinner Gala on September 12, 2019 at 6:30. It will be held at Riverfront Café located at 111 Riverside Avenue.

United Way will be adding a link for hurricane donations. Michelle will send out to all once up and running.

With no further business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Benveniste

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