

## Approved at the May 13, 2019 PRC Meeting

Early Learning Coalition of Broward County Program Review Committee Meeting Minutes January 22, 2019 – 1:00 pm 6301 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Way, Suite 3400, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Members in Attendance: Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, Chair; Richard Campillo, Renee Podolsky, Dawn Liberta, Khalil

Zeinieh, via phone, Laurie Sallarulo

Members Absent: Laurie Rich Levinson, Schmeka Lyons

Staff in Attendance: Renee Jaffe, CEO; Christine Klima, CAO; Howard Bakalar, COO: Hubert Cesar, Director of

IT; Keisha Dunn-Pettis, Director of Program; Allison Metsch, Director of Education and

Quality; Sandra Paul, Provider Reimbursement Manager; Irene Ramos, Executive Assistant

Others in Attendance: Jacob Jackson, General Counsel; Sheila Smith, 2-1-1 Broward; Wendi Siegel, Julia Musella,

I Am Ready; Andrew Skurowitz, Early Learning Centers of Broward; Cara Cercione,

Michelle's Int'l Learning House Child Care Center; Jayne Hafer; NE Focal Point Child Care

Center

Item	Action/Discussion	Follow-up
Welcome & Call to Order	Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:17pm Roll Call and Self Introduction was made. A guorum was established.	

## **Regular Business:**

## Approve October 29 2018 Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made by Dawn Liberta to approve the October 29, 2018 meeting minutes. Seconded by Richard Campillo. Unanimously approved

## Provider Rate Increase

At the October 29th meeting, Committee members discussed provider rates with the understanding that some kind of increase is in order. There were questions regarding how the rate increase would affect providers and families and the impact on enrollment. Staff presented different scenarios of the financial impact to providers as requested at the previous meeting. Staff has conducted an analysis of provider rates which were found to be below the market place rate for equal access to same or equivalent private child care offered to parents. A proposal to add \$1 to the daily rate for children ages birth through 4 in FY 2019 was reviewed.

Providers present at this meeting were asked for their input They responded that quality child care centers some school readiness providers are thinking about not renewing their contracts, due to increased licensing and other regulations and costs, and that the \$1 increase would not be enough to promote quality and cover costs.

After much discussion on the best way to pursue and achieve a deeper, quality impact in providers, children and families and meet the needs, the committee concluded to increase the provider rate by \$2.

**A Motion** was made by Laurie Sallarulo to recommend to the Finance committee based on the philosophy of quality over quantity to increase the provider rate by \$2 per day for non- school age children. A modeling of the \$2 increase will be brought to the Finance Committee. **Seconded** by Dawn Liberta. **Unanimously** approved.

OEL approval is needed before the increase can be applied

211 Update	Renee gave a short history on 2-1-1's Child Care Resource and Referral service to the ELC. Both partners met and came up with a suggestion proposal to continue to partner with 2-1-1 in the following fiscal year and where 2-1-1 will provide a different scope of customer service to families	
	A Motion was made by Dawn Liberta to approve the conceptual proposal of shift in responsibility between ELC and 2-1-1 Broward for FY 2020. Seconded by Renee Podolsky. Unanimously approved.	
	Agreement approval to include the budgeted amount for the next fiscal year will be presented to Finance & Executive Committee and then to the Board.	
Enrollment Update	The ELC held two enrollment fairs this month with about a 75% turn out in response to invitations mailed to families for new enrollment. There are an approximate 700 new enrollments with current new enrollments in the process.	
Strategic Plan		
CLASS Assessments		
BECE Conference		
New Business	None	
Matters from the Chair	Fiscal monitoring letter was presented. Laurie Sallarulo presenting a letter to the new governor explaining the issues ELC's are facing in light of EFS modernization delays.	_
Matters from the Committee	There was no discussion.	

Public Comment	No further public comment	
Next Meeting Date	Tentatively scheduled for March 4 at 3:00pm	
Adjourn	Cindy Arenberg Seltzer called to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:12pm.	

These minutes contain the action items of the Program Review Committee meeting of the Early Learning Coalition of Broward. They do not include all the Committee's discussions or comments on each matter or issue raised during the meeting. A tape recording of the meeting is held in the Coalition office. Corrections from the Committee will be taken prior to approval at the next meeting.