



Board of Directors Meeting  
June 1, 2009; 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
ELC Board Room

**Board Attendees:** Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr. (Chair); Yesenia Perkins (Treasurer); Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D., (Vice Chair); Gerald K. Schwartz, Esq.; Modesto E. Abety; Rick Beasley (attended via conference call); Gilda Ferradaz on behalf of Jacqui Colyer; Alan Eckstein, Esq.; P. Morgan Hill (attended via conference call); David Lawrence, Jr.; The Hon. Cindy Lederman; Gina Cortes-Suarez; Harve Mogul; Dabney G. Park, Ph.D.; Terry Murphy representing The Hon. Natacha Seijas; Ann-Karen Weller, R.N.; Lucy C. Piñeiro, Esq.; David Williams, Jr.; Ronda Vengates representing Valtena G. Brown; Connie Chapell; Silvia La Villa, Ed.D.; Irene Taylor-Wooten; Jane McQueen, Ed.D.; Walter Harvey (Board Attorney)

**Board Absentees:** Daniel Armstrong, Ph.D.

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres (President/CEO); Angelo Parrino; Blythe Robinson; Leeana Pena; Alina Soto; Jackye Russell; Fred Hicks; Mary Williams, ELC Monroe (attended via conference); Pam Hollingsworth; Mercy Castiglione

**General Attendees:** Susana Aguilera, AECC; Sara Morales, Miami-Dade County; Linda Carmona, AECE; Jay Flynn, Miami-Dade County; Doug Blomberg, WHFS; Ana Sejeck, ECIF; Jack Hartog, Gray-Robinson; Jennie Fine, ECIF; J. Leinfelder, The Children's Trust; Marie Woodson, Miami-Dade County; Maritza Alonso, Miami-Dade County; Arlene Estrada, Miami-Dade County; A.R. Guerra, AECE; Doreen Moskowitz, AWI; Edith Humes-Newbold, Miami-Dade County; Matty Loret De Mola, La Petite Academy; Phyllis Saunders, Miami-Dade County; Muriel Wong, NIII; Elizabeth Bezos, AECE; Jess McCarty, Miami-Dade County; Dennis Moss, Miami-Dade County

<b>I. Welcome and Introductions</b>	<b>Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair</b>
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- Chairman Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- Leeana Pena called roll and a quorum was established with fourteen (14) voting members.
- O. Verdeja stated that with the help of a few people including Chairman Moss, Joe Rascal, and Jess McCarty the ELC was able to overcome the very tough legislative process this year. The work that the ELC does is dependent on the partnership established with the local government as well as partner agencies.
- D. Moss and J. McCarty were presented with ELC plaques.



- D. Moss thanked the ELC for all the hard work being done for the children in Miami-Dade County. He stated the ELC can count on his support. He knows how important it is to work together and partnership was key.
- O. Verdeja stated that May 8<sup>th</sup> was Provider Appreciation Day. He presented appreciation plaques to S. La Villa, private child care provider representative; C. Chapell, faith-based provider representative. E. Torres also recognized D. Armstrong, representative of program with disabilities, who was not in attendance.

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

**Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair**

- O. Verdeja called for the approval of the meeting minutes from 05/04/09.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by A. Eckstein.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.

## **III. Finance Committee Report**

**Yesenia Perkins**

- Y. Perkins reviewed the financial statements.
- Motion to approve Resolution 052609-01 to authorize the President and CEO to execute the Second Amendment to contract, C09-105, with the United Way of Miami-Dade, Inc. to provide quality services to early care and education providers of Miami-Dade County.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by A. Eckstein.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Motion to approve Resolution 052609-02 to authorize the President and CEO to execute the Second Amendment to contract, PSA09-137, with Kaplan Early Learning Company to provide quality materials to early care and education providers throughout Miami-Dade County.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by A. Eckstein.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Motion to approve Resolution 052609-03 to authorize the President and CEO to renew the sub-recipient service contracts listed within the background section of this resolution.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by A. Eckstein.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.
- O. Verdeja stated the direct service contracts remain the same for the most part except for the stimulus dollars that were added. He stated that dollars have been added to Miami-Dade County for slots and Wesley House. The total for Wesley House was their portion of the stimulus dollars, two hundred thousand dollars. Currently, the ELC is negotiating the contract with Miami-Dade County for slots because it has become difficult for them to continue to provide the services with the current values in the



contract for administration. It has been difficult to provide any increases to other vendors and there really isn't a way to add dollars on the administration side of the Miami-Dade County contract. The contract is still under review to determine if anything can be done differently.

- Motion to approve Resolution 052609-04 to authorize the President and CEO to renew the vendor contracts listed within the background section of this resolution.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by A. Eckstein.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Motion to approve Resolution 052609-05, approving the Coalition's Annual Budget for fiscal year 2009-2010.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by A. Eckstein.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Y. Perkins reviewed the ELC snapshots for Miami-Dade County. She stated the number of children on the waitlist has increased and it may have to do with the economy and the fact that many families are signing on multiple times. Not all the families qualify but there has been an increase in the number of families requesting childcare. AWI considered using money from the fiscal year and moving it over to the ELC for slots. Enrollment will stay at this level for the next two months or so and be leveled out the next fiscal year with 27,000 children.

<b>IV. Program &amp; Strategy Committee Report</b>
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<b>David Williams, Jr.</b>
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- Motion to approve the recommendation for Coalition staff to convene a workgroup to finalize plans for electronic attendance submission; to include setting a deadline for providers to train and implement the process and identify consequences for failure to comply.
  - H. Mogul moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by Y. Perkins.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.
- E. Bezos stated she hopes electronic attendance would be implemented by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The more providers that are involved in the process the less paperwork that has to be processed. She suggested that an alternative to sign-in sheets be worked on as well.
- E. Torres suggested that the workgroup be given 90 days to work on a recommendation. The recommendation would be brought back to the Program & Strategy Committee at the September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. He stated that full implementation should be effective by January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- E. Bezos requested that legal counsel be present at the September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.



## **V. Nominating Committee Report**

**Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.**

- Y. Johnson stated there were several positions open on the Board of Directors. She stated that Lucy Piñeiro, Esq. was nominated by the Nominating Committee for the private business sector position.
- L. Piñeiro, Esq. introduced herself as an attorney for child welfare. She stated she has a child and has adopted from the program. She advocates for a healthy set of values and looks forward to being part of the board.
- Motion to appoint Lucy C. Piñeiro, Esq. as a private business sector representative on the Board.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by O. Verdeja
  - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Motion to reappoint S. La Villa as private child care provider representative on the Board.
  - Y. Johnson moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by H. Mogul.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Motion to reappoint Y. Johnson as private business sector representative on the Board.
  - A. Eckstein moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by C. Lederman.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Motion to reappoint J. McQueen as Head Start director representative on the Board.
  - Y. Johnson moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by O. Verdeja.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.
- Motion to reappoint A. Weller as Miami-Dade County Health Department designee on the Board.
  - Y. Johnson moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by C. Lederman.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.

## **VI. Monroe Advisory Committee Report**

**Alan Eckstein, Esq.**

- A. Eckstein stated that the Monroe Advisory Committee met on May 22, 2009. E. Torres and A. Parrino of the ELC were in attendance. Board members Y. Perkins and C. Chapell were also in attendance. E. Torres informed the Committee of the fiscal challenges the Coalition is facing and also discussed the stimulus dollars that were received. A full discussion on the Monroe County school-age exception was presented to the Committee. Providers and Committee members expressed their concern about disenrolling 9-12 year BG8 children and the effect it would have on younger siblings.



- A. Eckstein stated that Y. Perkins made the recommendation that the 65 children in the BG8 category would continue to receive after-school care. This number would be reduced by attrition and by aging out. No new children would be added to this category. All children in this group would continue to receive summer care.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the motion.
  - Motion was seconded by D. Williams.
  - Motion was unanimously passed.

<b>VII. CEO Report</b>
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<b>Evelio C. Torres, CEO</b>
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- Presentation is available on the ELC website.

<b>VIII. Public Comments</b>
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<b>Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair</b>
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- E. Bezos stated that in these tough times, the focus should be on making components of contracts like electronic attendance & CCR&R (that are not direct services) most efficient.
- E. Bezos asked when formalizing a process to engage faith-based providers, will it be carried out through the existing Provider Services Committee or would it create a separate venue? She stated that a practical option would be to include Ms. Chapel in the Provider Services Committee and hold meetings in Monroe as well as Miami-Dade, at least quarterly.

<b>IX. Adjourn</b>
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<b>Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair</b>
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