



Board of Directors Meeting  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013; 8:00 a.m.  
ELC Board Room

**Board Attendees:** Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr. (Chair); The Hon. Cindy S. Lederman (Vice Chair); Esther Jacobo (Treasurer); Lucy C. Pineiro, Esq. (Secretary); Modesto E. Abety-Gutierrez; Theresa Axford; Doug Blomberg; Commissioner Heather Carruthers; Lucia Davis-Raiford, Ed.D; Alan Eckstein, Esq. (attended via conference call); Helene J. Good; Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.; David Lawrence, Jr.; Harve Mogul; Dr. J. Abilio Rodriguez (attended via conference call); Ann Karen Weller, R.N., MBA-HSM; David Williams, Jr.; Marisel Elias Miranda on behalf of Magaly Abrahante, Ed.D.; Lisa Martinez

**Board Absentees:** Roderick E. Beasley; Holly Estes; Shaleen Fagundo; Commissioner Barbara Jordan

**Staff Attendees:** Evelio Torres (President/CEO); Angelo Parrino; Ana Rodriguez; Leeana Sanchez; Christina Vila; Jackye Russell; Pamela Hollingsworth; Fred Hicks; Bethany Sands; Mercy Castiglione; Fiorella Altare; Jose Hernandez; Aileen Martinez; Milton Silvera; Sandra Gonzalez; Kendra Link; Eduardo Copin; Christine Hughes; Ileana Vallejo

**General Attendees:** Santiago Echemendia, Tew Cardenas; Rachel Spector, The Children's Trust; Matty Loret de Mola, Kidworks; Graciela Pineiro, YMCA; Myria Morgan, SFW; Brian Sheaffer, YMCA; Cecilia Gutierrez, MCI; Yolanda Borroto, MDC Preschool; Susan Neimand, MDC; Gail P. Gregg, FIU; Gina Cortes-Suarez; San Juanita De la Cruz, MDC; Peter Gorski, The Children's Trust; Audrina Mumford, MCI; Lisa Pittman, The Children's Trust; Jackie Romillo, Citrus Health Network; Terry T. Rutherford, T.O.U.C.C.H.; Alison Gonzalez, FIU; Marisel Elias Miranda, MDCPS; Maria T. Riesha, MDCPS; Phyllis Kalifeh, Children's Forum; Marie Woodson, MDC; Alissa Stein, HIPPY; Cynthia Hereford, Shining Light Childcare Development Center; Bill De La Sierra, Kidworks; Linda Carmona-Sanchez, AECE; Norman Herdocia, AECE

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.**

- O. Verdeja called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- L. Sanchez called roll and a quorum was established with fifteen (15) voting members.
- O. Verdeja stated that if anyone has a conflict of interest on any item coming before the Board, to declare the conflict and see L. Sanchez for a conflict of interest form.
- O. Verdeja stated the following items were included in this month's Board packet:
  - ELC News Alert & ELC Parent Link
  - Message from ELC: Financial Monitoring Report (clean audits)
  - OEL Memo regarding Funding Formula
  - 2013-2014 School Readiness Allocation Formula (hold steady for FY 2013-2014)
  - Article: Potential Fraud in Early Learning System May Not Stand Up to Scrutiny (fraud not what it originally seemed)



- Mission & Vision
  - Redlined changes from Strategic Planning Retreat included in the packet. Board needs to take a final vote to approve.
    - T. Axford asked that the word 'needs' be replaced by 'development'
    - C. Lederman moved to approve.
    - T. Axford seconded the motion.
    - M. Abety voted no.
    - Motion was passed.

- The Board celebrated D. Lawrence's birthday.
- E. Torres welcomed the newest member to the ELC staff, Ms. Melissa Fernandez. She recently joined as the new Quality Counts Director. Melissa comes from The Children's Trust and is very excited to be a part of such a great program and joint venture.
- E. Torres welcomed partners from the Children's Forum and Miami-Dade College. They are joining Dr. Christine Hughes in presentations related to Quality Counts, including the new standards.

## II. Approval of Minutes

Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.

- O. Verdeja called for the approval of the meeting minutes from Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve the minutes.
  - H. Carruthers seconded the motion.
  - Motion was passed unanimously.

## III. Finance Committee Report

Esther Jacobo, Esq.

- E. Jacobo reviewed the financial statements.
- Motion to approve Resolution 022713-01 to approve the Coalition's Fourth Budget Amendment for the fiscal year 2012-2013.
  - C. Lederman moved to approve.
  - Y. Johnson seconded the motion.
  - Motion was passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve Resolution 02282013-02 to authorize the President & CEO to negotiate and execute the Third Amendment to contract C12-102 with Wesley House Family Services, Inc. to provide additional funding towards the waitlist, current enrollment, and Child Care Executive Partnership ("CCEP").
  - C. Lederman moved to approve.
  - H. Mogul seconded the motion.
  - Motion was passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve Resolution 02272013-03 to authorize the President & CEO to negotiate and execute Service Transition leases and lease-related agreements listed in the background section of this resolution.
  - Y. Johnson moved to approve.
  - D. Blomberg seconded the motion.
  - H. Mogul declared a COI.
  - Motion was passed unanimously.

## IV. Nominating Committee Report

Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.

- Y. Johnson stated that the term for D. Lawrence was up in December 2012, the Committee is recommending him for another 4 year term.



- Y. Johnson stated that the term for L. Pineiro is up in April 2013, the Committee is recommending her for another 4 year term.
  - H. Good moved to approve.
  - M. Abety seconded the motion.
  - Motion was passed unanimously.
  
- Y. Johnson stated several terms were up in the end of April 2013.
  - O. Verdeja: Vice Chair, C. Lederman will take over until Governor appointment is made.
  - Y. Johnson and A. Eckstein's terms will also expire.
  - A. Weller expires and this position rotates to Monroe. Robert Eadie will be interviewed.
  - L. Davis-Raiford: Being that Monroe County has passed on this position, L. Davis-Raiford will remain on the Board and her term will begin as of November 2012, for a 4-year term.
    - H. Carruthers moved to approve.
    - D. Blomberg seconded the motion.
    - Motion was passed unanimously.
  - The vacancy of the Community College representative is still vacant. The ELC is still waiting on the appointment. This will be forthcoming shortly.
  - There are two private sector governor-appointed vacancies, which we are still waiting on an appointment. D. Lawrence is working to try to get these appointments made.

**V. Quality Counts Presentation**

**Christine Hughes, Ph.D.**

- P. Hollingsworth introduced C. Hughes, S. Neimand, and P. Kalifeh.
  
- C. Hughes introduced M. Ceballos and S. Ampudia, ELC staff members. She stated that The Children's Trust grant was awarded again to the ELC.
  
- The full presentation can be found at:  
[http://www.elcmdm.org/about\\_us/Board/minutes/Board/presentations/QualityCounts032013.pdf](http://www.elcmdm.org/about_us/Board/minutes/Board/presentations/QualityCounts032013.pdf)

**VI. Miami Dade College School of Education Presentation**

**Dr. Susan Neimand**

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[http://www.elcmdm.org/about\\_us/Board/minutes/Board/presentations/MDCEducationCareer030413.pdf](http://www.elcmdm.org/about_us/Board/minutes/Board/presentations/MDCEducationCareer030413.pdf)

**VII. Miami-Dade Workforce Study for 2012**

**Phyllis Kalifeh**

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**VIII. CEO Report**

**Evelio C. Torres, CEO**

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**IX. Public Comments**

**Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.**

- L. Martinez stated that the Mayor would like to help with advocacy.
  
- G. Cortes-Suarez stated that she has been very impressed with the ELC staff. The transition has been very cumbersome and there are a very complex set of procedures taking place. She is very pleased with everything. All decisions are being made wisely and with good judgment. She stated everything should be perfect for July 1<sup>st</sup>.



- L. Davis-Raiford stated that the transition team at MDC is also very pleased with the process. The ELC staff and MDC are in a mutual commitment to overcome challenges.
- E. Torres stated that both MDC and Wesley House have been wonderful to work with, and it is greatly appreciated.
- B. De La Sierra announced that M. Abety-Gutierrez is retiring at the end of the month as the president of The Children's Trust. He thanked him for all the work he has done.
- L. Davis-Raiford thanked Miami Dade College for the excellent presentation.

**X. Adjourn**

**Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.**