



Board of Directors Meeting
February 4, 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) (attended via conference call); Mayra Morgan representing Roderick E. Beasley; Doug Blomberg; Commissioner Heather Carruthers; Lucia Davis-Raiford, Ed.D; Alan Eckstein, Esq.; Holly Estes; Helene J. Good; Yvonne T. Johnson, M.D.; Rochelle Boreland representing Commissioner Barbara Jordan; David Lawrence, Jr.; Dr. J. Abilio Rodriguez; Ann Karen Weller, R.N., MBA-HSM; David Williams, Jr.; Magaly Abrahante, Ed.D. (attended via conference call); Lisa Martinez (attended via conference call)
- Board Absentees:** Modesto E. Abety-Gutierrez; Theresa Axford; Shaleen Fagundo; Harve Mogul
- 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:** Bob de la Fuente, Tew Cardenas; Gail Gregg, FIU; Michele S. Kaplan, Derereux; Jackie Romillo, Citrus Health Network; Daryl Greenfield, University of Miami; Rachel Spector, The Children's Trust; Ardene Estrada, MDC; Silvia Valdes, Children's Center of FIU; Smiling Rodriguez, FIU; Peter Gorski, The Children's Trust; Miriam Allman, United Way; Alison Gonzalez, FIU; Marie Woodson, MDC; Wendy Solomon, Family Central; Linda Carmona-Sanchez, AECE; Norman Herdocia, AECE; Lisa Pittman, The Children's Trust; Veronica Fernandez, University of Miami; Katherine Cespedes, Take Stock in Children

I. Welcome and Introductions

Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair

- O. Verdeja called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- L. Sanchez called roll and a quorum was established with thirteen (13) 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:
 - Miami-Dade County Job Fair Information
 - Wesley House Letter to ELC
 - Monroe County Job Fair Information
- D. Blomberg stated that Wesley House did not feel they could achieve the same savings as the ELC.
- E. Torres gave an update on the transition.
- A. Eckstein was presented with an appreciation plaque.
- The Board celebrated O. Verdeja's birthday.

II. Approval of Minutes

Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair

- O. Verdeja called for the approval of the meeting minutes from Dec 3rd, 2012.
 - C. Lederman moved to approve the minutes.
 - A. Weller seconded motion.
 - Motion was passed unanimously.

III. Finance Committee Report

Esther Jacobo, Esq.

- E. Jacobo reviewed the financial statements.
- Motion to approve Resolution 01302013-01 to authorize the President and CEO to release Competitive Solicitations (ie., request for proposals (RFP), invitation to negotiate (ITN), invitation to bid (ITB), state term contracts and/or request for quotes (RFQ)) for the Service Transition-related procurements listed in the background section of the resolution.
 - C. Lederman moved to approve.
 - Y. Johnson seconded motion.
 - Motion was passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve Resolution 01302013-02 to authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract C12-110 with the Children's Forum, Inc. to provide funding towards a career advisor position that services early care and education providers enrolled in the Quality Counts program.
 - C. Lederman moved to approve.
 - H. Good seconded motion.
 - Motion was passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve Resolution 01302013-03 to authorize the President and CEO to release a request for proposals (RFP) for the Assessment Services to Support Quality Counts as further specified in the background section of the resolution.
 - H. Carruthers moved to approve.
 - Y. Johnson seconded motion.
 - Motion was passed unanimously.



- Motion to approve Resolution 01302013-04 to authorize the President and CEO to receive and execute the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Assessment Implementation Grant.
 - A. Eckstein moved to approve.
 - H. Good seconded motion.
 - Motion was passed unanimously.
- E. Torres reviewed all the recommendations for current contracts, stating that not all contracts are being recommended for bringing in-house.

IV. FIU Presentation

Dr. Louis Manfra

- L. Manfra presented on behalf of FIU.
 - The full presentation can be found at:
http://www.elcmdm.org/about_us/Board/minutes/Board/presentations/ScreeningAssessmentPresentation0213.pdf

V. CEO Report

Evelio C. Torres, CEO

- E. Torres presented his CEO Report.
 - The full report can be found at
http://www.elcmdm.org/about_us/Board/minutes/Board/CEO%20report/CEOR02042013.pdf
- E. Torres stated the Vision, Values and Mission would be voted on at the March Board meeting.
- E. Torres announced that G. Cortes-Suarez was contracted as the Transition Manager.

VI. Program & Strategy Committee Report
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David Williams, Jr. the Hon. Cindy S. Lederman

- C. Lederman stated that the new grievance procedure was established. The Provider Peer Panel met with each of the providers that had a grievance, and then the Program & Strategy Committee met with them. Five (5) of the providers were placed on probation, one (1) had their funding revoked.
- E. Torres stated that having a group of peers making these recommendations is a good process. There is also statewide agreement to strengthen the provider contracts.

VII. Public Comments

Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair

- There were no public comments.

VIII. Adjourn

Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., Chair
