



ELC Programs & Policy Committee Meeting
February 6th, 2017 at 7:00 AM
ELC Conference Room

Committee Attendees: Dr. Judy Schaechter, James Haj (Rep. Rachel Spector), Dr. Tina Carroll-Scott

Absent Committee: Bob Eadie, Gladys Montes,

Staff Attendees: Evelio Torres; Lisa Sanabria; Belkis Torres, Sandra Gonzalez; Jackye Russell; Wilfredo Ayala; Anabel Espinosa; Pamela Hollingsworth; Lidia Clark

I. Welcome and Introductions **Dr. Judy Schaechter**

- J. Schaechter called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Quorum was not established.

II. Approval of Minutes **Dr. Judy Schaechter**

- Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

II. Early Head Start **Belkis Torres**

- B. Torres presented the Federal Food Program report to the committee. This report shows the daily counts of food served to the early head start children.

III. Program Update

- P. Hollingsworth stated that the Connecticut Study Tour was very successful, staff was able to do on site visits. P. Hollingsworth stated that it is as terrific program with great partnerships and it is worth pursuing. P. Hollingsworth stated that there will be a follow up call in the upcoming week. The funding for this program comes from the states mental health grant as well as its preschool grant. They are able to serve more than 1000 children. P. Hollingsworth stated that they were able to go over case studies with social workers, once a child is regulated they are able to individualize once in a classroom. The program works with the entire family.
- A. Espinosa stated that non-compliance with ASQ is seeing lower numbers and has not had to hold back any money.
- W. Ayala discussed the following:
 - **LET'S MOVE! Child Care**



- Funder: Nemours/Centers for Disease Control
- 287 low-income centers in Miami-Dade & Broward counties have completed the project to date.
- Target: 240-300 centers trained by 2017
- 95 Quality Counts Centers Trained.
- 861 teachers trained.
- 21,584 children served.
- 65 low-income centers participating in 5th and final year of grant.
- **Structured Physical Activity Initiative**
 - Funder: Health Foundation of South Florida
 - Training Partner: CATCH Foundation
 - 55 low-income centers trained.
 - Target: 165 centers trained by 2018
 - 22 Quality Counts centers trained.
 - 165 teachers to be trained
 - 2,750 children to be served.
 - 35 centers recruited for training in March.
- **Electronic Cigarettes Prevention**
 - Partners: Florida Department of Health Tobacco Free Florida (TBF) and Florida Poison Information Center – Miami (FPIC)
 - Public Awareness: ELC Provider and Parent Newsletters, published: Poisonous Dangers of E-Cigarettes to children 0-6 , Social Media, Facebook and Twitter weekly posts, ELC and Professional Development Institute (PDI) Websites, Recurring slider links and Flyers and Brochures available in all ELCMDM facilities for families
 - In Development: Webinar on the dangers of e-cigarettes available at ELC Website, in-person trainings for ELC's providers and families, various poisonous control dangers and what to do when exposed to these dangers
- L. Clark discussed the following:
 - Featured Training: Learning Language and Loving It™ - The Hanen Program for Early Childhood Educators
 - The Learning Language and Loving It Program is designed to provide early childhood educators with practical strategies for helping all children in the classroom build language and social skills, no matter what their learning and communication styles are. Funded by The Children's Trust, it has 5 Participating Quality Counts Providers Enrolled, 20 hours of onsite group based training sessions and 12 hours of individual practitioner coaching and men.
 - Parent Engagement
 - Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY), 33 Families enrolled in Collier, 14 Families enrolled in Monroe, Family group meetings well attended in both counties and Monitoring scheduled 2/27/2017.
 - Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing
 - Trusted Messenger Training completed: Jackson Health Systems, Holtz Children's Hospital, Healthy Start Coalition, Help Me Grow, Miami Dade County Public Library and The Neighborhood Place for Early Head Start.



- Monroe Early Childhood Conference:
 - Will be held May 6th, 2017 at Marathon Middle/High School and the theme will be “Healthy Families: Healthy Communities”

IV. Public Comments

Dr. Judy Schaechter

V. Adjourn

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