



Board of Directors Meeting
March 1, 2010; 8:00 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. (Secretary); Modesto E. Abety; Rick Beasley; Jacqui Colyer (attended via conference call); Gina Cortes-Suarez; Alan Eckstein, Esq.; P. Morgan Hill (attended via conference call); David Lawrence, Jr. (attended via conference call); The Hon. Cindy Lederman; Harve Mogul; Dabney G. Park, Ph.D; Lucy C. Piñeiro, Esq.; The Hon. Natacha Seijas (attended via conference call); Ann Karen Weller, R.N., B.S.N. (attended via conference call); David Williams, Jr.; Magaly Abrahante, Ed.D. (attended via conference call); Daniel Armstrong, Ph.D.; Connie Chapell (attended via conference call); Silvia La Villa, Ed.D; Irene Taylor-Wooten; Santiago Echemendia (Board Attorney)

Board Absentees:

Jane McQueen

Staff Attendees:

Evelio Torres (President/CEO); Blythe Robinson; Tabatha Cullen; Angelo Parrino; Leeana Pena; Jackye Russell; Alina Soto; Fred Hicks; Mercy Castiglione; Mary Williams, ELC Monroe (attended via conference); Roseline Philippe; Pam Hollingsworth; Bethany Sands

General Attendees:

Doug Blomberg, Wesley House (attended via conference call); Maria Elena Delgado, Victoria's Playhouse; Juana Rodriguez, Rodriguez FDC; Gretel Pernas, RCMA; Eliana M. Perez, We Love Kids; Cynthia Stone, Princeton Christian; Maria Soto; Jane Lindley, AECE; Katerine Uribe, Uribe Large Family Child Care; Betty Soler, The 2nd House; Guillermo Permuy, The 2nd House; Saribel Salinas, Sesame Street CCC; Betsy Camejo, Paradise Christian School & Paradise Tailwinds; Maria Salinas, Sesame Street CCC; Maria Hernandez, RCMA Florida City; Michele S. Kaplan, Derereux; Maria Luaces, University of Miami; Magdalena M. Morales, Magdalena Morales FCCH; Berta B. Moure, Interamerican Learning Center; Isabel Aragon, Littler Cruisers; Rosalya Larey, UMMC; Elaine M. Huzzie, Huzzie Family Child Care; Deborah Milan, Kidworks; Danish V. Williams, Katie's Family Child Care; Angela Ortega, Sean Piaget Academy; Ana Sejeck, The Children's Trust; Gladys R. Montes, United Way; Claudia Trilles, Kids Corner, CDC; Patricia I. Ancarola, Ancarola Large Family Child Care Home; Iliana Hernandez, Iliana's Family Child Care Inc; Nancy Machado, Nancy Macho LFHCC; Angela Suarez, My Happy House; Pilar Tefel, Our Lady of the Rosary; Yaneisy Gueren, My 2nd Home; Joan Farr, Miami-Dade County; Christina Schmiedler, KidsWorks, USA; Soraya Sanabria, My First School, Inc; Graciela Febre, Little Village;



Grace Barnes, COPE Center North; Susan Gold, United Way; Maria E.

Alvarez, Family Central; Dona Dailey, Easter Seals; Maria Del Pilar Gomez, Arco Child Care; Pamela Thompson, Blye Star Learning; Wendy Salomon, Family Central; Flor Brito, Children's Forum QCCC; Debbie Francis, Children's Forum; Cheary Heath, Cheary Heath FCCH; Dorothy Duck, Dorothy Duck FCCH; Blanca Mesa, World to Grow Learning Center; Nora Cardona, Nora Family Care.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.,

Chair

- Chairman Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr., called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- Leana Pena called roll and a quorum was established with fourteen (14) voting members.
- O. Verdeja thanked E. Torres and the ELC staff for putting together the provider accreditation ceremony and stated it was a tremendous turn-out.
- E. Torres requested that Resolutions 022410-04, 022410-05, 022410-06, and 022410-07 be tabled until the next Board meeting as they require a discussion by the Board. He stated that the Program & Strategy Committee co-chairs, C. Lederman and D. Williams could decide if they want these resolutions to be a part of the Program & Strategy Committee meeting.
 - C. Lederman moved to table the resolutions until the next Board meeting, and to present them at the Program & Strategy Committee meeting.
 - Motion was seconded by D. Williams.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.

II. Approval of Minutes

Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.,

Chair

- O. Verdeja called for the approval of the meeting minutes from 02/01/10.
 - A. Eckstein moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion was seconded by H. Mogul.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.

III. Executive Committee Report

Octavio A. Verdeja, Jr.,

Chair

- Motion to approve Resolution 021010-01 to ratify the Executive Committee's decision to authorize the President and CEO to execute the third amendment to contract, C09-111 with Bluejean Software, Inc. to provide additional software development for the Quality Counts program.
 - G. Schwartz moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion was seconded by Y. Johnson.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.



- Y. Perkins reviewed the financial statements.

- Motion to approve Resolution 022410-01 to authorize the President and CEO to execute a first amendment to contract, C09-113 with Miami-Dade County to provide School Readiness Services for Miami-Dade.
 - G. Schwartz moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion was seconded by A. Eckstein.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.

- D. Williams asked how the ELC decides where the money is used.

- E. Torres stated that the dollars come with certain restrictions, and is put into child care slots.

- Motion to approve Resolution 022410-02 to authorize the President and CEO to execute a first amendment to contract, C09-104 with Wesley House Family Services, Inc. which is the central agency for Monroe County, to provide School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Services for Monroe County.
 - A. Eckstein moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion was seconded by C. Lederman.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.

- Motion to approve Resolution 022410-03 to authorize the President and CEO to execute a first amendment to contract, C09-114 with Miami-Dade County to provide Voluntary Prekindergarten services for Miami-Dade.
 - A. Eckstein moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion was seconded by D. Williams.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.

- Motion to approve Resolution 022410-04 to award RFP#ELCMDM2009-007 for Program Quality Services to Family Central, Inc. to provide technical assistance services for center-based early care and education providers in Miami-Dade County for fiscal year 2010-2011.
 - Motion was tabled.

- Motion to approve Resolution 022410-05 to award RFP#ELCMDM2009-007 for Program Quality Services to Family Central, Inc. to provide technical assistance to family childcare homes providing early care and education services in Miami-Dade County for fiscal year 2010-2011.
 - Motion was tabled.

- Motion to approve Resolution 022410-06 to award RFP#ELCMDM2009-007 for Program Quality Services to United Way, Inc. to provide training and accreditation services to support QRIS programs in Miami-Dade County for fiscal year 2010-2011.
 - Motion was tabled.



- Motion to approve Resolution 022410-07 to award RFP#ELCMDM2009-008 for School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten services to the central agency for Monroe County, which is Wesley House Family Services, Inc. for fiscal year 2010-2011.
 - Motion was tabled.

- Motion to approve Resolution 022410-08 for the Finance Committee to review and approve amendments to the Coalition's policies and procedures as listed within the background section of this resolution.
 - M. Abety moved to approve the motion.
 - Motion was seconded by A. Eckstein.
 - Motion was unanimously passed.

- Y. Perkins reviewed the financial snapshots for Miami-Dade and Monroe.
- D. Williams asked why the ELC waits so long to cut off the waitlist.
- E. Torres stated that the ELC does not cut off the waitlist.
- E. Torres stated that the system does not flag duplicates. A parent can sign up their child as many times as they want. It's a 20-year-old system and probably needs some updating.

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

- O. Verdeja stated that A. Weller will now be serving on the Program & Strategy Committee. He stated that C. Lederman has also come on board as the co-Chair.
- C. Lederman stated she was happy to join the Program & Strategy Committee. She stated the last meeting's focus was how to implement a Board mandate to require TAPP accreditation. She stated that the Miami-Dade County Public Schools board agrees with the ELC's recommendation. The Committee will be working on this in the near future.

VI. Governance & Bylaws Committee Report	Alan Eckstein, Esq.
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- A. Eckstein reviewed the bylaw changes per the Governance & Bylaws Committee.
- A. Eckstein stated Section 6.6 will have new language stating that the Secretary shall sign all resolutions made and adopted by the BOD.
- A. Eckstein stated Section 6.2 will specify that officers are to have no more than a 3-year term, except for the Chair who will have a 4-year term.
- A. Eckstein stated the title to Section 7.1 will now read, Meetings per Fiscal Year.
- A. Eckstein stated Section 7.8 will change to allow the annual meeting date to be selected at the discretion of the Chair.



- A. Eckstein confirmed the appointment of D. Park as an officer-at-large.
- A. Eckstein stated Section 8.5.3 will have new language stating that the Provider Services Committee shall meet at least quarterly in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties.
- A. Eckstein stated Section 8.3.5. will change to allow the Finance Committee members to have staggered three-year terms for no more than two consecutive terms.
- A. Eckstein discussed the Governance & Bylaws Committee's recommendations for Section 7.7., Meeting Attendance. He stated that the Committee is recommending that the current policy of three absences stay as is, however to change absences to be counted within the calendar year, not the fiscal year. He stated the same policy would take effect for the committees. A Board member sending a representative in their place will not be counted as attendance. He stated this would not apply to designated members of the Board that are already allowed to send a designee.
- H. Mogul asked if the designee is then considered a Board member. He stated these changes need to go back to the Governance & Bylaws Committee for clarification.
- L. Piñeiro stated the Committee attendance policy should specify that members can attend via phone.
- H. Mogul asked that the Committee ensure that these changes will be in alignment with the annual retreat and attendance policy.
- A. Eckstein stated he will take these recommendations back to the Committee.
- A. Eckstein stated Section 9.3.4 will change to allow the Audit Committee members to have staggered three-year terms for no more than two consecutive terms. The Board will also have to look at the Audit Committee members as the bylaws only allow one member of the Finance Committee to serve on the Audit Committee.
- B. Park moved to approve the changes with the exception of the meeting attendance changes, and the new language to Section 8.8.
 - Motion did not carry.
- G. Schwartz moved to table all the recommendations for bylaw changes and take them back to the Governance & Bylaws Committee.
 - Motion was seconded by H. Mogul.
 - Motion carried.

VII. CEO Report CEO	Evelio C. Torres,
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- E. Torres stated that Shan Goff, from the Office of Early Learning for the Florida Department of Education would be attending the April Board meeting.
- E. Torres stated that the ELC was moving towards having paperless Board meetings to cut down on the amount of paper used at the Coalition.
- E. Torres stated that AELC would be applying for grants with IBM.



- E. Torres stated he and O. Verdeja were leaving to Tallahassee next week and will keep the Board posted on their efforts.

VIII. Public Comments
Jr.

Octavio A. Verdeja,

- Y. Perkins discussed the ELC Foundation. She stated that currently they have two of the three needed Board members. Nora Hendrix, who previously served on the ELC Board, has accepted the position as a Foundation Board member. She informed the Board that the PGA created a ticket for the ELC and has offered to give 75% of ticket sales as a donation. She stated tickets were available on the ELC website, by clicking on the Tickets Fore Charity link.
- L. Carmona-Sanchez stated that the AECE is going to Tallahassee and is extending the invitation to the Board of Directors. She stated they had a great meeting with the M-DCPS Superintendent and 12 providers that attended. She stated the meeting resulted in a good number of action items and there is optimism in working together with the AECE community.

IX. Adjourn
Jr.

Octavio A. Verdeja,