



COALITION BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2017

CareerSource Research Coast
584 NW University Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL

Present:	Michelle Akins (via teleconference) Julie Bixler Rhiannon Forker (via teleconference) Miranda Hawker (via teleconference) Shonda Hunter (via teleconference) William Laughlin	Steve Newman Tom Peer Richard Reilly (via teleconference) Donna Rivett Ann Rodriguez Natalie Sanders (via teleconference)
Excused:	Brandon Tucker Sandy Akre Barbara Clowdus	Pat McCoy Karlette Peck Joy Yates
Staff:	Migdalia Rosado Pat Houston Zack Hackley	Samantha Reed Loretta Toth
Guests:	Carolann Wegener (for Karlette Peck)	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, William Laughlin at 1:42 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA - None

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Tom Peer, seconded by Ann Rodriguez and passed unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Board Orientation Minutes – September 28, 2017
- B. Board Regular/Annual Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2017
- C. Board Orientation Minutes – November 1, 2017
- D. Board Orientation Minutes – November 6, 2017
- E. Plan Element Updates – Part II.D – Eligibility and Enrollment Policies and Procedures
 1. School Readiness Program Policies
 2. VPK Program Policies

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Donna Rivett and seconded by Tom Peer. Mr. Newman requested a correction to Section VIII.A of the Board September 28, 2017 minutes, stating that the Aged Receivables and Payables Report only needed to reflect those that were more than 30 days past-due and deleting reference to utilizing less paper. In response to Mr. Newman's questions regarding the Plan Elements, Ms. Rosado explained that the changes reflected what is stated in Rule. **Motion** was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

V. INTERIM CEO'S REPORT – Ms. Rosado reported that Governor Scott released the 2018-19 budget recommendations calling for an \$11.6 million increase for VPK and a \$7 million

increase for School Readiness. In addition, he is recommending \$15.5 million for Early Learning Performance Funding (ELPF) and \$10 million for the T.E.A.C.H. Program.

ELCIRMO's single audit will be presented at the January board meeting. To date, there are no findings. OEL has just completed the fiscal monitoring and the accountability monitoring. Results are forthcoming.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Status – Potential Merger – The Board discussed the report that was presented by OEL to the House Appropriations Committee. After reviewing the report, the legislators have requested additional data with no recommendation at this time. A lengthy discussion by the Board concluded that although discussions on the matter have proceeded for the past year, there is not enough validation to make an informed decision given the fact that half of the board is comprised of new members. It was suggested that a fact sheet be prepared for new members and a special meeting be held for the sole purpose of outlining the pros and cons and to have further conversations.

Motion was made by Tom Peer to have a special meeting to discuss the potential merger. Motion was seconded by Miranda Hawker and passed unanimously.

Ms. Rivett left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Program Committee Presentation – At the request of the Program Committee, Ms. Houston gave a presentation on reaching underserved communities, the specific communities and barriers that have been identified as well as possible solutions.

B. Fundraising Discussion – Ms. Rodriguez reported that the Finance Committee has discussed potential fundraising options and recommended identifying families in ELCIRMO's data system that may be in a financial position to offer donations toward match-raising.

Ms. Forker exited the call at 3:41 p.m.

Ms. Rodriguez presented a check for \$5,000 to ELCIRMO for unrestricted funds, on behalf of SunTrust Bank. Ms. Rosado thanked SunTrust Bank for their contribution and support.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee Report – The August financial report and November 6, 2017 committee meeting minutes were included in the packet. There were no questions.

B. Bylaws Committee Report – The October meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is November 29, 2017.

C. Executive Committee Report – The November 7, 2017 committee meeting minutes were included in the packet.

D. Program Committee Report – The minutes from the October 5 and November 2, 2017 meetings were included in the packet.

E. Ad Hoc – Joint Advisory Merger Committee Report – Nothing further to report.

IX. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – None.

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Tom Peer mentioned this may be his last meeting as he is retiring in December.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

XII. INFORMATION – The Children Served/Wait List was included in the packet for information purposes only.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved 1/25/18

William Laughlin, Vice-Chair
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