



Early Learning Coalition
Of Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee Counties, Inc.

BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2019
Teleconference Mtg.

ELC Main Office
10 SE Central Parkway, Stuart, FL

Present: Leigh Giunta
Michelle Akins *(phone)*
Barbara Clowdus *(phone)*
Donna Doubleday *(phone)*
Rhiannon Forker *(phone)*
Linda Halpin *(phone)*
Miranda Hawker *(phone)*

Steve Newman *(phone)*
Richard Reilly
Donna Rivett *(phone)*
Natalie Sanders *(phone)*
Nivea Torres *(phone)*
Julie Zobec *(phone)*

Excused: Sandy Akre
Pat McCoy
Carolann Wegener-Vitani

Bill West
Joy Yates

Staff: Marsha Powers
Allie Chase
Zack Hackley

Carla Herron
Loretta Toth

Others: Malissa Morgan – A Child’s World *(phone)*

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Leigh Giunta, at 8:05 a.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 Richard Reilly, seconded by Natalie Sanders and passed unanimously.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Board Minutes – March 28, 2019
- B. Submission of 2019-2020 grant application - Children’s Services Advisory Committee, Indian River County.
- C. Updated Organization Chart
- D. Plan Element II.E – Sliding Fee Scale

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Donna Rivett, seconded by Miranda Hawker and passed unanimously.

V. CEO’s REPORT – Ms. Powers submitted a written quarterly goal report which was emailed to members prior to the meeting. The Touch-a-Truck event was very successful, with approximately 1,100 attendees and resulted in a net income of over \$7,000. Ms. Powers thanked everyone who volunteered.

In addition to the written report, Ms. Powers introduced the new Operations Manager, Allie Chase. Mr. Zack Hackley, Finance Director, has submitted his resignation. His last day will be May 10th, however, he has agreed to stay on and assist through the end of the year.

The Coalition will be participating in the Pajama Jam, an event hosted by the Language and Literacy Connection and Helping People Succeed.

Mr. Newman asked about the status of enrollments. Ms. Powers responded that enrollments are actually higher this year than last year (currently about 2,200 children) and the coalition is currently enrolling from the wait list in all three counties.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee Report – The April meeting was cancelled. Ms. Giunta asked Mr. Hackley to provide a brief update. Mr. Hackley reported that VPK attendance on the portal has been up and running since January. All payments to providers have been “trued-up”. School Readiness attendance is now working on the portal. Attendance will be submitted one month at a time. The April attendance will be input directly into the portal. There are still quite a few issues such as missing enrollments, open days, missing holidays, and others.

The contract piece is not expected to be operational until mid to late May due to rule promulgation. However, work continues to get the system ready by identifying providers that are having issues with health and safety or CLASS scores. It is hopeful that everything will be reconciled by June 30th. The state has mentioned the possibility of allowing the expenditure of funds into July.

B. Bylaws Committee Report – The March meeting was cancelled.

C. Executive Committee Report – The April meeting minutes were included in the packet.

D. Program Committee Report – The April meeting was cancelled.

E. Provider Report – Providers have been following bills in the House and Senate regarding VPK readiness rates and writing legislators to support the bills to get a new system for calculating readiness rates. Ms. Powers indicated that the senate has withdrawn the bill and it appears it will not move forward. Although this is not good news for providers, Ms. Forker indicated that discussions are moving in the right direction.

IX. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

- Ms. Giunta thanked everyone who participated in the Touch-a-Truck event.
- Ms. Powers and Ms. Giunta will be attending the KRC Lunch and Learn event today in Vero Beach.
- Board member bios will be reviewed to prepare for the nominations for the new fiscal year.

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

XII. INFORMATION – Information is available on the website regarding board member vacancies.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved 5/23/19

Leigh Giunta, Chair
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