



**SERVICE DELIVERY &  
EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE**

**APPROVED MEETING  
MINUTES**

Monday, February 21, 2022, at 1:00 pm  
Zoom Meeting

**MEETING ATTENDANCE**

**Facilitator:** Dr. Daphne Fudge, Chair

**Committee Members Present:**

Dr. Daphne Fudge\*, Dr. Lise Fox\*, Dr. Jacqueline Jenkins\*

**Committee Members Absent:** Cynthia Chipp, Dianne Jacob, Amanda Jae, and Dustin Portillo

**ELCHC Staff:**

Megan Folts\*, Alison Fraga\*, Lorinda Gamson\*, Gordon Gillette\*, Lissette Godwin\*, Abigail Perez\*, Helen Sovich\*, Roshawn Gendrett\*, Hannah Goble\*, Gary Meyer\*, Lissette Godwin\*, Kiyana Scott\*, and Kelley Minney\*

**Other Attendees:**

Kelley Parris\*, Tonia Williams\*, and Marni Fuente\*

\*Indicates attendance via Zoom Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Quorum Verification**

A quorum was not present. The meeting began at 1:03 pm

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no Public Comment.

**CEO REPORT**

**A. ELCHC Staff Update**

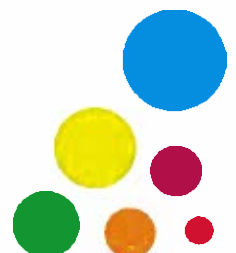
Mrs. Lorinda Gamson, Chief Operating Officer, introduced the newest Provider Relations team member Roshawn Gendrett, Manager, Policy & Program Compliance.

**B. Funding Increase for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program**

Mr. Gordon Gillette, Chief Executive Officer, provided the Committee with an update on the funding increase for the VPK program, highlighting the following:

- The Florida Senate and the Senate Appropriations Committee had approved raising the Base Student Allotment (BSA) for VPK from \$2,486 to \$3,294/VPK student for the full year VPK program.
- Higher VPK teacher pay and VPK program enhancement
- New VPK compliance standards

**C. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stabilization Plan**



Mr. Gillette gave a brief update on the ARPA Stabilization Plan. Mr. Gillette noted the following:

- The State of Florida received \$1.5B in funds to provide stabilization grants to child care providers.
- The Division of Early Learning is working on the initial release of the ARPA stabilization grants to the Early Learning Coalitions.
- \$51M was awarded to the Early Learning Coalition of Hillsborough County (ELCHC)
- The funding would be provided to child care providers in three (3) quarters.

**D. Workforce Grant Update**

Mr. Gillette reported that the ELCHC was awarded \$3.5M for Workforce grants to assist child care providers with recruitment, retention, and staff training.

**E. Funding for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Technology Update**

Mr. Gary Meyer, Chief Financial Officer, informed the Committee that the ELCHC would be providing technology to VPK child care providers to assist with VPK screening and monitoring compliance standards.

**F. Listening Tours Update**

Mrs. Lissette Godwin, Regional Area Manager 1 & 2, reported that 44 child care providers attended the listening tours to date.

There was further discussion on the listening tours attendance and how the ELCHC would address the concerns and feedback from child care providers.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**CLASS Observation Tool**

There was further discussion on the CLASS Observation Tool and how observations are viewed from different perspectives in diverse settings.

**Regulation and Compliance Updates**

Mrs. Gamson provided an update on the recent changes within the Child Welfare System and child care referrals for the School Readiness (SR) program.

Ms. Megan Folts, Director, Provider Relations, reported on the fraud prevention efforts, highlighting the following:

- Additional trainings were provided for child care providers and ELCHC staff
- Communication efforts have increased to child care providers and families on how to complete sign-in and sign-out sheets correctly.

Mrs. Gamson provided an update on the termination of Time of Wonder's SR and VPK contract. Additionally, Mrs. Gamson reported that Time of Wonder was cited with four (4) Class 1 Violations for child abuse.

Mrs. Gamson provided updates on non-compliance issues that were recorded during onsite monitoring visits for the following child care providers:

- Bright Achievers II

- Future Leaders III

**ADJOURNMENT**

***The meeting concluded at meeting 1:58 pm.***

Read and Approved By: *Stephanie Holmquist* May 5, 2022  
***Dr. Stephe Holmquist Johnson, Secretary*** ***Date***