

Monday, March 25, 2024, at 3:00 pm
Hybrid Meeting
6302 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Suite 100
Tampa, FL 33619

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Facilitator: Dr. Stephie Holmquist, Chair

Committee Members Present: Dr. Stephie Holmquist, Dr. Shawn Robinson, Adam Giery*, Dr. Jodi Marshall*, Dr. Daphne Fudge*, and Aakash Patel*

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Annette Eberhart

Committee Members Absent:

None.

ELCHC Staff:

Dr. Fred Hicks, Nancy Will, Alison Fraga, Kiyana Scott, Abigail Perez, and Sabrina Ruiz*,

Other Attendees:

Frazier Carraway, Dennis Hebert, Tonia Williams*,

**Indicates attendance via Zoom meeting platform.*

CALL TO ORDER

Quorum Verification

Noting a quorum had been established, Chair Holmquist Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of January 29, 2024, Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve was made by Dr. Jodi Marshall. A second was made by Adam Giery. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Vacant Board of Director Seats

There was committee discussion on the two governor appointed seats and the private sector seat open. The committee discussed what the board should be looking for in filling the seats. The committee posed the following questions: Who do we need? Do we need more people from



the business sector to bring in their connections? There was also committee discussion on the board matrix and looking at the breakdown at the next Governance Committee meeting in May.

B. ELCHC Board of Directors, Committee Appointments

Dr. Shawn Robinson, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors read through the list of the current committee makeup. Dr. Robinson shared with the committee the need to add the newest board member, Annette Eberhart to the Provider Review Hearing Committee. Ms. Eberhart stated that she would be happy to serve on the Provider Hearing Committee as a provider representative.

Dr. Robinson called for a motion to approve Annette Eberhart to the Provider Review Hearing Committee.

Motion was made by Adam Giery to approve Annette Eberhart to the Provider Review Hearing Committee. Dr. Daphne Fudge seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CEO REPORT

Dr. Frederick Hicks reported on the following:

A. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update

Dr. Hicks shared with the committee that ARPA dollars would be sunset as of June 30, 2024. Dr. Hicks also shared in the team's efforts to send out communication to all providers via e-mail, newsletters, the portal, and every means of communication used to deliver messages so that when June 30 arrives no one is taken by surprise. Dr. Hicks spoke to the challenges facing all coalitions as these federal funds were coming to an end, which would mean that many of the initiatives that providers have seen in the past were no longer going to be sustainable. Dr. Hicks also shared that there may be anywhere from a 1% to 5% increase in the reimbursement rates for both School Readiness (SR) and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) with some rates by care level remaining the same and others increasing.

B. Legislative Update

Dr. Hicks shared that more families can be brought in for services at a higher income threshold for services even if parent(s) receive slightly higher pay with a bill that has made it through legislation; however, we are hopeful that it will not be redlined. Dr. Hicks also shared that families that are over income can use match dollars to pay for ELCHC services.

There was committee discussion about the different sources of match dollars including The Children's Board. There was also discussion around board members being able to grow the investment dollars to stretch match dollars further.

Alison Fraga, Chief Development Officer shared that more funds had been asked for with recent application of dollars for the next fiscal year.

Dr. Shawn Robinson shared that the long- and short-term effects of ARPA dollars sunset would be shared at the Children's Summit in September so the business community understands how this may affect the work force now and in the future.

C. Teacher's Night Out (TNO)

Dr. Hicks shared the theme for this year's TNO is "Out of this World" and would be held on May 4, 2024 at MOSI (Museum of Science and Industry).

D. Provider Visits

Dr. Hicks encouraged committee members to join him on one of his visits to a center so they can hear and experience firsthand the successes and challenges providers face.

Dr. Stephie Holmquist announced that she would be resigning from the ELCHC Board of Directors and thanked Chair Patel, Dr. Hicks as well as all Board members that she served alongside with for their support in championing early education over the years. Dr. Holmquist also thanked the ELCHC staff for all the work they continue to do in the face of so many challenges.

Dr. Holmquist also shared that she would like to continue to work with the coalition in a non-director role as a member of the Development Committee. Dr. Shawn Robinson, as Chair of the Development Committee stated that he would welcome Dr. Holmquist to serve in this capacity.

Chair Aakash Patel thanked Dr. Holmquist for her years of service on the ELCHC Board of Directors and wished her continued success in championing early education in her field.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Stephie Holmquist announced the next meeting of the ELCHC Governance Committee is on May 20, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Citing no further business, Adam Giery made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:01 pm. Dr. Daphne Fudge made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Read and approved by: Derek Zitko

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Derek Zitko, ELCHC Board of Directors Secretary

Date

Signature: Derek Zitko
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