



Approved at the May 13, 2019 PRC Meeting

Early Learning Coalition of Broward County  
 Program Review Committee Meeting Minutes  
 January 22, 2019 – 1:00 pm  
 6301 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Way, Suite 3400, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

- Members in Attendance: Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, Chair; Richard Campillo, Renee Podolsky, Dawn Liberta, Khalil Zeinieh, via phone, Laurie Sallarulo
- Members Absent: Laurie Rich Levinson, Schmeka Lyons
- Staff in Attendance: Renee Jaffe, CEO; Christine Klima, CAO; Howard Bakalar, COO; Hubert Cesar, Director of IT; Keisha Dunn-Pettis, Director of Program; Allison Metsch, Director of Education and Quality; Sandra Paul, Provider Reimbursement Manager; Irene Ramos, Executive Assistant
- Others in Attendance: Jacob Jackson, General Counsel; Sheila Smith, 2-1-1 Broward; Wendi Siegel, Julia Musella, I Am Ready; Andrew Skurowitz, Early Learning Centers of Broward; Cara Cercione, Michelle’s Int’l Learning House Child Care Center; Jayne Hafer; NE Focal Point Child Care Center

Item	Action/Discussion	Follow-up
Welcome & Call to Order	Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:17pm Roll Call and Self Introduction was made. A quorum was established.	

<p><b>Regular Business:</b></p> <p>Approve October 29 2018 Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Provider Rate Increase</p>	<p><b>A Motion</b> was made by Dawn Liberta to approve the October 29, 2018 meeting minutes. <b>Seconded</b> by Richard Campillo. <b>Unanimously approved</b></p> <p>At the October 29th meeting, Committee members discussed provider rates with the understanding that some kind of increase is in order. There were questions regarding how the rate increase would affect providers and families and the impact on enrollment. Staff presented different scenarios of the financial impact to providers as requested at the previous meeting. Staff has conducted an analysis of provider rates which were found to be below the market place rate for equal access to same or equivalent private child care offered to parents. A proposal to add \$1 to the daily rate for children ages birth through 4 in FY 2019 was reviewed.</p> <p>Providers present at this meeting were asked for their input They responded that quality child care centers some school readiness providers are thinking about not renewing their contracts, due to increased licensing and other regulations and costs, and that the \$1 increase would not be enough to promote quality and cover costs.</p> <p>After much discussion on the best way to pursue and achieve a deeper, quality impact in providers, children and families and meet the needs, the committee concluded to increase the provider rate by \$2 .</p> <p><b>A Motion</b> was made by Laurie Sallarulo to recommend to the Finance committee based on the philosophy of quality over quantity to increase the provider rate by \$2 per day for non- school age children. A modeling of the \$2 increase will be brought to the Finance Committee. <b>Seconded</b> by Dawn Liberta. <b>Unanimously</b> approved.</p> <p><b>OEL approval is needed before the increase can be applied</b></p>	
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Public Comment	No further public comment	
Next Meeting Date	Tentatively scheduled for March 4 at 3:00pm	
Adjourn	Cindy Arenberg Seltzer called to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:12pm.	

These minutes contain the action items of the Program Review Committee meeting of the Early Learning Coalition of Broward. They do not include all the Committee's discussions or comments on each matter or issue raised during the meeting. A tape recording of the meeting is held in the Coalition office. Corrections from the Committee will be taken prior to approval at the next meeting.