

Early Learning Advisory Council

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March 25, 2019

Minutes

Call to Order

Elizabeth Moya, OEL Legislative Affairs Director, Acting Chair

- Meeting called to order, 3:00 p.m.
- Housekeeping.
- Welcome of New Chairs.
- Roll Call. Members representing the following Early Learning Coalitions (ELCs) and appointees: Duval, Emerald Coast, Escambia, Flagler/Volusia, Hillsborough, IRMO, *Miami Dade/Monroe*, Pinellas, Santa Rosa, *Seminole*. Members representing the following ELCs and appointees participating via conference call: Big Bend, Palm Beach.
- Quorum not reached.
- Review of public comments process.

Review of Current Agenda and Past Minutes

Elizabeth Moya, OEL Legislative Affairs Director, Acting Chair

- Quorum not reached, so unable to vote on and approve agenda or minutes.

Review of Committees

Leigh Giunta (IRMO) – Policy, Legislation & Finance Committee

- Have 25 years of experience in Finance.
- Contacted OEL and requested budgets and other financial information/documentation. Will send to members signed up for committee, eagerly await feedback.
- In light of what Representative Grall went over during joint meeting and how it will impact local communities, interested in continuing conversation around funding formula.
- Jessica review of Committee membership directory. Each committee may have advisory members. Any EDs that would like to, participate please let Jessica know.

Marcus Rowe (Duval) – Best Practices and Communication Committee

- Have been on ELC board for previous nine years.
- So far, this is the smallest committee.
- Communication important in terms of understanding what's going on around the state and sharing updates and best practices. Would like to create pipeline into what's going on with other coalitions that are facing the same issues.
- Goal of committee will be to share best practices and help one another with shared issues.

Aakash Patel (Hillsborough) – ELAC Strategic Planning and Rules Committee

- 2nd year of chairing this committee; last year's mission was to set mission and vision of ELAC, which were approved during last meeting.
- Goal of committee is to make sure ELAC meetings are both purposeful and efficient.

OEL Agency Update

Legislative Update

Elizabeth Moya, OEL Legislative Affairs Director, Acting Chair

- Both chambers have released their budgets, not currently the same.
- Versions will make their way through house and senate committees and then come before individual chambers.

EFS Mod Update

Andrea Latham, Interim Project Manager

- VPK attendance and reimbursement was a much cleaner rollout.
- SR attendance and reimbursement module is available. Most ELC's are starting with the collection of attendance rosters to evaluate the accuracy.
- There are issues with some SR data; fixes are within release 3.5.2.
- Gearing up for release 4.0. Over 40 items, which will include enhancements as well as new features.
- We are asking for support from the coalitions to help test these items in the new release.
- The more participation we have in UAT testing before items are released, the better.
- After the 4.0 release in April, we will be working on contract amendments and items related to HB 1091.
- We have a coalition workgroup to help bring issues to light as well as prioritize items.

Questions/Comments

Van Mansker (Escambia): With regard to school age fixes, will it change the attendance and payments if the provider already submitted it?

Andrea Latham (OEL): If the provider submitted their attendance and the schedule was incorrect, for example, the provider had the NS for "not scheduled", the provider had the ability to change that to "present". If the provider did that, the submitted attendance to you is probably where it needs to be. If it is something else that is incorrect, such as co-pay, you can reject the individual record and it will go back to that provider. You do not have to reject the entire roster.

Van Mansker (Escambia): Full time/part time rates; will the rate be corrected?

Andrea Latham (OEL): If you're referring to school age children, during summer would be full time, and then when school starts, they become part time. Right now without a data fix, providers can change unit of care to correct unit of care and submit. Depends on how much provider changed to make correct before submitting it; if able to change a not scheduled day to scheduled, or part time to full time, they have already done what needs to get done. The other thing is about adjustments, if 19 days paid at part time rate and provider didn't change anything; you could still move forward in adjustments. Certain amount of triage/analysis when rosters were submitted; is it something you can address with adjustments, or need to get out to provider to refresh and resubmit roster with correct information. In 3.5.2, one of the populations we saw the most concern about with rosters were school age children; one of data fixes working to get into production.

Melanie May (OEL) : Regarding data fixes, if we can do behind the scenes, we are definitely going to do that; not going to push back 1,000's of records back to ELCs to fix information, depending on complexity. We have to be careful not to create more issues when running data fixes.

Andrea Latham (OEL): Each ELC is at a different stage; some school calendars accurate, others were not. We are doing our best to mitigate the impact to ELC's as well as providers; the system is built to give flexibility to pass individual records back to providers to get accurate information.

Marcus Rowe (Duval): Point of clarification; are changes being made in the background and then pushing out to all ELC's or are you making changes and then having it tested by certain ELC's?

Andrea Latham (OEL): Sent invitations for UAT participation and had about eight ELCs represented to review fixes. Only 25 volunteers signed up for the 4.0 UAT testing and 14 of them are from the same ELC.

Marcus Rowe (Duval): Can we define a process around having a certain number of ELCs participating in the UAT testing? Maybe have random selection for participation? I agree, I think it is very important to have these things tested before pushing out statewide.

Andrea Latham (OEL): That's a great idea; one thing the IT area is leaning toward is the Cherwell portal to bring more transparency to the UAT testing process. It would also list known issues with UAT. The more people involved in the process, the better the product will be.

AELC Update

Lindsay Carson, Chair of the Association of Early Learning Coalitions

- Association hosted annual symposium last month; shared best practices, approximately 250 attendees.
- Continuing to work through EFS challenges; had productive exchange this morning, with newly clarified priorities as we move forward.
- In process of partnering with NIEER and Steve Barnett to look at cost of care in Florida with 10 quality indicators.
- There are several bills ALEC is following. Appreciate members joining advocacy efforts. Have meeting tomorrow morning and will receive overview of scheduled meetings from AELC lobbyist.
- All members are welcome to join AELC at Children's Week dinner this evening.

Public Comment

Tammy Tener, Executive Director of the Florida Family Child Care Home Association (FFCCHA)

- Introduction of Family Child Care Provider in Broward County.
- Florida will be hosting the National Association for FCC Conference in Orlando at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel, June 19-22.
- Please support ELC staff and local FCCH providers to attend conference.
- Will be coordinating tour of family child care homes, featuring SR, VPK, HS/EHS, Gold Seal homes in Orange and Osceola counties.

Wrap up and Adjourn

- Overview of upcoming Legislative Committee Meetings.
- Please be sure to sign your travel authorization form and hand to OEL staff.
- Next meeting: July 16, 2019 – Tampa.
- Meeting Adjourned 3:34 p.m.