



Early Childhood Education Business Partnership Council

April 12, 2019

CBP201 / 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Attendance:

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| Susy Martinez-White | Palm Beach State College, Early Childhood & K-12 Programs |
| Lucia Adrian | Palm Beach State College, Early Childhood & K-12 Programs |
| Jennifer Johnson | Palm Beach State College, Early Childhood & K-12 Programs |
| Luisa Brennan | Palm Beach State College, Early Childhood & K-12 Programs |
| Erin Gallagher | Early Learning Coalition |
| Heather Sargent | Department of Education, Office of Early Learning |
| Ali Eger | Opportunity, Inc. |
| Celestra Alexander | Palm Beach State College, Institute of Excellence in Early Care and Education |
| Janell Carroll | Palm Beach State College, Institute of Excellence in Early Care and Education |
| Debra Strange | Palm Beach State College, Institute of Excellence in Early Care and Education |
| Karen Darter | Palm Beach State College, Institute of Excellence in Early Care and Education |
| Gina Carello | Early Learning Coalition |
| Jennifer Coleman | Children Services Council |
| Kim Reckley | PNC Bank |

The meeting was called to order by Erin Gallagher at 10:15am.

ITEM 1: Welcome/Introductions

Discussion: Erin Gallagher thanked everyone for attending the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Business Partnership Council (BPC) meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves and what organization they represent.

Action: None.

ITEM 2: Ice Breaker

Discussion: Karen Darter led the ice breaker activity on Guided Meditation using a calming meditation light and read from a book entitled "Find your Happy" by Patricia May used in early childhood education classrooms. After reading the book she explained the Conscious Discipline S.T.A.R. technique for breathing and led everyone through a breathing exercise and distributed S.T.A.R. cards.

Action: None.

ITEM 3: Approval of Minutes (Erin Gallagher)

Discussion: Erin Gallagher requested for council members to review the copy of the minutes.

Action: Heather Sargent motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the December 14, 2018 meeting. Gina Carello seconded the motion. All approved.

ITEM 4: Palm Beach State College, Guest Speaker Series (Lucia Adrian)

Discussion: Lucia Adrian updated the council on the upcoming guest speaker series event; "Push Past It! A Positive Approach to Challenging Classroom Behaviors." Lucia explained the description and the target audience: educators and parents of children birth to grade 3. This event is set to be an informative keynote focused on social emotional development by Dr. Angela Searcy; a nationally recognized speaker, published author, teacher, child development specialist and former neuro-development specialist.

The registration was set at 150 seats and only 17 seats remain open. Registration is free. There will be a book signing and networking reception immediately following the keynote.

Action: Lucia asked the council to please have colleagues register to ensure we have enough seats.

ITEM 4: STEAM Fest (Celestra Alexander and Janell Wildgoose-Carroll)

Discussion: Janell Wildgoose-Carroll and Celestra Alexandre have confirmed the date of the next STEAM Fest for November 16, 2019 from 10am – 2pm; Saturday at the Lake Worth campus. Dr. Chandra would like to aim for 1000 guests as the goal for this years' event and would like to request the council to help spread the word. Janell explained the goal of the event along with the activities that were most popular the previous year. There is also a new STEAM Manager at the Institute of Excellence in Early Care and Education who has taken the place of Kat Lai, his name is Dan Shinneman.

Action: The STEAM Fest Planning Committee would like to aim for 1000 guests as the goal for this years' event and would like to request the council to help spread the word as well as volunteer any assistance possible. Please contact Janell Wildgoose-Carroll at wildgooj@palmbeachstate.edu if you would like to be part of the planning committee or volunteer in any way to this event.

ITEM 5: Update on ECE BPC suggestions for FLDOE Early Childhood Education Associate Degree Curriculum Frameworks

Discussion: At the last meeting, Susy Martinez-White discussed the FLDOE recent revision/update on the curriculum frameworks for the Early Childhood AS degree program. She explained the purpose of the curriculum frameworks as well as the goals of the state and the review process that PBSC will be undergoing. At that time, the council made suggestions to share with the review committee regarding important topics and issues that should be considered as part of the curriculum to prepare students as they go through the AS degree in Early Childhood Education. PBSC has started the program review process and has developed a matrix listing each of the courses and topics suggested and identified which courses address each topic to see where there are gaps. This review process has also taken over the crosswalk project we initially had started with Cassie Wilbanks as she is part of the program review committee.

Action: Susy Martinez-White will continue to keep the council updated on the program review process as more develops.

ITEM 6: Open Forum

Discussion: Heather Sargent provided updates to the council on the last legislative session regarding school readiness rates for VPK providers. House bill proposed to have VPK assessment data used to generate readiness rates. There is also a senate companion bill making huge gains for VPK providers to be required to do CLASS assessments. VPK assessment data would be along with would it to generate readiness rates. They continue to do FLKRS, PreK -2nd grade system for tracking data along with required training – lots of working parts.

Erin Gallagher added that this is a game changer - VPK assessment moving back to VPK. A lot of early learning bills being pushed. Positive step in the right direction. CLASS assessment will look like school readiness. It seems that funding is being put forth towards early learning. There is a lot of back and forth and it could take a little while. Be patient. So far it is moving and well received. House and Senate seem to be on the same page.

FCCECEN Meeting in Tallahassee to get more updates in April (Debera Strange and Susy Martinez-White) – will report back at the June meeting.

Lucia Adrian provided an update on DCF – Trauma Informed Care 5-Hour course. DCF has made it part of Tier 1 of Florida Pathway. DCF gave a cutoff date of Feb 29, 2019. If they were in Tier 1 by that date, they had to complete this TIC course to remain in Tier 1. There is a director endorsement coming soon as well. At the ELC conference in May there will be more information about this course. Trauma Informed Care may be required by all after legislative session. More to follow after the legislative sessions ends. Ali Eger added that she has encouraged staff to take TIC course for CEUs.

Erin Gallagher – ELC Conference will be taking place May 11, 2019 at Palm Beach State College. Sessions will be in CBP Building. Registration is now open now. Sessions will be available in the following areas (75 mins.) for morning and afternoon:

- Keynote from Lakeshore (Tony)

- CLASS Training Infant/Toddler training
- Conscious Discipline
- Planning to Fit the Needs of Children
- SEEK Scholarship
- Trauma Informed Care
- Director Track
- Best Practices for Managing Businesses (roundtable discussions)

Kim Reckley (PNC Bank) – Attended the Birth to 22 Breakfast and provided an update for the council. The keynote addressed shared a lot on the importance of Birth to 5 years old, early childhood, school readiness, early literacy. In addition, preschool readiness and trying to get more folks involved and more volunteers. Suggestions to perhaps have companies get volunteers for activities such as book collection drive, etc.

Kim also wanted to share information about resources available to providers, preschool teachers, public school teachers and Head Start centers – www.donorschoose.org. PNC Bank is contributing \$5 million - between now and the end of May. This will be the 4th year matching dollar for dollar for qualifying PreK program. All employees were given \$25 gift cards to find project donors. Website will have more details on qualifications.

Professional development videos are available through the PNC Grow Up Great website on how to help teachers use open-ended questions as being key to things being done in the classrooms (good for providers as a resource).

PNC corporate headquarters is working with PBS on lesson plans and resources for teachers and families. This is the 15-year anniversary working with Sesame Street (resources). Gina Carello would like to request some of the sesame street resources (Spanish/English) for Bridges (Northwood) Backpack Drive. They could use a couple hundred, if PNC is willing to donate. They will also be using the VPK calendar and transition information. Kim asked Gina to email her the request.

Kim also shared that part of the 15-year anniversary, PNC Bank is putting together a community-wide, 0-3 literacy program for at risk school readiness children that need resources the most. They asked the CSC for the zip codes of the children that need the assistance in this area. The response was that in these zip codes, 100% of the children have failed their school readiness. These programs will look at what is going on and how they can assist with grant dollars. They are looking to do something statewide in collaboration with early learning coalitions, focusing on literacy development withy families. In addition, they would like to have a book collection drive. If you live next to a PNC Bank and would like to donate books, these books will be redistributed to early learning partners. Whoever has signed up as a center through the bank can benefit from this drive.

Erin Gallagher share information about ELC Early Head Start Partnership Grant. They were awarded a 2nd grant this year (back-dated to March 1st). They will continue to serve the 4 original communities that were part of the original 150 children in Belle Glade, Pahokee,

Riviera Beach and portions of WPB, with the new 120 children adding Lake Worth and Delray. That project is getting off the ground.

Debra Strange shared that she is now part of the Head Start state board and going through training. She is a new member. Next meeting will be in July and she will be able to report back to the council on any updates or initiatives through Lutheran Services.

Erin Gallagher shared information about an OEL webinar, providing a crosswalk between the Florida Learning Standards and HSELOF – Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework and is available online. This is very helpful. CLASS, GOLD, Standards and Head Start – the language is pulled all together. All interconnected. Erin will share the document with Susy to share with the council.

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Debbie Strange shared information about SEEK Scholarship students – 13 students will be graduating with their BAS degree and will be starting another cohort. Info session in June, date will be announced for the fall term. Students will be taking whatever courses they need to transition from the AS degree to the BAS in the fall term then start the BAS coursework in the spring term of 2020. This is for Strong Minds and non-Strong Minds programs. Not restricted.

Janell Wildgoose-Carroll shared their recent event, Turtle Fest at Loggerhead Marine Life. Dr. Grace Kolbe wrote a children's book, A Turtles Tale. IEECE went on Saturday morning to read the book to kids and engage with the turtles. It was a great turnout with great weather and they will be hosting another event next year.

Kim Reckley had an ASK for feedback or educational materials regarding quality care. During this legislative session there is a huge push for early care bills and lots of folks in the early care industry that will be in Tallahassee to provide additional information. Kim spoke to the Association of Early Learning in detail and received background on the Early Learning Consortium and all the eight entities underneath. The consortium approached Representative Erin Grall regarding the early learning bills being reviewed in this legislative session. Rep. Grall asked for them to tell her how much quality care costs per child. She asked for the consortium to do research on the true cost of quality per child. As an advocate, Kim Reckley said they would go and support the bills, but they need additional talking point to help educate to push this for next legislative session. They will need wait on the report saying what the cost is per child.

Heather Sargent added more on this past legislative session saying that early learning is a hot topic in session this year and how Rep. Erin Grall ignited it because of the providers in her area that came to her to push for change in in early care. Erin Gallagher added that there is data out there available to get a dollar amount. When Head Start rolled out grants this year they had a very specific dollar amount in mind when they were looking at child care cost. They were all looking at comprehensive services, mental health services and dental services. Even with all of that, they narrowed it down to a range of what they wanted to see as a cost per child. Head Start has a high bar in regards of what needs to be covered

as far as ratios, expectations and what classrooms need to look like, so they have data to support it. Erin is certain that they can get the data to help with the cost per child information. Ali Eger added information about cost per child from a center perspective. The teacher salary is a huge consideration because they are not even paying what they should be paid for quality child care. In order for them to have an accurate and true cost per child, the need to add a percentage for more quality educators to be incorporated as well. Heather Sargent added that there is a lot of support through NAEYC on the “Power to the Profession” data available on a national level. Ali said that she loses good teachers to the district all the time because centers cannot pay what the district pays, and they also get the additional time off in the summer – it’s hard to compete with that.

Jen Coleman discussed the CSC cost model, available field initiative – cost of quality calculator available online. They are looking to do a local study on this in the future and would like to talk to Kim and Ali afterwards to get provider input.

ITEM 7: The next meeting will take place on June 13, 2019, 10:00am – 12:00pm (Thursday) at Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth campus. Room number will be sent out as we get closer to the date of the meeting.

Heather Sargent motioned to adjourn the meeting. Janell Wildgoose-Carroll seconded the motion. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Susy Martinez-White
Scribe