

Minutes

Meeting: Citizens' Commission for Children (CCC) Advisory Board

Date: March 31, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.

Location: Orange County Citizens' Commission for Children Division
Mable Butler Building
2100 E. Michigan Street
Orlando, Florida 32806

Board Members Present: Mr. Melvin Rogers, Board Chairman; District 3 Commissioner Pete Clarke; Dr. Sylvia T. Caceres, Ph.D.; Dr. Katherine Clark, Ph.D.; Mr. Demetrius Vanshawn Smith; Mr. Sean Bradford; Dr. Carmel Munroe, Ph.D.; Ms. Jennifer Felder-Smith; Ms. Nikki Covington; Mr. Dewey L. Harvey.

CCC Staff Present: Ms. Angela Chestang, CCC Manager; Ms. Danna Jackson-Carroll, Sr. Program Manager; Ms. Charise Liburd, Sr. Program Manager; Ms. Runnette Mitchell, Sr. Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator; Ms. Mary Davis, Sr. Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator; Ms. Lynnsey Hicks, Sr. Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator; Ms. Lasheena Williams, Family Services Program Manager, Toni M. Anderson, Monitoring and Research Specialist; Ms. Deja Barnes, Quality Assurance Coordinator, and Mrs. Lucy Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant.

Presenters: Ms. Karen Willis, Certified Workforce Development Professional, CEO, Early Learning Coalition of Orange County.

Others Present: Ms. Mercedes Fonseca, Administrative Aide to District 3 Commissioner Pete Clarke.

Welcome

Board Chairman Melvin Rogers called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Mr. Rogers welcomed the Board and the attendees and notified the Advisory Board and the attendees that the meeting was being recorded and is open to the public in accordance with the State of Florida's Public Record and Sunshine Laws.

The new members of the Board, Ms. Nikki Covington, and Mr. Dewey L. Harvey, were introduced to the Board and the attendees.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Rogers requested that the Board review the following Board meeting minutes for approval:

- September 23, 2016
- December 3, 2016

Upon a motion by Dr. Sylvia T. Caceres and seconded by Mr. Demetrius Vashawn Smith, the CCC Advisory Board voted to approve the minutes.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public present at the Board meeting.

Early Learning Coalition of Orange County (ELCOC)

Karen Willis, Chief Executive Officer, made a presentation on "Investing in the Future of Our Community's Youngest Children"; an overview of the programs and services the ELCOC provides to Orange County citizens. The Early Learning Coalition of Orange County works with children first five years. Ms. Willis presented statistics about education requirements in the future, scores of U.S. students in math, science, and reading as well as many other statistics related to the academic development of the children in Orange County.

Ms. Willis emphasize the need for funding and increased dollar amounts of assistance they offer for child care and the ability to increase programs to help children develop and reach success in the future. She pointed out that, due to the multiple languages spoken in Orange County, there is a big population that lacks development because of language barriers. At this point, there is a question to be answered: Are our children not well prepared to start school, as the statistics show, or is it due to lack of understanding of the main language? Ms. Willis reiterated the need for bilingual programs and better compensation for those who will provide bilingual services. Ms. Willis shared that technology can be harming the development of our children's vocabulary, and the lack of reading which prevents success in the future. She informed the Board that donations of books for children under 6 years old are appreciated. The ELCOC's vision is that "All Orange County children will be fully prepared to enter school ready to learn". Ms. Willis is optimistic about the success of the childhood development in Orange County, and requested to the Board and attendees to advocate for higher program quality.

Ms. Willis answered questions from the Board and the CCC Staff throughout the presentation.

Citizens' Commission for Children (CCC) Strategic Plan

Mary Davis, Sr. Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator, presented an overview of the current CCC Strategic Plan to the Board. A survey was provided to the Board regarding the CCC's current goals, with the purpose of requesting feedback to aid in the development of goals for the next CCC strategic plan (currently in development).

The CCC staff answered several questions regarding the current goals and programs at this time.

After School Zone (ASZ) – Beyond School Hours Conference

Lasheena Williams, Family Services Program Manager, shared information about her participation in the Beyond School Hours Conference. The Conference provided professional development in the areas of Leveraging Leadership for Program Success, Parent and Family Engagement, College and Career Preparation, STEM, and Literacy, among others.

Next year, the Beyond School Hours XXI conference will be held in Orlando on February 21st thru February 24th at Caribe Royale, 8101 World Center Dr., Orlando, Florida 32821.

Citizens' Commission for Children (CCC) Updates

Ms. Angela Chestang, CCC Manager, informed the Board of the Library initiative goal of 1000 library cards. She shared with the Board that the new NCF database program is in the making through Procurement, and is scheduled to be finalized this year. She added that the NCF's model has been so effective that many other cities have been inquiring about it, such as the City of Tampa, which is planning to adopt the model. She shared with the Board few success stories from different NCF locations. These stories reflect the needs the Orange County families have, and how the services the NCF offers to them positively influence the growth and stabilization of their lives.

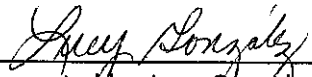
Ms. Chestang talked about the After School Zone piloting a partnership with the Library and a language academy program through YMCA. The ASZ will add a Spanish curriculum to current programing.

Commissioner Clarke inquired about funding for the Small Scale CRP. Ms. Liburd provided a brief update of the Small Scale CRP. Five agencies have been funded and have started to deliver program services.

General Discussion

The Board had no further discussion items.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.


Presented by: Lucy Gonzalez

9-22-17
Date

Approved by:


Melvin Rogers, Board Chairman

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Date