



**Early Childhood Advisory Board Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 9, 2020 @ 8:30 a.m.**

**Zoom Meeting**

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>		Tuesday, June 9, 2020
<b>Members present:</b> Joseph Benavides, Carol Dinsdale, MaryAnn Goodrich, Debbie Orifici, Debra Barker, Angela Tufts, Gail Ramsdell, Susan Weber, Eugene Cote, Maria Climes and Anne Ryan.		
<b>Members excused:</b> Dr. Hartman, C. Baird, A. Cabezas, C. Decker, J. Lang, Y. Malague, S. Meier, T. Monroe, B. Scarsbrook, B. Tucker		
<b>Others present:</b> Marilyn Cirri, Secretary		
<b>Call to order:</b> Anne Ryan opened the meeting with welcome and good morning! Anne mentioned others may not be able to attend as Head Start having their re-open meeting this morning too. Introduced the Chair, Angela Loring Tufts who called the meeting to order. Angela Loring Tufts introduced herself. Works for Early Learning Coalition and part time adjunct at SPC. Anne Ryan, Academic Chair for COE at SPC, Joe Benavides, Career Outreach Specialist at the Clearwater Campus, Gino Cote', Director of Pasadena Methodist Preschool, Carol Dinsdale Behavior Curriculum from Calvary Kids Care, MaryAnn Goodrich, VPK Facilitator from Office of Early Learning, Debbie Orifici, Lead Teacher at Pasadena Community Church School, Susan Weber, Director of Professional Development with R' Club, Debra Barker, DCF Childcare Training Grant Coordinator for PCS, Maria Climes, HR Director for R' Club Child Care, Gail Ramsdell, PCS Early Childhood Specialist.		
<b>Previous Minutes Approved:</b> <i>Motion by:</i> <i>Gene Cote'</i> <i>Second by:</i> <i>Susan</i> <i>Weber</i>		



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### Current Business:

JWB continues to fund scholarships for students in the A.S. Early Childhood degree and the B.S. EDST Early Childhood Education degree. New funds were received in May, 2020  
Applications for Fall scholarships are open – deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>

TEACH continues to support ECE students at all levels

Early Child Development Certificate (CHDEV-CT) is a 36 credit Certificate that meets the FL OEL Tier III requirement. It is also Financial Aid eligible.

Working with City of St Petersburg re: Infant Toddler Specialization Certificate (ITSP) and Preschool Specialization Certificate (PRSP) Certificates focused on providing tuition for childcare providers in specific zip codes

Decisions about January 2021 conference to be held on the Clearwater Campus are pending.

FLAEYC Conference in October moving forward at this time with possible change to 'virtual presentations'

Enrollment continues to grow for Fall 2020. At this time all courses will be online with a possible 'live online' for Spring

Changes to A.S. program and Articulation for 2020-21 academic year. The program will reduce the Electives to three credits which will allow EEC 1512, Caring for Infants and Toddlers to be in the Major Core. This will change the Articulation agreement and students who apply will continue to receive 9 credits: EEC 2312, EEC 1308 and three, EDG 1319. The changes will be presented at the next PCS Joint Advisory Meeting.

### Program Updates and Community Sharing:

Child Care Wages – the name has changed to Child Care Incentives. ELC bringing program in house to eliminate some of the fees. Want to expand the area served as right now open to small number of zip codes. Expand to more of Pinellas County.

Gino Cote' said everything is fluid right now as far as opening the Center, week to week planning.

MaryAnn Goodrich mentioned ELC has no clear direction on processes yet and it is challenging. No Readiness rate for next year, not a requirement and those on probation that didn't meet will still need to complete and improvement plan for staff development or curriculum and an area of focus. Trainings are online and assessment at the end. Email her for calendar. [VPKLearningCircles@oel.myflorida.com](mailto:VPKLearningCircles@oel.myflorida.com) No direction for summer VPK, no decision made yet.

Gail Ramsdell – It is a different time. Plans must be flexible. Ready Set Kindergarten Adventures has daily lessons for all on the PCS website. Most projects on hold. One of the books, 'Fox Makes a Friend' will be used and they are working on a video that is read aloud and interactive. Also working on a registration video for kindergarten.



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Susan Weber – R' Club moving forward slowly due to unknown. 7 centers closed and others running at at lower capacity. R'Club kept all their staff. Low Williams open will be opening soon. Looking for ideas for professional training and internship ideas.

Maria Climes – trying to increase hiring and recruitment at R' Club.

Carol Dinsdale – listening to info coming in. Trying to keep parents and children feeling safe and loved while this is going on and making things as normal as possible.

Anne Ryan responded that consistency in environment is a key piece within your control. Answer questions as best you can and openly address as best you can. Don't shut down the conversations.

Susan Weber – discussed mixing age groups is reality right now and teachers understand.

Debra Barker – DCF extended 12-month training with limited exam sessions.

**Adjournment:** The fall meeting will be determined down the road. Not sure if individual advisory or group advisory. Will send out info when we get it. Thank you everyone, stay connected and if you have anything to share, send to Anne Ryan to send out to all. Adjourned at 10:15.

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