



## **Superintendent's Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities**

Early Childhood SPED Sub-Committee Meeting

January 12, 2018

PreK Program for Students with Disabilities

5555 SW 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

1:00PM

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### Minutes

#### Members Present

Ms. Marisol Diaz	M-DCPS Department of Early Childhood Programs
Ms. Kathleen Vergara	UM Debbie School and Panel
Ms. Jacqueline Basallo	M-DCPS Department of Early Childhood Programs, Head Start/Early Head Start
Dr. Annmarie Sasseville	M-DCPS Department of Early Childhood Programs, PreK ESE
Ms. Delsey Yancoskie	M-DCPS Department of Family Support Services
Ms. Ana Torres	FDLRS – South
Dr. Katie Hart	FIU Center for Children and Families

#### III. Student Enrollment

##### *a. VPK Lottery Date*

Ms. Diaz shared that schools are currently undergoing registration for the VPK Lottery for the upcoming school year. The VPK Lottery for the 2018-2019SY will be taking place on February 23, 2018. To register for the VPK lottery, parents should submit initial school entry requirements – the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) is not needed to participate in the school’s VPK lottery selection process. Ms. Diaz shared that the Department of Early Childhood Programs is looking to move up the VPK Lottery date to the end of January for the 2019-2020SY.

##### *b. Pre-K ESE Inclusion and Role Model Selection Process*

Dr. Sasseville explained the process of identifying non-disabled prekindergarten students for prekindergarten special education (SPED) classrooms for the 2018-2019 school year. For the Inclusion, ASD Inclusion, and Leap ½ day programs, typical children are selected without prior screening. It is recommended schools offer placement to children in their VPK program wait lists. Once school begins, if programs do not have enough 4 year olds, schools can recruit 3 year olds. For the Role Model program model (1/2 day and full-day), children are screened prior to being selected to participate in the program. A weekly briefing outlining procedures is forthcoming.

##### *c. Head Start Open Enrollment*

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Head Start and Early Head Start will begin accepting applications for the 2018-2019 program year. The open enrollment period will run through May 11, 2018. Applications will be accepted once open enrollment ends; however, applicants who apply after open enrollment are more likely to be waitlisted.

#### **IV. Indicator 7 – Preschool Outcomes**

Dr. Sasseville provided Indicator 7 data showing an upward trend with Miami-Dade County Public Schools on the BDI in the areas of personal/social, communication and adaptive, as compared to Broward County Public Schools.

As a result of Indicator 7 data, Dr. Sasseville is targeting communication as an area of focus for the PreK Program for Students with Disabilities. Dr. Sasseville previously developed *Word-a-Day* initiative which will be made available to teachers via the PreK ESE website.

Dr. Sasseville briefly discussed Indicator 12 – *Early Childhood Transition* which looks at the percent of children referred by Part C prior to age 3, who are found eligible for Part B, and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays. Dr. Sasseville advised that currently M-DCPS is at 100%. Dr. Sasseville also discussed that Early Steps Southernmost Coast is being transitioned to a new agency in June 2018.

#### **V. Planning for 2018-2019**

In planning for the 2018-2019 school year, Dr. Sasseville discussed the need for redistributing classrooms across the district as she has classrooms in the Homestead and Florida City area that are currently above capacity.

#### **VI. ESE Family Forum**

The ESE Family Forum is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Miami Senior High School. More information is forthcoming.

#### **Announcements**

##### **Family Support Services Update**

The Department of Family Support Services (FSS) was created to assist families needing additional guidance in navigating the complexities of the large school district and accessing services. Ms. Delsey Yancoskie shared that there are currently 37 schools served through this initiative; however, families from schools outside of those 37 schools are provided assistance upon request. Ms. Yancoskie shared that FSS offers parent trainings through live webinars, hosted at a school site with a facilitator and

offered via the web. This year, 6 webinars are being offered, three times each (once in English, once in Spanish, and once in Creole). Ms. Yancoskey advised that this year has shown an increased number of participants.

### **FDLRS Update**

Ms. Ana Torres shared that FDLRS is continuing to streamline the screening process, offering families appointments at first contact, rather than waiting on receipt of the completed FDLRS referral packet. Ms. Torres advised that 6 mass screening dates will be scheduled on Saturdays through February. Staffings will also be conducted on those days. Staff are in the process of being hired on an hourly basis to provide screenings to children from 4:30PM – 6:30PM.

### **FIU Update**

Dr. Hart shared that FIU is expanding their summer treatment program at Thena C. Crowder Early Childhood Diagnostic Center. The Summer Treatment Program for Pre-Kindergarteners (STP-PreK) is a comprehensive school readiness program for children entering kindergarten with behavioral, emotional and learning problems. FIU also offers this summer program at their main campus. Each program has space for 45 children.

Dr. Hart also shared that the *2018 Miami International Child and Adolescent Mental Health Conference* is taking place from Wednesday, February 21, 2018 through Friday, February 23, 2018. Continuing education credits are being offered for Psychologists, Mental Health Counselors, School Psychologists, and Social Workers.

### **Next Meeting**

I. ESE Task Force Update

II. CTE Update

III. ESE Family Forum and Expo Update

The next committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 1:00PM** at the PreK Program for Students with Disabilities building located at 5555 SW 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.



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