

# President's Report

## Board of Directors Meeting

12/19/18

- I. **Pritzker Foundation Grant** – Pritzker announced a grant opportunity aimed at states that wish to apply to plan and implement a policy agenda for Prenatal to age 3. We were very excited about the opportunity to finally pay attention to this important age group in our state and sent out a notice of our willingness to serve as lead. It is political and we are working with our state partners to determine how the grant will be submitted. There are two phases: Planning Grant is for \$100,000 for 6-9 months to develop a strategic plan for serving Prenatal to age 3. Florida would then submit for consideration of an Implementation Grant that is much larger. The Forum has agreed to embrace the First 1000 Days as our organizing framework. The letter of intent is due in January.
- II. **Early Learning Consortium** – The Consortium met for strategic planning and the lobbyists also met to speak about potential and upcoming changes. It was decided that there was a need for a white paper on raising the Base Student Allocation for VPK. So I took on that task of writing the paper. As we do these tasks, we will reduce the amount of cash that we pay into the Consortium as part of our contribution.
- III. **Status of Building Sale** – The counter offer we made to the potential buyer of the building was not accepted. We are now looking at another potential building on Mahan. The investor would buy our building, lease it back to us for \$10.75 per square foot until the building on Mahan was renovated. So we will see if that's a possibility.
- IV. **Legislative Session & Children's Week** – Legislative session is later this year beginning in March, 2019. However, committee meetings have already begun. I have met with a couple of legislators along with Claudia and Amanda. Committee assignments have been made. It will be important to share our story with new legislators and relevant committee members. Children's Week will be the week of March 25<sup>th</sup>.