



PRESIDENT'S SUMMARY

July 13, 2018

FLAEYC Shared Services Contract – We have been actively working on the FLAEYC Conference, raise funds via sponsorships for the conference and provide administrative services and support. It has been going well but also very intense as we near the conference.

Legislative Awards – We were able to recognize Representative Byron Donalds and Senator Kathleen Passidomo with legislative awards for their support of Help Me Grow and the T.E.A.C.H. program. Rep. Donalds was presented with his award at the Help Me Grow statewide meeting and Senator Passidomo received her award via Claudia Davant and Rebecca Romans.

CCDBG Funding Increase – We developed a recommendation paper for the Office of Early Learning for the expenditure of the increased dollars. Right now, Rodney's priorities are to scale the quality pieces of HB 1091 and is gearing up to with CLASS assessments to do so. Our request to fund WAGES infrastructure will need to be vetted through the legislative process, according to Rodney. He doesn't believe that he will have as much money available after implementation of the quality bill.

CSC Contract in Palm Beach County – We have contracted with the CSC for the past several years to do classroom assessments for their quality improvement system, Strong Minds. Due to the direction of the state's implementation of HB 1091, the assessment work will become the responsibility of the Early Learning Coalition. Rather than contract for services, they plan to hire their own assessors. Therefore, our contract for assessment services is ending effective 9/30/18. At this point, we understand that we will still be contracting for the registry operations in Palm Beach County.

Miami Contract – We won the RFP to provide the Career Center and Scholarships Administration in Miami-Dade County. The structure of that initiative has also changed. We will not be providing coaching or technical assistance in the classrooms. That meant that we did not need the same level of staffing. We laid off six staff that will not be continuing with the Career Center. Fortunately, they have all found other employment (and one staffer is returning to school).

Building Security – We have developed procedures and protocols for security and safety of our employees. One of our employees was a victim of domestic violence and this heightened our need to be more cautious in this regard.