**EARLY LEARNING COALITION**  
**OF BREvard County, INC.**

**MINUTES:** Executive/Finance Committee Meeting  
**DATE/TIME:** Monday, January 8, 2018 at 3:30 pm  
**LOCATIONS:** Early Learning Coalition of Brevard County, 2080 Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32935  
**MEMBERS**  
Present: Alan Bergman, Chairperson, Beth Mills, Vice Chairperson, Mark Broms, Treasurer and Jeffrey Harrison, Secretary  
**EXCUSED ABSENT MEMBERS:** N/A  
**UNEXCUSED ABSENT MEMBERS:** N/A  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Sky Beard, Executive Director and Jessica Beecham, Executive Coordinator  
**GUEST/PUBLIC:**  
**START TIME:** January 8, 2018 at 3:37 pm

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<td>Approval of meeting minutes</td>
<td>Minutes: December 11 and 18, 2017: No changes were made to the meeting minutes.</td>
<td>Beth Mills motioned for the minutes to be approved. Mark Broms seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Executive Committee members.</td>
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<td>Community Development Block Grant Update</td>
<td>The Committee discussed the challenges the Coalition is having with the way some CDBG partners are interpreting eligibility requirements for that funding source. Sky informed the Committee that a letter was sent to the cities of Cocoa and Titusville explaining that the Coalition would not be applying for 18.19 funding as previously approved by the Committee. Sky will be presenting at the City of Melbourne this evening for CDBG funding. The contract for the current year has not been received from the City of Melbourne. Discussed communication with the City of Melbourne regarding eligibility criteria.</td>
<td>No Action/Follow-up needed</td>
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<td>Financial Policy Approval</td>
<td>The Committee reviewed fiscal policy changes, however the policies were initially approved by Sky (with Finance/Executive Committee approval) on December 21, 2017 because of the deadline that was presented by OEL. The Conflict of Interest forms will need to be signed by the Board members at the next meeting. The updated credit card policy was reviewed as well and Coalition staff informed the Committee that all the items in the updated policy are currently in the procedures, but are now required to be in the policy.</td>
<td>Beth Mills motioned for the approval of the updated finance policies as presented. Jeffrey Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Executive Committee members.</td>
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<td>Legislative Update</td>
<td>Sky informed the Committee that Legislative Session starts tomorrow, January 9, 2018. There has been no further discussion on coalition mergers however, IRMO and St. Lucie Counties will be moving forward with their merger. The Committee discussed proposed bills regarding provider accountability. Sky will be in Tallahassee the last week of January and will keep the Committee updated.</td>
<td>No Action/Follow-up needed</td>
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<td><strong>Public Comment</strong></td>
<td>Sky notified the Committee of a potential media/contract termination issue. After a recent change in ownership, there has been social media involvement from dissatisfied parents attending Kids Place in Melbourne. There was police activity recently at the center leading to an arrest. The Coalition has been in communication with DCF. At this time, the Coalition is awaiting additional information before taking SR and VPK contract action. Coalition staff is assisting families with transfers.</td>
<td><strong>No Action/Follow-up needed</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Adjournment</strong></td>
<td>The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm</td>
<td>Jeffrey Harrison motioned for the adjournment of the Board meeting. Beth Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members.</td>
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Respectfully Submitted,  
Approved

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Signature  Date  Signature  Date
Executive Coordinator  Executive Director
Executive/Finance Committee Meeting

January 8, 2018  3:30 pm

Approval of December 11 and 18, 2017 Minutes

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## Agenda Item Summary/Discussion

### Approval of meeting minutes

- **Summary**: Minutes: November 13, 2017: No changes were made to the meeting minutes.
- **Action/Follow-up**: Jeffrey Harrison motioned for the minutes to be approved. Beth Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Executive Committee members.

### Raising of America Debriefing

- **Summary**: Board members in attendance offered their feedback. Discussed the positive feedback heard during and after the event. Discussed next steps and offered to hold similar screenings elsewhere in the community.
- **Action/Follow-up**: No Action/Follow-up needed

### Melbourne office space Follow-up

- **Summary**: The Executive Committee was informed that Cathie and Sky had a follow-up meeting with Tom Brandon. They emphasized with Mr. Brandon the conversations with the Board and some of their feedback. Mr. Brandon re-confirmed the “standard business” design of the building and that he understood the concerns presented. Mr. Brandon will communicate next steps needed from the Coalition.
- **Action/Follow-up**: No Action/Follow-up needed

### Coalition Merger Report Update

- **Summary**: The Executive Committee was provide with a copy of the addendum to merger report. Discussed the legislative committee meetings held on the topic and reasons for the addendum to the report. The report was reviewed and the committee discussed the impact on Florida’s early learning system. Sky will keep the Executive Committee updated as the conversation continues.
- **Action/Follow-up**: No Action/Follow-up needed

### CDBG Challenges

- **Summary**: Discussed the application process and timeline for CDBG proposals as well as reviewed historical request amounts and amounts awarded. Staff discussed concerns about City of Cocoa requiring additional documents to be submitted above what state and federal law requires to determine eligibility for the School Readiness program. The Executive
- **Action/Follow-up**: Sky Beard will send a letter to the Cities of Cocoa and Titusville informing them of the Coalition’s decision to not apply for CDBG funds in the upcoming application cycle.
Committee agreed it was not appropriate and elected to not apply for funding in the next funding cycle. Also discussed City of Titusville’s RFP language regarding required “expansion” of services and the challenges that presents. The Committee decided to not apply for City of Titusville either. The Coalition will apply for Brevard County and City of Melbourne. In addition, staff will research City of Palm Bay’s CDBG application process and deadline.

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<th>Annual Performance Review of ED</th>
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Respectfully Submitted,                      Approved

Executive Coordinator                       Executive Director

Signature                                  Date

1/08/2018                                   1/08/2018
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DATE/TIME: Monday, December 18, 2017 at 3:00 pm  
LOCATIONS: Conference Call  
MEMBERS Present: Alan Bergman, Chairperson, Beth Mills, Vice Chairperson, Mark Broms, Treasurer, and Jeffrey Harrison, Secretary  
EXCUSED ABSENT MEMBERS: N/A  
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STAFF Present: Sky Beard, Executive Director, Jessica Beecham, Executive Coordinator and Cathie Odom, Director of Business Operations  
GUEST/PUBLIC: December 18, 2017 at 3:02 pm  
START TIME:  
AGENDA ITEM: Executive Director Delegation - Finance Policy Update  
SUMMARY/DISCUSSION: Sky informed the Committee that OEL is requiring that some language be added to certain fiscal policies (credit card and board conflict of interest). The Committee is being asked to delegate the Executive Director to approve policies due to the due date to OEL. The Committee will be provided the opportunity to review the revised policies at the next Committee meeting as well.  
ACTION/FOLLOW-UP: Jeffrey Harrison motioned for the authorization of the Executive Director to approve the changes to the policies as required by OEL. Beth Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Executive Committee members.  
Public Comment: N/A  
No Action/Follow-up needed  
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 pm  
ACTION/FOLLOW-UP: Jeffrey Harrison motioned for the adjournment of the Executive Committee meeting. Mark Broms seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members.  
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December 2017 Executive/Finance Committee Minutes Approved:  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Sky Beard  
1/08/2018  
Signature  
Date  
Executive Coordinator  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica Beecham  
1/08/2018  
Signature  
Date  
Executive Director
Subject: Conflict of Interest and Standards of Conduct Policy

Purpose: The Early Learning Coalition of Brevard County, Inc. is responsible for establishing a policy identifying applicable guidelines related to conflict of interest and standards of conduct for members of the Board of Directors.

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C. Relative: As used in this paragraph the term “relative” has the meaning ascribed in s. 112.3143, F.S.: any father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law.

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_________________________________________  ________________________________
Board Member Name (Print)                  Date

_________________________________________
Signature
Subject: Credit Card Policy

Purpose: To facilitate purchases necessary for Coalition operation, lodging and travel to approved functions and to facilitate other necessary transactions where use of a credit card would expedite the transaction in an efficient manner. The purpose of the use of these cards is not to override the procedures set forth in the Coalition’s Procurement Policies, but to provide an alternative method of purchase for necessary goods and services.

References: Policy # ELCB-FM-0001-14, Use of Coalition-Issued Credit Card

Policy:

1. Coalition credit cards will be issued to staff, only with approval of the Executive Director or for the Executive Director, of the Executive/Finance Committee. Management will periodically review the list of users to ensure cards are issued to appropriate staff members.

2. The Director of Business Operations or designee shall be responsible for accounting, monitoring, retrieval and general oversight of compliance with this Credit Card Policy. All purchases are subject to periodic review to ensure transactions are allowable and are not being split to stay below established spending thresholds.

3. The following positions are the only authorized card holders and have authority to place orders using the Coalition’s credit cards –
   - Executive Director
   - Executive Coordinator
   - Business Coordinator
   - Human Resources Specialist (employee account purchases only)

4. Coalition credit cards shall normally have an authorized maximum limits by position below –
   - Executive Director - $100,000; $10,000 per purchase limit without Executive Committee member approval.
   - Coordinators - $10,000, $1,500 per approved purchase
   - Human Resources Specialist - $500

When necessary, the Executive Director or designee may choose to temporarily increase the individual purchase limit to expedite purchase processing.
5. Credit cards will only be used for official business purposes and may used for any authorized Coalition purchase where the vendor or merchant accepts credit card payments. **Supporting documentation requirements include the following.**
   - Original receipts supporting transactions are maintained and marked/de-faced once payment has been authorized/made.
   - Receipts must clearly reflect a description of the goods or services acquired, number of units, and cost per unit. The combination of several documents to provide the description, number of units, and cost per unit may be used (i.e., quote sheets, packing slips, web page screen-prints, cash register receipts, charge slips). Numerical code descriptions alone are not acceptable.
     - All receipts for commodities shall be signed and dated by the cardholder to indicate the receipt, inspection, and acceptance of the goods or services.
     - (b) Receipts for services require clear evidence that services were satisfactorily received.
   - Acronyms and non-standard abbreviations for programs or organizational units within an agency should not be used in the supporting documentation unless an explanation is also included.

6. Coalition credit cards shall not be used for personal uses, cash advances, or other merchant category exclusions, examples include -
   - Alcoholic beverages/tobacco products
   - Controlled substances
   - Items or services on term contracts
   - Maintenance agreements
   - Rentals (other than short-term autos and storage facilities)
   - Telephones, related equipment, or services
   - Any other items deemed inconsistent with the values of the Coalition or against Federal and/or State regulations.

7. Cardholder must report, in writing, any personal/Unauthorized use and all details of accidental charge to the Director of Business Operations within 24 hours of purchase. Failure to report such charges may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

8. Cardholders will be required to sign an agreement indicating they accept these terms. Individuals who do not adhere to these policies and procedures risk revocation of their credit card privileges and/or disciplinary action.

9. Cardholders shall be responsible for the protection and custody of the credit card. The cardholder shall immediately notify the financial institution issuing the card if lost or stolen, and shall notify the Director of Business Operations as soon as possible. Cardholders shall not knowingly post or otherwise make publicly available credit cards data that could potentially result in fraud or unauthorized charges.

10. Cardholders shall immediately surrender all Coalition credit cards upon termination of employment.
11. All benefits derived from the use of credit cards (i.e. reward points, rebates, etc.) shall become the property of the Early Learning Coalition of Brevard County.

12. The credit card shall not impact the cardholder’s personal credit references. The Coalition issued credit card is a Coalition liability card, not a personal liability card. However, the cardholder does have the responsibility to use the credit card in an appropriate manner, as described in this document.

13. The balance due on any credit card account shall be paid in full by the due date listed on the statement by automatic ACH withdrawal from the Coalition’s operating bank account.

Travel Vouchers

2 CFR Part 200.302, Finance Management Systems; 200.303, Internal Controls; DFS Reference Guide, DFS State Travel Manual; s. 112.061, F.S. Per Diem and travel expenses of public officers, employees and authorized persons; and CFO Memo No. 06 (2016-17). All Coalition travel will be made in accordance with the Coalition Travel Policy. Policy goals are summarized here. See that policy for more details.

- Travel expenses are documented and reimbursed based on applicable state travel rules (includes DFS Reference Guide, State Travel Manual CFO Memos and OEL guidance).
- Management has processes in place to ensure proper authorization, review, approval, and guidelines to submit adequate supporting records.
- Coalition management has a process to ensure reimbursements do not exceed allowable amounts. Includes detail for allowable mileage reimbursement amounts, meal rates from statutes, travel per diem calculations, and any travel restrictions from state travel rules. Also includes processes to ensure only reasonable and necessary business-related costs are incurred.
- An independent review and approval process is in place (potentially including a governing board member/audit committee) for costs incurred by members of the management team.
- Management has a process to document instances misuse by staff and issue notice of personnel actions taken/required (if applicable). For more details, please refer to the Coalition’s Employee Handbook.

Vouchers will be submitted to the finance department. Approved travel vouchers and advance approval forms will be reviewed for completeness and correctness in accordance with the policy.