



## Florida Migrant Education Program Preschool Task Force

**Rosen Shingle Creek  
Orlando, Florida  
April 7-8, 2016**

### **In attendance:**

Jay Rembert, FDOE MEP; Jodi Bell, Hendry County; Annette Betts, ECMHSP; Kate Bloomquist, Manatee County; Margot Di Salvo, ESCORT; Lucia Esquivel, PAEC; Dr. Tara Huls, FDOE Office of Early Learning; Carol Mayo, Hillsborough; Julie McLeod, Hillsborough; Dr. Ray Melecio, ID&R Office; Dr. Maria Pouncey, PAEC

### **NOTES**

The task force began planning the town hall meeting.

- Event name – Preschool Initiative: Charting the Course of the Future
- Preferred date: Thursday, June 16
- Alternate date: Friday, June 17
- Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (brunch)
- Location: Orlando (prefer a Rosen property)
- Focus: The Florida MEP will host a roundtable discussion with representatives from agencies and organizations throughout the state that provide services (academic and supportive) to preschool-aged children and their families. The purpose of the information gathering is to identify new collaborations, improve MEP pre-k accessibility, and improve outcomes. Guest will be invited to “share their story” about their services and programs on topics such as:
  - School readiness skills
  - Access to services – transportation, “holding slots”
  - Collaborations, partnerships, connections
- Goal: Seamless connection among all pre-k programs.
- Event structure:
  - Guest will be seated in rounds in order to promote small group discussion and the sharing of information on predefined topics.
  - The meeting will begin with a brief introduction about the FMEP and the PI consortium. Information about what other states in the PI are doing (Town Hall results) will be shared.
  - Data charts and graphs showing pre-k outcomes will be presented at the onset.
    - Jay will share state level data with Julie, who will prepare the illustrations.
- The formal invitation and draft agenda will be sent from Jay.
  - Invitations and draft agenda will be sent on May 2.
- Task force members plan to share information about the event with their peers the week prior to the invitation going out in order to spark interest.

- The list of guests and the task force members assigned to promote the event are:
  - RCMA – Tara
  - Head Start State Collaboration Office - Tara
  - ELC Assoc. - Tara
  - ESE/"Fiddlers" – Maria P.
  - School Admin - Carol
  - Title I Pre-K (at state office) - Jay
  - Children First (Sarasota County) - Annette
  - FLAEYC - Tara
  - DCF - Tara
  - Kim Fioramanti – Jay/Ray
  - USF/UCF researcher- Ray
  - Children’s Forum - Tara
  - SD Early Learning Center - Kate
  - Dr. Phelps – Tara
  - Mr. Rosen (welcome message)
  - HIPPY – Maria P.
  - Clara Carpurelo East Coast MHS - Annette
  - School Readiness - Tara
  - State MPAC president – Maria P.
  - District level Title I pre-k provider - ?
- When invitees receive the invitation, they will be asked to complete a brief survey monkey. The survey is meant to give the task force a baseline of information to help fine tune the final agenda.
  - Julie will draft the survey monkey.
- Tara has a connection with an executive at Kaplan Early Learning Company. They may be interested in sponsoring the brunch. Will help to offset the cost of the event. Tara will forward Margot’s information to Kaplan.
- Takeaway for guests: Publication about the event posted to the PI Clearinghouse
- The group began to draft a pre-k checklist of what parents should ask and what services should they look for and expect for the pre-k children when they move to another state or district. The list will also include what information parents should be prepared to supply when they move.

Action items:

- Margot will post meeting notes, survey monkey fields, and pre-k checklist on Google Drive.
- April 22 – Margot and Jay will prepare town hall invitation.
- April 29 – Julie sends finalized survey monkey to Jay.
- May 2 – Jay sends out town hall invitation and draft agenda.
- May 20, 9:00 am – Pre-K Task Force virtual meeting; Margot will send out reminders.