



## **EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, April 12, 2011**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at Austin City Hall, Executive Session Room, 301 West Second Street, in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in attendance are listed on the attached attendance roll sheet. Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) staff in attendance was Ron Hubbard. Guests that signed in were: Cindy Gamez, Marti Burris, Laura Koenig, Vanessa Morales, and Cris Perez.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Huston called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Guests were asked to introduce themselves.
2. **DISCLOSURE OF RECUSAL FOR AGENDA ITEMS:** None
3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The March 8, 2011 meeting minutes were approved on Vice-Chair Holder's motion with Council Member Porter's second on a 7 – 0 vote. Council Members Black and Keith-Thompson arrived after the vote.
5. **RECOGNITION OF SUE CARPENTER:** Former Council Member Sue Carpenter was recognized for her 10 years of service to the ECC and the early childhood community, and for her work with Success By 6.
6. **STAFF BRIEFING – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator**
  - a. The proposed corrective action policies related to providers losing Texas Rising Star certification are being reviewed for the City/County Direct Child Care Program through the CCS were discussed. The Policy Workgroup was assigned to review and comment for the ECC and bring to the ECC for approval. A meeting will be held with current providers to solicit feedback. The Policies are also subject to approval by Travis County HHS.
7. **COMMITTEE/WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS**
  - a. **Executive Committee**
    - i. The agenda for the May evening meeting was discussed and organized.
    - ii. Preparation for the HHSD Director's visit, now scheduled for June, was discussed.
  - b. **Research and Policy Development – No report.**
  - c. **Providers – Council Member Sanford mentioned the group's new meeting schedule.**

d. Finance – No report.

8. **SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE:** Sue Carpenter presented an update about SB6 activities including the plans for an Early Childhood Stakeholders' Planning meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup> as an opportunity to identify emerging needs and opportunities. Chair Huston and Council Member Rodriguez volunteered to help with planning for the meeting.

The Early Childhood Council's support for and participation in the Planning meeting was approved on Council Member Elsner's motion with Council Member Black's second on a 8 – 0 vote. Council Member Keith-Thompson arrived after the vote.

The Early Childhood Council's intent to work to align early childhood goals with SB6 was approved on Vice-Chair Holder's motion with Council Member Rodriguez's second on a 8 – 0 vote. Council Member Keith-Thompson arrived after the vote.

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** HHSD Director's June visit, the May Budget presentation, and the change in meeting location were identified for upcoming agendas.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting ended at 10:40 AM due to loss of the quorum.

# Early Childhood Council

Attendance - 12 Month  
Scheduled Meetings

	LAST	FIRST	MAY 10	6/3/10 Special	JULY 10	AUG 10	SEPT 10	OCT 10	NOV 10	DEC 10	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11	APR 11
1	Black	Albert	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	Carpenter	Sue	1	1		E		1	1	1	1	X	X	Vacant 3/14/11
3	Elsner	Larry	1	1		X		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	Fahrenheithold	Anna Lisa		New appointment 10/19/2010					1	1	1	1	1	1
5	Holder	Kyle	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	Huston	Aletha	1	1		X		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7	Keith-Thompson	Debra	1	1		1		1	1	1	E	E	1	1
8	Paver	Rhonda	1	X		1		X	1	1	1	1	E	E
9	Porter	Jacque				1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	Rodriguez	Cindy	1	1		X		1	1	X	1	1	E	1
11	Rosofsky	Natasha	1	1		E		1	1	1	X	1	1	X
12	Sanford	Margie	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	E	1	1
13	Wallace	Avis	E	1		E		1	E	X	1	X	1	E
	Total Members Present		10	10	No Mtg	6	No Mtg NoPost	11	12	11	11	9	10	9

Present = 1, Absent excused = E.