



## **EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, August 9, 2011**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 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 were Vince Cobalis and Ron Hubbard. Guests present Linda Welsh, Cindy Gamez, Jessica Son, and Elaine Clark.

The Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Holder at 9:08 am.

1. New Council Member Leah Meunier was introduced.
2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None
3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION - None
4. PRESENTATION: PROPOSED STATE CHILD CARE PLAN, Elaine Clark and Jessica Son, Workforce Solutions presented the Executive Summary of the proposed plan and discussed of implications to the child care quality standards system.
5. MINUTES: The June 14, 2011 meeting minutes were approved on Council Member Keith-Thompson's motion and Council Member Porter's second on a 8 – 0 vote.
6. COMMITTEE AND WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS
  - a. Executive Committee – Kyle Holder
    - i. Follow-up to conversation with Acting Director about ECC's role was mentioned. A reply to the email for clarification of his comments has not been received.
    - ii. Council Member Fahrenthold will Chair the Research and Policy Development Work Group, and Council Member Porter will chair the Providers Work Group.
  - b. Policy Development and Research Work Group – Anna Lisa Fahrenthold
    - i. The proposed policies were discussed. The policies and procedures for City/County Child Care Program were approve on Council Member Fahrenthold's motion and Council Member Wallace's second on a 7 – 0 – 1 vote with Council Member Keith-Thompson abstaining.

- ii. Early Childhood Planning effort – The steps and schedule of the early childhood planning effort were described. Council Members were invited to the EC Stakeholders meeting: Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at United Way.
- iii. The Early Education and Care Framework review was discussed. The 6 areas were divided between the Work Groups to review accomplishments, goals, gaps, and revisions needed.

c. Providers Work Group – None

d. Finance Work Group – None

- 7. STAFF BRIEFING – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator discussed the upcoming vacancy, the new HHSD Director, and the social service contract process. Vince Cobalis, HHSD Assistant Director over Human Services Division, updated the ECC on the progress of the Youth Services recommendations made in June.
- 8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – Leah Meunier discussed the trip to Tulsa to view the Educare centers, the child data collection at WIC clinics, and new United Way innovation contracts.
- 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
  - September - Texas Early Learning Council - Council Member Paver is trying to schedule a presentation.
  - Officer nominations and elections - October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting for Officers' term: November 2011 – October 2012. A nominations Work Group will be named in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am.

# Early Childhood Council

Attendance - 12 Month  
Scheduled Meetings

	LAST	FIRST	SEPT 10	OCT 10	NOV 10	DEC 10	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11	APR 11	MAY 11	JUN 11	JUL 11	AUG 11
1	Black	Albert		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	X		1
2	Elsner	Larry		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		X
3	Fahrenheithold	Anna Lisa	New appointment 10/19/2010	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1
4	Holder	Kyle		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1
5	Huston	Aletha		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		X
6	Keith-Thompson	Debra		1	1	1	E	E	1	1	1	1		1
7	Meunier	Leah								New appointment 6/23/2011				1
8	Paver	Rhonda		X	1	1	1	1	E	E	X	1		1
9	Porter	Jacquie		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1
10	Rodriguez	Cindy		1	1	X	1	1	E	1	1	X		X
11	Rosofsky	Natasha		1	1	1	X	1	1	X	1	1		X
12	Sanford	Margie		1	1	1	1	E	1	1	1	1		X
13	Wallace	Avis		1	E	X	1	X	1	E	E	1		1
Total Members Present			No Mtg NoPost	11	12	11	11	9	10	9	10	10	NO MTG	8

Present = 1, Absent excused = E.