



EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 13, 2011**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 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 Carlos Rivera, Vince Cobalis and Ron Hubbard. Guests present Tonda Brown, Don Titcombe, Laura Koenig, and Shayla Reed.

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Huston at 9:00 am.

1. Council Member Margie Sanford was recognized for her service to the ECC and the community. This meeting is her last. It was announced that Council Member Rosofsky has resigned.
2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None
3. PRESENTATION: TEXAS EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL UPDATE – Don Titcombe, Manager of the Texas Early Learning Council, and Council Member Rhonda Paver informed the ECC about the state’s Early Learning Council’s purpose and activities.
4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – None
5. Health and Human Services Director: Carlos Rivera, new HHSD Director, discussed his background and vision for the Department. The role of the ECC in planning efforts was discussed. He mentioned that he wants to target maternal and child health. Chair Huston asked for the ECC to be a participant in the planning efforts.
6. MINUTES: The August 9, 2011 meeting minutes were approved on Council Member Keith-Thompson’s motion and Council Member Black’s second on a 9 – 0 vote with Council Member Paver having left the meeting before the vote.
7. COMMITTEE AND WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS
 - a. Executive Committee – Aletha Huston
 - i. A Nomination Work Group was named to make officer nominations for the officer election at the October meeting. Members Huston, Rodriguez and Black were named.
 - ii. Council Member Elsner was named to chair the Finance Work Group.

- iii. The proposed Early Childhood Mentor – Children with Challenging Behaviors was assigned to the Policy Development and Research Work Group for review and to develop a recommendation.
- b. Policy Development and Research Work Group – Anna Lisa Fahrenthold
 - i. Early Childhood Planning effort – The steps and schedule of the early childhood planning effort were described. Council Members were reminded about the EC Stakeholders meeting: Tuesday, October 18th at United Way.
 - ii. The Early Education and Care Framework review was discussed.
- c. Providers Work Group – None
- d. Finance Work Group – The membership level was discussed for work groups.
- 8. STAFF BRIEFING – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, reminded the members that the meeting location for November and December will be the East Austin Neighborhood Center. The upcoming meetings about the social services process were discussed.
- 9. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – Leah Meunier summarized the trip to Tulsa to view the Educare centers.
- 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
 - Head Start Community Assessment presentation
 - Officer nominations and elections - October 11th meeting for Officers' term: November 2011 – October 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Early Childhood Council

Attendance - 12 Month

Scheduled Meetings

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

Present = 1, Absent excused = E.