



EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 11, 2012**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Board Members in attendance are listed on the attached attendance roll sheet. Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) staff in attendance were Ron Hubbard and Chris Crookham. Guests present and signing in were Kevin Schoenberger, Sandy Briley, Cindy Gamez, Nelda Frasier, Elaine Clark, Jessica Son, Gloria Neunaber, Richard Nunez, Linda Welsh, and Marti Burris.

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Holder at 9:02 am.

1. Guests introduced themselves.
2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None
3. PRESENTATION: Jeremiah Program – Shannon Moody, Executive Director, and Sandy Briley, Volunteer, informed the Council about Austin’s Jeremiah Program that serves single mothers and their children with housing, education and child care. A handout was provided.
4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – None.
5. MINUTES: The December 14, 2011 meeting minutes were approved on Council Member Huston’s motion and Vice-Chair Fahrenthold’s second on a 8 – 0 vote, with Council Members Keith-Thompson and Meunier arriving after the vote.
6. WORK GROUP REPORTS
 - a. Executive Work Group – Kyle Holder
 - i. Annual Report – The Annual Report for calendar 2011 is due to the City Clerk’s Office by March 31st. It must include 2011 activities and the work plan for 2012.
 - ii. Retreat Agenda Planning – The retreat will be a regular meeting with extended time, starting at 8:30 am and ending about noon. The main task will be development and approval of the ECC Work Plan for 2012.
 - b. Policy and Finance Work Group -
 - i. The ECC reviewed and discussed comments to the Texas Workforce Commission regarding the changed parent fee structure. The comments were approved on

Council Member Huston's motion and Vice-Chair Fahrenthold's second on a 10 – 0 vote.

- ii. The ECC reviewed and discussed comments to the Workforce Solutions Board about child care reimbursement rates. The comments were approved with edits on Council Member Porter's motion and Council Member Keith-Thompson's second on a 10 – 0 vote. Further discussion included noting the importance of regular contact with the Workforce Board and Representative Strama's office.
 - iii. The ECC was brought up to date about the Travis County School Readiness Action Plan and February 1st Stakeholders' Meeting.
 - iv. Working with the City to have child care and children's services addressed in the Colony Park development planning was approved on Council Member Keith-Thompson's motion and Council Member Elsner's second on a 10 – 0 vote.
- c. Providers Work Group – Jacquie Porter reported that the Group is working on ways to engage parents, and how to make the social emotional work more cohesive for providers.
 - d. Public Awareness Work Group – Council Member Meunier agreed to chair the work group. First tasks will be visits to City Council Members and developing a one-page summary of the Child Care report.
7. STAFF BRIEFING – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, discussed the Proposed HHSD Early Childhood Plan that he developed. A handout was provided.
8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – Leah Meunier updated the ECC about SB6 activities including the Business Leaders Summit, the data mapping project, and Parent Academies.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

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	LAST	FIRST	FEB 2011	MAR 2011	APR 2011	MAY 2011	JUN 2011	JUL 2011	AUG 2011	SEPT 2011	OCT 2011	NOV 2011	DEC 2011	JAN 2012	
1	Black	Albert	1	1	1	1	X		1	1	1	1	1	1	
2	Borowski	Robert								Appt 9/22/11	1	X	X	1	
3	Elsner	Larry	1	1	1	1	1		X	1	1	1	1	1	
4	Fahrenthold	Anna Lisa	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	
5	Holder	Kyle	1	1	1	1	1	No Meeting	1	1	1	1	1	1	
6	Huston	Aletha	1	1	1	1	1		X	1	1	1	1	1	1
7	Keith-Thompson	Debra	E	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8	Meunier	Leah					New Appt 6/23/11		1	1	1	X	1	1	
9	Paver	Rhonda	1	E	E	X	1		1	1	1	X	1	X	
10	Porter	Jacque	1	1	1	1	1		1	X	1	1	1	1	
11	Rodriguez	Cindy	1	E	1	1	X		X	1	1	E	1	1	
12	Vacant - Mayor									Vacant 10/1/11					
13	Wallace	Avis	X	1	E	E	1		1	E	1	1	E	E	
	Total Members Present		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	12	8	10	10	

Present = 1, Absent excused = E,
Absent unexcused = X