



EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 11, 2012**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 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 was Ron Hubbard. Guests present and signing in were Sue Carpenter, Marti Burris, Denise Edmondson, and Raye Sansom.

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Holder at 9:04 am.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** The guests introduced themselves.
2. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Albert Black, Anna Lisa Fahrenthold, and Jacque Porter disclosed a conflict of interest on the portion of item 5.d.ii. that relates to recommendations regarding city social service funding since their agencies receive city social service funding.
3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The March 21, 2012 ECC meeting minutes were approved on Vice-Chair Fahrenthold's motion and Council Member Black's second on a 7 – 0 vote. Council Members Wallace, Rodriguez, Koenig, and Keith-Thompson arrived after the vote.
5. **WORK GROUP REPORTS**
 - a. **Executive Work Group**
 - i. Chair Holder described the communications with the Chair of the Commission for Women, and the Commission's interest in work on the issue of child care for low income single parent families. The Commission and ECC will try to coordinate on that issue and others of shared interest.
 - ii. The agenda for the evening meeting was discussed. Council Member Huston volunteered to summarize the Annual Report for a one-page handout for the meeting. Child Care Licensing has agreed to make an update presentation about recent changes. Extended time will be allowed for Citizens Communication.
 - b. **Policy and Finance Work Group** – Council Member Huston reported on the coordination with Workforce Solutions. She will attend the Workforce Board meeting on April 25th to observe. At that meeting the Board will consider increasing reimbursement rates for providers.

- c. Providers Work Group – Council Member Porter said the group met last month to discuss hot topics and the Work Group meetings are being attended by a number of providers and they are building a working relationship with the providers.
- d. Public Awareness Work Group – Leah Meunier discussed the continuing work on finalizing the School Readiness Plan. She reported that the plan had received endorsements from County Judge Biscoe, Mayor Leffingwell, State Representative Rodriguez, and the endorsement from Senator Watson is pending. The Success By 6 Public Policy Platform was discussed.

Improving connections with related groups was discussed. A handout listing numerous groups was shared with the members and member assignments were made to some of the groups. Adding a Community Reports item to the ECC's regular agenda items was approved on Council Member Koenig motion and Council Member Huston's second on an 11 – 0 vote.

- d. STAFF BRIEFING – Ron Hubbard reported that Maria Allen had been named as Manager of the City's Neighborhood Centers. Due in part by that change, the Early Childhood Coordinator position will manage several school-age related social service contracts with AISD and Communities in Schools. He noted that the social service contracts that resulted from the social services RFP began effective April 1st.

Members asked that HHSD Director Rivera be asked to return to the ECC for a conversation about the upcoming budget and other items.

- e. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – Council Member Meunier said that SB6 items had been covered in other discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

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

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