



EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 13, 2012**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd 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 that signed in for the meeting were: Cindy Gamez, Pat Smith, Raye Sansom, Elaine Clark, Jessica Son, and Sue Carpenter.

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Holder at 9:15 am.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** The Chair asked the guests to introduce themselves.
2. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None
3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Pat Smith, Little Dudes Learning Centers, spoke regarding City swim policies for child care centers. A handout was provided.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The April 11, 2012 ECC meeting minutes were approved with the addition of the last name of a guest on Council Member Huston's motion and Vice-Chair Fahrenthold's second on a 8 – 0 vote with Council Member Keith-Thompson arriving after the vote.
5. **WORK GROUP REPORTS:**
 - a. **Executive Work Group** – Chair Holder reported on the five visits with City Council Members about the School Readiness Action Plan. He also provided updates on ECC response to the Colony Park development and the Imagine Austin document. The Imagine Austin plan did make additional references to children and families. The Policy Work Group will be asked to develop additional ideas about incorporating early childhood in the Imagine Austin plan as it proceeds.
 - b. **Policy and Finance Work Group** – The recommendation that the City Council endorse the School Readiness Action Plan for Austin and Travis County was approved on a Council Member Huston's motion and Council Member Porter's second on a 9 – 0 vote. The Work Group will review what the ECC is specifically responsible for in the Plan and develop a tracking list for the ECC.

- c. Providers Work Group – Council Member Porter reported that the group will meet after the Council meeting. The City’s swimming policies will be discussed.
 - d. Public Awareness Work Group – No report.
6. PRESENTATION (Delayed until later in the meeting at the request of the presenter.): Pat Smith, President of Win-Win for Texas Children, presented about the advocacy group that was formed 2011 to “support the successful education of young children living in poverty and to raise awareness of these critical issues”. A handout was provided.
7. STAFF BRIEFING – The ECC had several members that attended the HHSD Proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Budget presentation that was held for Boards and Commissions. Another step in HHSD’s reorganization was discussed, and two position changes: Dr. Wilmia Perez was named as manager of the Family Health Unit in the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division and Stephanie Hayden, formerly Youth Services Unit Manager, was named as the HHSD Assistant Director over the Community Services Division. ECC members whose terms expire on July 31st were reminded to submit their applications to the City Clerk’s Office if they wanted to be considered for reappointment to the ECC.
8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE: None.
9. RELATED GROUPS
- a. The City/County/AISD joint committee is scheduled to meet June 22nd.
 - b. Austin Association for the Education of Young Children - Raye Sansom provide ECC members with an update of current activities included AAIEYC’s 50th year events.
 - c. The Commission for Women cancelled its June meeting and will meet later in July on the 11th due to the holiday on the 4th.
 - d. A presentation to the Community Action Network Community Council is scheduled for June 18th by the Results Based Planning Group.
10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The HHSD Director’s visit at the August ECC meeting, the Imagine Austin plan, and the Colony Park process were discussed. Members were reminded that there is not a meeting scheduled for July. The next ECC meeting is August 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Early Childhood Council
Attendance with 12 Month History
FY 2012 All Meetings

	LAST	FIRST	JUL 2011	AUG 2011	SEPT 2011	OCT 2011	NOV 2011	DEC 2011	JAN 2012	FEB 2012	MAR 2012	APR 2012	MAY 2012	JUN 2012
1	Black	Albert		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	E	1
2	Borowski	Robert			New appt 9/22/11	1	X	X	1	1	X	X	Resign 5/8/12	
3	Eisner	Larry		X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	X
4	Fahrenthold	Anna Lisa		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
6	Huston	Aletha		X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	X	1
7	Keith-Thompson	Debra		1	1	1	1	1	1	E	E	1	E	1
8	Koenig	Laura								New appt 3/1/12	1	1	1	1
9	Meunier	Leah		1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	X
10	Paver	Rhonda		1	1	1	X	1	X	1	1	1	X	1
11	Porter	Jacque		1	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1
12	Rodriguez	Cindy		X	1	1	E	1	1	1	E	1	1	1
13	Wallace	Avis		1	E	1	1	E	E	E	1	1	1	E
	Total Members Present			n/a	n/a	12	8	10	10	10	9	11	7	9

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