



## **EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, November 14, 2012**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 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 Ashley Pudnos. Guests that signed in for the meeting were: Larry Meyers, Cindy Gamez, Marti Burris, Michelle Crawford, Elaine Clark, Franciell Farris, Sue Carpenter, Tara Carmean, and Robbie Polan.

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

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Guests introduced themselves.
2. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Council Members Black, Elsner, Holder, Paver, and Wallace declared a possible conflict with item 7.a.3. related to the City/County Child Care program.
3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The September 12, 2012 Minutes were approved on Council Member Huston's motion and a second by Vice-Chair Fahrenthold on an 8 – 0 vote with Council Members Black, Casini, and Wallace arriving after the vote. The October 10, 2012 Minutes were approved on Council Member Porter's motion and a second by Council Member Keith-Thompson on an 8 – 0 vote with Council Members Black, Casini, and Wallace arriving after the vote.
5. **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, and POSSIBLE ACTION:** Child Inc. Head Start Update - Audrey Abed, Program Operations Director, presented about Child, Inc. its programs and current planning efforts. Handouts were provided.
6. **WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS**
  - a. **Executive Work Group – Kyle Holder**
    - 2013 ECC Work Plan Development – The Chair discussed the 2013 Work Plan development to be done by the December meeting. The School Readiness Plan tasks will be included and the Public Awareness Work Group's work will be included in the Executive Work Groups tasks.

- The 2013 ECC Meeting Schedule was approved on Council Member Elsner's motion and Council Member Paver's second on a 9 – 0 vote with Council Members Black and Wallace arriving after the vote.

b. Policy and Finance Work Group – Council Member Huston discussed the need to communicate the message to Council and the community that there is a unified plan. It was discussed that the ECC had recommended to City Council to endorse the School Readiness Action Plan, and follow-up may be needed. The Policy and Finance Work Group will set a date to develop its 2013 Work Plan.

c. Providers Work Group – The Group didn't meet. The Swimming Pool policy item will be moved to December.

- STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator updated the ECC about the new Assistant Director over HHSD's Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Division. He summarized the two 1115 Waiver project proposals related to early childhood. He discussed the changes to City/County Child Care Program connecting child care to workforce programs and expanding parent choice of Texas Rising Star providers. Due to the number of Members with conflicts a vote of support was not taken.

7. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – Sue Carpenter provided an update.

8. RELATED GROUPS - None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Calendar 2013 Work Plan approval – December 2012
- Legislative Session Preview – Kara Johnson, Texans Care for Children – December 2012
- Recommendations for the City's legislative agenda – December 2012
- Chair's Annual Review for calendar 2012 – March 2013

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

## Early Childhood Council

Attendance with 12 Month History

	LAST	FIRST	DEC 2011	JAN 2012	FEB 2012	MAR 2012	APR 2012	MAY 2012	JUN 2012	JUL 2012	AUG 2012	SEPT 2012	OCT 2012	NOV 2012	
1	Black	Albert	1	1	1	1	1	E	1		1	1	1	1	
2	Casini	Sofia						Appointed 8/2/2012			1	1	1	1	
3	Elsner	Larry	1	1	1	1	X	1	X		1	1	1	1	
4	Fahrenfield	Anna Lisa	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NO MEETING	1	1	1	1	
5	Holder	Kyle	1	1	1	1	1	1	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	1	1	E	E	1	E	1	1	1	1	1	1	
8	Koenig	Laura			New appt 3/1/12	1	1	1	1		E	1	1	E	
9	Paver	Rhonda	1	X	1	1	1	X	1		E	1	X	1	
10	Porter	Jacque	1	1	1	X	1	1	1		X	1	X	1	
11	Rodriguez	Cindy	1	1	1	E	1	1	1		E	1	1	1	
12	Wallace	Avis	E	E	E	1	1	1	E		E	1	1	1	
	VACANCY - CM TOVO														
	Total Members Present		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	10	7	9		7	12	10	11	

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