



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014, 9:00 AM
CITY HALL, BOARD AND COMMISSION ROOM #1101
301 WEST SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- 1) INTRODUCTIONS
- 2) DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
- 3) **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**
The first five speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns.
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 8, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5) PRESENTATION: None
- 6) WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS
 - a. Executive Work Group – Kyle Holder
 - (1) Finalize 2014 Work Plan
 - (2) Approve 2014 ECC Work Plan and Report for submittal to Clerk’s Office by March 31, 2014.
 - (3) Update on visits to City Council Members
 - b. Policy and Finance Work Group – Brook Son
 - (1) 2014 Work Plan
 - (2) Public Engagement project
 - (3) Imagine Austin review
 - c. Providers Work Group – Laura Koenig
 - (1) 2014 Work Plan
 - (2) Update on work on story times at Austin Public Libraries and other locations

- 7) STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator
 - a. Update on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Child Care contracts
 - b. Discuss and Approve recommendations to City Council with copy to NHCD on NHCD’s 5 year Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2015 Action Plan concerning early childhood services funded by CDBG.
 - c. Update on School Readiness presentation to Joint Committee
 - (1) School and Family work group. The “group was created to generate policy recommendations that supported schools and retained families in the central city of Austin.” Report at:
<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=204788>
 - d. Update on RFA process
 - e. Consider process to develop recommendations to Council about: CodeNEXT: The “new City of Austin initiative to revise the Land Development Code, which determines how land can be used throughout the city – including what can be built, where it can be built, and how much can (and cannot) be built.”
<http://www.austintexas.gov/codenext>
- 8) SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – Sue Carpenter / Alison Bentley
 - a. School Readiness Plan Update
- 9) RELATED GROUPS (Only as needed)
 - a. City/County/AISD Joint Committee
 - b. Austin Association for the Education of Young Children
 - c. Commission for Women
 - d. Child Care Licensing
 - e. Workforce Solutions

10) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Meeting locations are planned with wheelchair access. If requiring Sign Language Interpreters or alternative formats, please give notice at least 4 days before the meeting date. Please contact Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, Health and Human Services Department, at (512) 972-5028 or email: Ron.Hubbard@austintexas.gov , for additional information. TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711.

For more information on the Early Childhood Council, please contact Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, Health and Human Services Department, at (512) 972-5028 or email: Ron.Hubbard@austintexas.gov .