



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 11, 2015**

The Early Childhood Council convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at United Way for Greater Austin, in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance: Kyle Holder (Chair), Jacquie Porter (Vice-Chair), Albert Black, Dustin Breithaupt, Larry Elsner, Aletha Huston, Debra Keith-Thompson, Laura Koenig, Anurita Mittra, Cindy Rodriguez, Brook Son and Avis Wallace. Staff in Attendance: Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) staff – Dr. Rosamaria Murillo, Rachel Farley, Ron Hubbard and Cynthia Gamez

Chair Holder called the Board Meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

1. INTRODUCTION: Members of the audience introduced themselves to the Council members.
2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None
3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Raye Sansom with Austin AEYC announced Austin AEYC's conference to be held April 11th, 2015 at Austin Community College Eastview Campus.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The February 11, 2014, regular meeting Minutes were approved on Council Member Keith-Thompson's motion. Council Member Porter seconded on an 11-0-0 vote.
5. PRESENTATIONS:
 - a. Vaccinations and Medical Implications for Child Care Centers - Austin/ Travis County HHSD, Dr. Philip Huang answered questions from Provider Work Group regarding vaccinations. He discussed the spread of diseases, like influenza for communities if none, some, or most of the population gets immunized. Additionally, he discussed which conditions have a higher rate of incidence in Travis County: Pertussis, Pneumooccus and Varicella.
 - b. Healthy Texas Babies – Austin/ Travis County HHSD, Dr. Rosamaria Murillo and Rachel Farley presented on the DSHS grant components for creating a Healthy Texs Babies Coalition as well as using specific pre-conception and inter-conception clinical interventions to be used in routine primary care so providers approach women about pregnancy intentions, resources and anticipatory guidance.
 - c. Pay for Success/Third Sector Update – Dr. Rosamaria Murillo from Austin/Travis County HHSD and Dr. Leah Meunier from United Way for Greater Austin presented on this Pay for Success proposal for a feasibility study focusing on reducing teen pregnancy rates. There could be an opportunity to finance and scale up this early intervention system if awarded. Partners include United Way, Austin/Travis County HHSD, Travis County HHS & VS, Central Health and Greenlights.

6. WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS

- Executive Work Group –
 - Chair Holder led discussion regarding the great attendance by community as well as Council Members and their staff at the United Way Breakfast Briefing on Early Childhood which preceded this regular meeting. Thanked Sue Carpenter and United Way for Greater Austin who co-hosted.
- Policy and Finance Work Group –
 - Did not meet but working on Work Plan which will incorporate SRAP. Next meeting is Monday, March 30th at 10am at Flight Path.
- Provider's Work Group –
 - Council Member Koenig discussed tax incentive program and how the Provider work group is working with United Way to assess what the tax burden actually is and to research what other tax relief structures are in place in our community.
 - Next Provider meeting is on 3/26/15 after the Workforce Solutions Director's Network meeting.

7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS –

- Cindy Gamez reported that the National League of Cities would like for ECC members to provide input on the technical assistance grant. Discussion regarding poverty/crime rates and relation to birth risks occurred. Policy Work Group will work with City of Austin EC Coordinator to firm up the request for NLC during their next meeting.

8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE –

- a. Alison Bentley reported that SB6 data updates are completed and will be published in May

9. RELATED GROUPS – None

- a. Austin AEYC – Raye Sansom reported that Week of the Young Child will take place 4/12/15-4/18/15. There will be a kickoff event at the State Capital on 4/12/15.
- b. Workforce Solutions – Franciell Farris reported that staff has been trained on the new TRS tool. Re-assessments using the new tool will start 4/1/15. Also, on 9/1/15, the board will establish new rates for new TRS designations. All providers recently received a rate increase.
- c. Austin ISD – Pre-K Day at the Capital will be held on 3/10/15

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

- a. Child Inc Head Start Presentation

ADJOURNMENT - Chair Holder adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m. without objection.