



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, June 10, 2015**

The Early Childhood Council convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

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

Chair Holder called the Board Meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS: Members of the audience introduced themselves to the Council members.
2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.
3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The May 13, 2015, regular meeting Minutes were approved on Council Member Keith-Thompson’s motion, Council Member Black seconded on a 6-0-1 vote with Council Member Mittra abstaining.
5. PRESENTATION:
  - a. Immigrant Services Network of Austin – Presentation on unaccompanied children needed services in Travis County. Requested funding from City of Austin and Travis County in the amount of \$585,896. No vote. Future action item scheduled for a special called meeting on 6-16-15.
  - b. HHSD Budget Overview - Budget proposal for FY16 presented to Council
6. WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS
  - Executive Work Group –
    - Chair Holder discussed the Early Childhood Council’s 2015 Work Plan and 2014 Annual Review. Approved on Council Member Huston’s motion and Council Member Black’s second on a 9-0 vote.
  - Policy and Finance Work Group –
    - Council Member Son discussed future of group strategies for National League of Cities. Technical assistance items mentioned for meeting with NLC on June 16<sup>th</sup> include:
      - Encourage reappointment of ECC members
      - Build better communication between ECC and APD
      - Possible State of Children address
      - Departmental policies/procedures to show impact on children
      - Mayor becoming Children’s Champion

- Workgroup will submit changes to the SRAP by June 15<sup>th</sup>. The group will also broaden participation to be more inclusive. Recommendations stemming from group will be presented to the full ECC and then to the SRAP leadership team.
  - Authorized Policy and Finance Work Group to report to SRAP leadership in absence of the ECC. Motion passed 9-0.
- Provider's Work Group –
    - Council Member Koenig reported that the group met on May 28<sup>th</sup> at Workforce Solutions. Co-locating with Directors group has proven valuable and a good use of time to ensure responsiveness to a community of providers.
    - 16 Texas Rising Star providers did not qualify/meet new TRS standards

7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS –

- Will schedule a Special Called meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> for possible action on ISNA presentation and School Readiness Action Plan update approval.

8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE –

- a. Alison Bentley reported that SRAP 2.0 was published. Full document will be available soon. On-going work on finalizing tactics. Next Early Childhood Stakeholder meeting will be at Allan Elementary on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.

9. RELATED GROUPS – None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

- a. Special Called Meeting June 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 8am at City Hall.
- b. Election of New Officers
- c. Discussion of ECC Overview and Bylaws for newly appointed members
- d. HHSD Overview Presentation

**ADJOURNMENT** - Chair Holder adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m. without objection.