



EARLY CARE & EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Workforce Solutions Alamo
100 N. Santa Rosa St., Suite 120, Boardroom
San Antonio, TX 78207

May 31, 2024

1:30PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor (Chair), Betty Munoz, Leslie Cantu, Yousef Kassim, Elizabeth Lutz, Dawn Dixon

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Dr. Henrietta Munoz, Eunice Grant, Jennifer Martinez, Lisa Elizondo, Liza Gomez, Mark Larson

STAFF: Adrian Lopez, Adrian Perez, Angela Bush, Caroline Goddard, Eric Vryn, Jessica Lockhart, Jessica Villarreal, Kimberly Villarreal, Kristen Rodriguez, Teresa Chavez, Jesse Inclan

PARTNER STAFF: Richard Alcabes, Jessica Bracamonte, Patricia Alejandro

LEGAL COUNSEL: None.

GUESTS: Victor Azios- Early Matters SA, Selena Walsh-Early Maters SA, Jennifer Martinez-ESC20

AGENDA

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

At 1:30PM, Chair Ana DeHoyos O'Connor called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

The roll was called, and a quorum was declared present.

III. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

None

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM MARCH 4, 2024, EARLY CARE & EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

Upon motion by Mark Larson and seconded by Yousef Kassim, the Committee approved the minutes from March 4, 2024, Early Care & Education Committee meeting.

VI. UNITED WAY SYSTEMS-LEVEL INVESTMENT

Presenter: Liza Gomez, Vice President, Ready Children, United Way of San Antonio

United Way shared recruiting two Quality coaches to support the Texas Rising Stars mentors along with the existing coaches to meet the September 30th deadline. United Way has invested in hiring two coaches that are now providing direct coaching to the community. So, over the last year, there has been an investment in a total of five new coaches.

VII. CHILDCARE UPDATES (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Presenter: Jessica Villarreal, Director of Child Care

- a. Childcare Performance Briefing
 - FY2024 performance briefing last committee meeting reported that.
 - Alamo is working to increase enrollments back to meets performance range which according to TWC is at 95 to 100 percent. Last meeting we were at 92% and excited we meet performance again within the range. Currently Alamo is averaging 96.61% and continues to monitor enrollments and funding to continue increase enrollment while remaining within our allocated budget.
- b. Child Care Services: In Care/Waitlist
 - As of May 23rd, WSA has 8,407 families in care which represents 14,318 children, and 3,498 children on our waitlist which represents 2,478 families awaiting scholarships for childcare. Waitlist continues to enroll families and add new families as well.
 - Provided breakdown by age group, the children that are awaiting scholarship for preschool and infant age.
- c. Texas Rising Star Assessment Update
 - Bear is at 40 percent and received Texas Rising Star certification. 28% for rural and 37% of entire Alamo Board certified Texas Rising Star and continue with scheduling assessments and communicate with TWC.
- d. Alamo Quality Centers
 - The total of current certified centers last meeting was 183 and has increased to 225 centers.
- e. Alamo CCS Provider Type and Capacity
 - Provided the total providers/capacity, and rural providers/capacity.
 - Alamo CCS Capacity Gains/Losses by zip code
- f. Entry Level Designation & Efforts Towards Increasing and Accessing Quality
 - Provided Entry Level Designation Timeline for Child Care Programs with that outlines the requirements and deadlines to meet and become TRS certified by September 30, 2024.
 - Entry Level Designation & Cohort Participation with 231 centers (167 Bexar/64 rural) and 37 Homes (25 for Bexar/12 rural)
- g. Child Care Investment Partnership (CCIP) & Potential Grants and Request for Application (RFA)
 - CCIP grant is comprised of CCDF funds and investment partners donation funds.
 - CCDF Amount not to exceed 250,000 per Board during six months; and up to 750,000 thereafter.
 - Partner Match donations is one dollar (\$1.00) for every one dollar of CCDF grant funds awarded.
 - Grant Award Period is 12 months to 18 months.
 - Submission Deadline will be received by March 1, 2021, and processed until CCDF project funds are exhausted. Applications will be processed on a first come first basis. Board may award a total of up to \$750,000 OF CCDF match.

VIII. PROCUREMENT BRIEFING) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Presenter: Gilbert Monk, Assistant Director of Procurement and Contracts

a. Child Care Quality Request for Proposal (RFP)

- RFP was rebid and received six proposals by the solicitation deadline, passed to the evaluators to score the proposals and provided feedback. The evaluators do a Fiscal integrity audit review for those that are being recommended for the contract and will present to the Audit & Finance Committee on July 8, 2024, and Executive Committee on July 12, 2024 and BOD on July 19, 2024 for final recommendation of the contract.

IX. CEO REPORT

Presenter: Adrian Lopez, CEO

a. Child Care Strategies

- Working closely with small development center and communication with Economic development corporations in each of the communities.
- Provided information on USDA with various funding sources available and potentially utilizing those resources. They have funds, for example for community facilities and get grant dollars to build a community facility for space for a childcare center.
- Utilize other local funding sources through economic development corporations to pursue dollars that are allocated based on sales tax. Push childcare as a business economic strategy to potentially open another revenue and pursue dollars and potentially combine those dollars with EDC.

X. CHAIR REPORT

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Committee may move into Executive Session for discussion on any issue for which there is an exception to the Act as set out in section 551.071 et. seq. including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Government Code §551.072 – Discussions Regarding Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property if Deliberation in an Open Meeting Would Have a Detrimental Effect on the Position of Workforce Solutions Alamo in Negotiations with a Third Party;
- b. Government Code §551.071 – All Matters Where Workforce Solutions Alamo Seeks the Advice of its Attorney as Privileged Communications Under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas;
- c. Pending or Contemplated Litigation;
- d. Government Code §551.074 – Personnel Matters Involving Senior Executive Staff and Employees of Workforce Solutions Alamo; and
- e. Government Code §551.089 – Discussions Regarding Security Devices or Audits.

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

At 2:39PM Chair Ana DeHoyos O'Connor motion to conclude meeting with Mark Larson and seconded by Yousef Kassim.