



CHILD CARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Workforce Solutions Alamo
100 N. Santa Rosa, Suite 120
San Antonio, TX 78207
JUNE 28, 2021
9:00AM

WSA BOARD MEMBERS: DOUG WATSON, CHAIR; BETTY MUNOZ, ERIC COOPER, DR. SARAH BARAY, DR. HENRIETTA MUNOZ, KATHERINE FILUT, (9:05am); ANA DE HOYOS-O'CONNOR; KRISTI KOTHE, YOUSEF KASSIM, MARK LARSON, TONY MAGARO, MITCHELL SHANE DENN, LISA NAVARRO GONZALES,

WSA STAFF: ADRIAN LOPEZ, MARK MILTON, JESSICA VILLARREAL, LINDA G. MARTINEZ, DR. ANDREA GUAJARDO, ELIZABETH EBERHARDT, LOUIS TATUM, JOSHUA VILLELA, GABRIELA HORBACH, CHUCK AGWUEBDO, ANGELA BUSH,

LEGAL COUNSEL:

PARTNERS: DIANE RATH

GUESTS: ANA SALAZAR

AGENDA

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their names were submitted.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION
Presenter: Doug Watson, Chair
Call to Order and Quorum Determination At 8:00 a.m., Chair Watson called the meeting to order
- II. ROLL CALL
Presenter: Doug Watson, Chair
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT
Presenter: Doug Watson, Chair
None
- IV. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
Presenter: Doug Watson, Chair
Chair Doug Watson, Dr. Sarah Baray and Ana DeHoyos O'Conner abstained from voting on agenda item 7a.
- V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES OF
APRIL 26, 2021, CHILD CARE COMMITTEE MEETING
Presenter: Doug Watson, Chair
Upon motion by Board member Mr. Eric Cooper and 2nd by Board Member Dr. Sarah Baray, Board unanimously approved the April 26, 2021, meeting minutes.
- VI. EDUCARE UPDATE
Presenter: Dr. Henrietta Munoz, Executive Director, TX A&M Institute for
School and Community Partnership

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- Dr. Henrietta Munoz provided an update to the Child Care Committee on the Educare San Antonio.
- Dr. Munoz explained how the Educare Model focuses on bringing core features together with child and family outcomes. Pre-K for SA will be a key partner. This is the first of its type in Texas.
- We are anticipating Educare campus will have approximately 170 – 220 students.
- Educare center anticipated to open Fall of 2022 and will service South San Antonio. This location will service employers within the area, such as Toyota, Southwest Research Institute, and others.
- Educare poses as an excellent model for high quality schooling and early learning for students in South Bexar County, and throughout the city but how we create pathways for teachers coming from a CDA all the way through to a bachelors.
- Committee member, Ms. Ana DeHoyos O’Conner informed Dr. Munoz on additional funding, College Campus Funding slots.
- Chair Watson requested to have college funding added to next agenda.
- CEO Lopez added a policy for contractor slots will included and brought to the committee.

VII. CHILD CARE SERVICES RFP (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Presenter: Latifah Jackson, Director of Contracting & Procurement

a. Child Care Services (CCS) Contract Recommendation

- Chair Watson briefed the Committee on the Child Care Services contract. It’s a subsidy and largest contract WSA has. Parents apply and if they qualify, they can select a childcare development center and the childcare center submits for reimbursement for services.
- Ms. Latifah Jackson proceeded to provide the Committee with additional information regarding the Request for Proposal for Child Care Services. The City of San Antonio is the currently contractor.
- CCS was last procured in 2017. WSA staff issued a solicitation for a single contractor to provide childcare services for the Alamo region.
- WSA had three evaluators for this RFP. CoSA scored an average of 91.67 out of 105 points.
- The procurement was conducted in accordance with applicable procurement standards, including those specified in the TWC Financial Manual for Grants and Contracts. The total for this contract is \$75M.
- Committee Member, Mark Larson asked if there were any performance issues with the contractor in prior years that may give us reason not to re-issue?

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- CEO Lopez stated there have been no performance issues and performance metrics is tracked monthly.
- Committee member, Eric Cooper asked when this contract is awarded, how will it be perceived with the Small, Minority, Woman, and Veteran Owned Business Enterprises (SMWVBE).
- CEO Lopez explained the initial phase of SMWVBE is directly working with private vendors that are not necessarily delivering a subsidy. The implementation of SMWVBE is to look at where the direct vendors fall into specific categories.

Upon motion by Board member Ms. Lisa Navarro Gonzales and 2nd Board Member Mr. Eric Cooper, Board unanimously approved the Request for Proposal Child Care Services. Chair Doug Watson, Dr, Sarah Baray and Ana DeHoyos O’Conner abstained from voting on agenda item 7a.

VIII. BRIEFING (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Presenter: Jessica Villarreal, Child Care Services Director

a. Child Care Performance Briefing

- Ms. Jessica Villarreal, Child Care Services Director gave the following briefings to the committee.
- WSA continues to work with Child Care Contractor as they monitor & process enrollments. WSA maintains ongoing communication with Child Care Contractor, on TWC’s performance goal of 95%.
- Board performance that trends too high/too low has an impact on funding. As a result, WSA’s ongoing monitoring is of utmost importance to ensure performance remains within range and allows for WSA to continue to meet Performance goal of 95% set by TWC. Alamo is one of five boards that has met performance.
- WSA & Child Care Contractor will continue to monitor performance to ensure enrollment remains at a level that will not negatively impact performance.

b. Texas Mutual Grant Briefing (2nd application)

- WSA was invited to apply for a second COVID-19 grant from Texas Mutual. WSA applied for this grant in hopes to provide Child Care Centers an opportunity to enhance indoor environments for children. Indoor learning environments are essential to childcare learning, as they allow children to engage in a variety of way and allow teachers to extend the learning throughout the day. Additionally, improving the indoor learning environment is part of the Texas Rising Star (TRS) assessment and promotes quality and inclusion.

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- If awarded, WSA plans to place emphasis on providers working towards TRS certification and those certified as 2-Star TRS. In addition, WSA will review internal data to ensure that providers who have received the least amount of grant opportunities in the past are given additional consideration. It is the goal of WSA to widen the number of providers applying for and receiving grants, as this will ensure resources are equitably distributed throughout our region and increase the number of children being benefited by the enhancements.
 - Committee Member, Ms. Katherine Filut asked what process is in place to determine if Pre or 2-star centers actually achieve a higher star rating and how is that being tracked?
 - Ms. Villarreal stated WSA is working with other coaches and mentors that are working with these centers.
 - Committee Member, Ms. Ana De Hoyos O’Conner requested that the Committee be kept updated on staffing issues.
- c. Texas Rising Star Certification Briefing
- Child Care and Early Learning, (CC&EL), and Children's Learning Institute, (CLI) remain in communication regarding completion of the courses, the data regarding the number of staff who have been able to complete each course and how all of this impacts the to be determined implementation date.
 - Boards receive bi-weekly updates of their staff members participation and passing status. Courses 1 through 5 are available (Course 6 coming very soon). Texas Rising Star staff is prioritizing completion of the courses.
- d. TWC WD 13-21 Initial Job Search Child Care Briefing
- Some board areas having trouble enrolling families who are not working and meeting the hour requirement.
 - This waiver will allow up to three months of childcare, with zero co-payment for those parents searching for work.
 - Proposed waiver would temporarily be in place from July 2021 – September 2022.
- e. Early Matters Welcome & Introduction
- Mr. Mark Larson, Early Matters Officer Strategic Partnerships and Innovation introduced himself and is new to the Child Care Committee.
- f. Staff Changes
- Ms. Villarreal summarized all the transformation and changes that have transpired in Child Care; things that have taken place within eight months to aid families with childcare; and centers that have been provided funding for outdoor and or educational equipment.

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- IX. CEO REPORT
Presenter: Adrian Lopez, CEO
a. Success Stories
- X. CHAIR REPORT
Presenter: Doug Watson, Chair
- XI. Executive Session: Pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Committee may recess 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; and
 - d. Government Code §551.074- Personnel Matters involving Senior Executive Staff and Employees of Workforce Solutions Alamo.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT
Presenter: Doug Watson, Chair
Upon motion by Board member Ms. Ana DeHovos O’Conner and 2nd by Board Member Dr. Sarah Barav, Board unanimously approved to adjourn.

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