



CHILD CARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Workforce Solutions Alamo
100 N. Santa Rosa, Suite 120
San Antonio, TX 78207
August 29, 2022
1PM

WSA BOARD MEMBERS: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Chair- In Person; Betty Munoz, (1:25pm); Yousef Kassim; Dr. Sarah Baray; Dr. Henrietta Munoz (1:06pm); Mark Larson

WSA STAFF: Dr. Andrea Guajardo, Jessica Villarreal, Linda G. Martinez, Joshua Villela, Kimberly Villarreal, Angela Bush, Katherine Pipoly, Penny Benavidez, Rebecca Balencia Espino, Giovanna Escalante-Vela, Vanessa McHaney, Dr. Federico Ghirimoldi

LEGAL COUNSEL: None

PARTNERS: None

GUESTS: None

AGENDA

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their names were submitted.**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

At 1:00 p.m. Chair DeHoyos O'Connor called the meeting to order. The roll was called, and a quorum was declared present.

II. ROLL CALL

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

None.

IV. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

None.

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM
MAY 31, 2022 CHILD CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

Upon motion by Dr. Sarah Baray and second by Mark Larson, the Committee unanimously approved the May 31, 2022 Child Care Committee Meeting Minutes.

VI. EARLY MATTERS STRATEGIC PLAN BRIEFING

Presenter: Mark Larson, Early Matters Officer

- Mark Larson presented the Early Matters Strategic Plan Briefing with a focus on partnerships. From December to March, an engagement of one hundred people from thirty different entities were involved in this strategic plan.

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- The scope of this strategic plan is from ages 0 – 5. The focus is all early learning and development. This includes home providers, private providers, and public Pre-K. The geographic focus is Bexar County.
- The four systems are: Access to Quality, Professional Pathway, Family Engagement, and Ecosystem. There are also four primary partners, which are: Workforce Solutions Alamo, Pre-K for SA, United Way, and ESC 20.
- There are three main components in Access to Quality, which are: Improve, Scale to Increase Capacity, and Support Shared Services. All partners will work together to ensure that each component is met.
- Chair DeHoyos O’Connor recommends having an MOA to show each step and what is next. Mark Larson advised that this is their next step, and it is coming. Chair DeHoyos O’Connor also wanted to remind the committee that they are tasked with looking at the Texas Rising Star numbers and working with the Workforce Centers to make sure they know they have the resources available.
- Dr. Sarah Baray commented to remind everyone to reach out to the providers to ensure they have the resources needed in order to accomplish the goals and give quality service.

VII. UPDATES (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Presenter: Jessica Villarreal, Child Care Services Director

a. Child Care Performance Briefing

- WSA is currently meeting, or exceeding standards as set out by TWC.
- Even though enrollment in programs is occurring, WSA is working with a moving target and YTD currently sits at 98.2%.
- The current waitlist is 5,243. Pre-qualifications are needed to assist with this, such as proof of residency, birth certificates, verifying school transcripts, and submitting 3 months of last pay stubs. The contractor has been made aware of these needs and has sent out 3,660 packets to the families and has received back 1,825 as of April.
- Chair DeHoyos O’Connor asked for data on the marketing posters around the city for Early Matters. Mark Larson responded that marketing is targeted to Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 with no cost out of pocket for a public school. An MOA was created with the twelve school districts in region twenty and the City of San Antonio. The districts agreed to put in their pro-rata share with up to \$80,000, however, only \$40,000 was spent with what was needed. \$20,000 of that was for printing and putting up the marketing signs. \$15,000 was spent on a fifteen second audio advertisement on Spanish radio shows. \$5,000 was spent on social media marketing, which starts in a couple of weeks. So far, 105 families have responded to these marketing attempts by calling the advertised phone number.

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- b. Child Care Data Strategy Briefing
 - Dr. Andrea Guerrero Guajardo presented the Child Care Data Strategy Briefing. Currently working on a data strategy with Dr. Federico Ghirimoldi.
- c. Texas Rising Star Assessment & Quality Updates
 - WSA currently has 6 TRS assessors who have completed their certification. There are 133 certified centers. 131 centers have been recertified and the assessments have been completed. There are 2 2-star centers, 15 3-star centers, and 114 4-star centers for our Board area. Bexar County has 25.41% TRS programs. The Rural area has 15.56% TRS programs. The TRS assessors are beginning to do their unannounced annual monitoring again.
 - Dr. Sarah Baray asked where the centralizing of assessors' process is. Jessica Villarreal responded with about a month ago the RFP was put out. By January all of the assessors will be under the same entity.
 - In April 2022, WSA launched the TRS Quality Pathway Cohort in order to align all of the coaches and mentors in the different organizations. This will help to begin a pathway towards quality and success. So far, \$71,000 has been invested for the Spring 2022 Cohort for the thirteen centers.
 - Mark Larson asked who is opted into this cohort. Jessica Villarreal responded that there are thirteen who submitted interest forms in becoming TRS and an assessment has been done on them. 13 to 15 are currently in the works for the next cohort.
 - CRRSA fund update: As of August 22, 2022, \$174,150 incentives have been awarded to 583 Early Learning Program staff in seventy different programs. \$923,450 in quarterly bonuses have been awarded to 1,962 staff in sixty different programs.
- d. Texas Rising Star Contracted Slots Pilot/Policy
 - Fifty slots have been awarded for Infant and/or Toddler expansion on a 1-year contract. The three centers are Converse Christian School, La Mision, and DePaul Children's Center. Requested an approval on the policy for the contracted slots.

Upon motion by Dr. Sarah Baray and second by Mark Larson, the Committee unanimously approved the Texas Rising Star Contracted Slots Pilot Policy.

VIII. CEO REPORT

Presenter: Adrian Lopez, CEO

- a. Success Stories

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— Katherine Pipoly presented the CEO Report as Adrian Lopez had a conflict with another meeting. Advised the Committee of the new Mobile Unit.

IX. CHAIR REPORT

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

None.

X. 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:

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- 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.

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

Chair DeHoyos O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

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