



CHILD CARE COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES

Workforce Solutions Alamo
100 N. Santa Rosa, Suite 120, Board Room
San Antonio, TX 78207

March 3, 2023

10AM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor (Chair), Leslie Cantu, Yousef Kassim (10:01 am), Betty Munoz (10:03 am)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Dawn Dixon (10:10 am), Dr. Sara Baray (10:01 am), Mark Larson (10:04 am), Liza Gomez (10:01 am), Kristy Kothe (10:12 am)

WSA STAFF: Adrian Lopez, Katherine Pipoly, Giovanna Escalante-Vela, Jessica Villarreal, Chuck Agwuegbo, Dr. Ricardo Ramirez, Linda Martinez, Vanessa McHaney, Jessica Lockhart, Helane Aghayere, Carlos Garcia, Kim Villarreal, Jessica Bracamonte, Terry Trevino

LEGAL COUNSEL: None.

GUEST: None.

AGENDA

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- I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION
Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair
At 10:00 am, Chair DeHoyos O'Connor called the meeting to order.
- II. ROLL CALL
Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair
The roll was called, and a quorum was declared present.
- 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 NOVEMBER 7, 2022 CHILD CARE COMMITTEE MEETING AND INFORMATIVE MEETING ON JANUARY 20, 2023
Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair
Upon motion by Leslie Cantu and second by Dr. Sarah Baray, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes from November 7, 2022 Child Care Committee Meeting and Informative Meeting on January 20, 2023.
- VI. CHILD CARE UPDATES (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
Presenter: Jessica Villarreal, Director of Child Care
 - a. Child Care Performance Briefing

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- WSA’s unofficial YTD average for FY23 is 96.09% which is in the meets performance range.
- Jessica Villarreal visited onsite to observe the processes of enrollment. The challenges that the staff is having in the enrollment process is to gather all the required documentation. Parents are struggling to care for their children, working multiple jobs, and attending school or training, which makes it difficult for them to turn in paperwork, return phone calls, or choose a childcare center.
- b. Texas Rising Star Assessment Update
 - Percentage of TRS/CCS is 24%, with 120 in urban and 22 in rural.
 - Mark Larson would like a detailed report on how many centers joined and opted out of CCS and the reason for it. In addition, he would also like to see how many centers joined or dropped out of TRS and the reason for it.
 - Liza Gomez was asked to present the Salesforce database/platform of all the providers in the Bexar County area at the next meeting.
 - Currently two centers are awaiting an initial assessment and 87 centers are awaiting their annual monitoring for TRS.
- c. TRS Contracted Slots Pilot Briefing
 - 50 slots have been awarded for infant and/or toddler expansion with a one-year contract. So far ten have been placed at Converse Christian School, seven at La Mision Child Care and Kid Kamp, and four at DePaul Children’s Center.
- d. Entry Level Designation & Efforts Towards Increasing Quality for CCS Centers (TWC timeline of 24 months)
 - The deadline to become TRS certified is September 30, 2024.
 - 411 providers have been identified by TWC as meeting Entry Level Designation. Of the 302 in Bexar County and 109 in rural communities, 348 are centers and 63 are homes. WSA is reaching out to all of these providers to let them know they have access to mentoring services to assist them in reaching TRS status. Mentors are also sending out notifications to these providers and are receiving responses.
 - Currently 71 out of 411 eligible providers are enrolled in the WSA Quality Cohort with 56 being in Bexar County and 15 in rural communities.
 - In the previous cohort, 11 providers completed. Of the 11, four have received a TRS 4 Star certification, three have submitted applications for assessment, two are actively working with a mentor before submitting an application, and two are not currently eligible for an assessment due to deficiencies.
- e. WSA Efforts for Access to Quality

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- Collaborating with United Way and Pre-K 4 SA to share information on centers who are in cohorts and those on the Entry Level Designation list in an effort to avoid duplication of services and to reach as many centers as possible through mentoring and coaching.
- Mentors are creating QIPs with Early Learning Programs working towards TRS certification and after receiving certification to maintain quality.
- Continuing to explore opportunities to continue to expand reach in mentoring and coaching centers with other prospective partners.
- Connecting with TWC, TECPDS, CLI, Child Care Regulations, TXAEYC/TEACH and Texas School Ready who have presented information to cohort.
- Completed Procurement Process for Professional Development/Trainers to support Early Learning Center staff. (Awaiting returned signed contracts to begin projected scheduling of PD/trainings with vendors.)
- Received extension to continue Texas Rising Star Contracted Slots Pilot through December 2023.
- Hosting Provider Council meetings with United Way to discuss childcare topics, policies, and gaining insight into the areas of importance/concern from Early Learning Centers prospectives.

VII. CEO REPORT

Presenter: Adrian Lopez, CEO

- a. Success Stories

VIII. CHAIR REPORT

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

- Based on discussions at the Board of Directors Retreat, Ana DeHoyos O'Connor proposed changing the Child Care Committee name to Early Care & Education Committee. All committee members agreed on this change.
- Ana DeHoyos O'Connor is going to extend an invitation to Jennifer Martinez from Region 20 to join the Early Care & Education Committee.
- Ana DeHoyos O'Connor is receiving the Champion of Advocacy Award from the Texas Association of Education of Young Children.

- IX. 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.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

At 11:01 am, Chair DeHoyos O'Connor adjourned the meeting.

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