



Policy Council Meeting
Monday, August 31st, 2020 – 5 pm
By Audio Conference Call

Minutes

1. Call to order

Call to order by Marcella Gadberry, Policy Council Chair, at 5:05 pm.

2. Roll call

Norma Lopez, Family Support Specialist, did roll call. Sixteen members attended, quorum was established.

POLICY COUNCIL 19-20	BY CONFERENCE CALL	VOTING
EHS HOME BASE		
Mirna Barreras- Member	X	X
Socorro Gonzalez- Alternate		
EHS CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIPS		
Heather Fontenot- Member	X	X
Tanya Molina - Member	X	X
Vacant- Member		
Vacant- Alternate		
Vacant- Alternate		
Vacant- Alternate		
EHS CENTER BASE		
Amy Whatley- Member	X	X
Mayada El Tyeb Abdalla- Member		
Yazmin Castro- Alternate	X	X
Gabriela Garcia- Alternate		
HS TEMPE/GUADALUPE/SCOTTSDALE CENTER BASED		
Hilda Cota- Member	X	X
Ana Ramirez- Member		
Alyssa Darden- Alternate	X	X
Akeema Teague- Alternate		
HS CHANDLER/GILBERT CENTER BASED		
Marcella Gadberry- Member (Chair)	X	X
LaShawn Fortune – Member	X	X
Vacant- Alternate		
Vacant- Alternate		
HS MESA CENTER BASED		
Jaqueline Royalty- Member	X	X
Laisa Sanchez- Member		
Heather Danburg- Member	X	X
Beatriz Lopez- Member	X	X
Maria Pacheco- Member	X	X
Leslie Balderrama- Member		
Reyna Trujillo – Member		
Rosa de los Santos – Alternate		
Marisela Alcalá – Alternate		
Marisol Monroy – Alternate		
Maria Meza – Alternate		
Vacant – Alternate		
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COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES		
Susan Jacobs – Member	X	X
Sarah Agostinho – Member	X	X
Vacant – Alternate		
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS		
Cristina Arzaga-Williams (Liaison non-voting)	X	
*9 members for quorum TOTAL	16	15

Additional persons present:

	Attendee	Role		Attendee	Role
1.	Eve del Real	Head Start Director	2.	Nicole Forbes	Finance & Budget Manager
3.	Nancy Kessay	Family Services Manager	4.	Jamie Shaver	Grants Accountant
5.	Norma Lopez	Family Support Specialist	6.	Linda Roldan	Bilingual Receptionist
7.	Susie Marquez M.	Program Assurance Supervisor			

3. Board of Supervisors liaison report, Cristina Arzaga-Williams

Cristina represents the Board of Supervisors, BOS's still working on COVID response, they oversee Public Health. County has established a couple programs; Rental Assistance Program, that it will give up to 3 months of rental assistance for persons impacted by COVID or loss of employment; Utility Assistance Program and Small Business Grant program. All information is on Maricopa.gov if you need assistance or to refer anybody.

Also, County establish with the Public Health Department the school dashboard to establish the metrics and some guidance for schools making the decision on whether to reopen and do in class instructions.

Regarding HS, BOS has a couple agenda items on their meeting on Wednesday to approve COLA and Quality Improvement funds, and amendments to lease agreement.

4. Head Start Director's Report, Eve Del Real

Some of Head Start staff are supporting the programs that are doing the processing for the rental assistance applications, as well as some of the utility ones. Head Start is very much at the forefront, still trying to continue supporting our community and the county's constituency as best as possible.

Eve welcomed a new member of leadership team, Jamie Shaver, as our new Grants Accountant. Jamie has 20 years of experience. Maricopa County Head Start got an invitation to speak on a Congressional call. Director had the privileged to have Marcella joined her on the call. Only 2 programs on the state got the invitation, we got the opportunity to provide information about the impact COVID has had on our families and our Head start services. Marcella did an amazing job sharing her testimony, it did such an impact that it was even heard at federal level. Director is grateful for Marcella's support and leadership.

Our goal is to minimize for families and staff the risk of COVID exposure, so we are moving forward to virtual instruction for now. On September 21st program will evaluate if it's safe to reopen in person classes. If it safe we might open the week of October 12, it depends on the released numbers. Thanks to County support we were able to order 400 laptops for virtual services for our families. Equipment availability is limited right now, we are just waiting for the delivery.

DES Child Care Subsidy can not be moved to another center that is opened, it's a State's COVID response to support child care providers. Please call your Family Support Specialists or our office if you need support.

5. Funding Applications, Eve del Real

- **Round 4 Competitive EHS CCP Application** - The Maricopa County Human Services Department Early Education Division is requesting \$1,882,836 to Partner with Child Care programs to improve the quality care and education that very young children in regulated center-based child care may experience, and to expand existing EHS center-based services for children's whose parents are enrolled in school or a job training program. The proposed service area for expansion of EHS Child Care Partnerships is all of Maricopa County excluding the City of Phoenix. Targeted service areas are in communities of Mesa, Tempe, Chandler, Glendale, Avondale, and Peoria which reflect areas with highest numbers of unserved eligible children and a high number of institutes and programs that are providing employment training. The project will leverage Early Head Start operational funds with Child Care subsidies to provide 96 high quality full working days, year-round early learning opportunities to our County's youngest children from birth to age three whose working families are experiencing poverty.
- **APPROVALS** - Application approved by all members present, no opposes.

6. March, April, May and June 2020 Financial Statements, Nicole Forbes

Finance & Budget Manager, Nicole Forbes, reviewed the financial statements.

- **APPROVALS** – March, April, May and June 2020 Financial Statements approved by all members present, no opposes.

7. Policy Council Minutes

- **APPROVALS** – May 1st, 2020 Policy Council Emergency Meeting Minutes approved by all members present, no opposes.

8. Policy Council members Reports

No report by members.

9. Call to the public

No comments by the public.

10. Adjournment

Marcella Gadberry call a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved by all members. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.

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Next meeting:

- **End of The Year Meeting and Seat New Policy Council-** Monday September 28th, 2020 Time and Location to be determined

All parents are invited to attend all Policy Council meetings.