MAHS Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2018
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In Attendance
Rebecca Curtis  Susan Knittle  Samantha Belcher
Carlos Salazar  LaTrisha Gaston  Kathy Fuger
Alex Ellison  Molly Merrigan  Councilman Lee Barnes Jr.

Grantee/Delegate Staff /Guest
Liz Smith  Mitchell Walker  Patty Lucas
Traci Garcia Castells  Jovanna Rohs  Mark Johnson

Absent
Elena Ramsey

Rebecca Curtis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. A quorum was established.

Information Sharing

- Five-Year Grant Application Liz Smith reported that she submitted the grant application last Friday, April 6th. Liz commented that she expects to hear from the OHS about the application in June.
- Liz Smith reviewed the Outlined Grant Proposal (See attached document). In the proposal, the grant included three new sites Emmanuel Child Development Center, Excelsior Springs, and Front Porch Alliance. Front Porch Alliance is a home based only program. For slots in the grant application, there will be an increase in Head Start full day slots, a reduction of HS 55 slots and an increase of EHS 53 slots to offer additional full day slots at sites. Then, Liz discussed that for the YMCA there will be restructuring of slots and sites to accommodate the extended hours; the Liberty site will close and students will transition to the Northland site at Maple Woods; Burlington will transition to a Head Start only site; Thomas Roque will transition to an Early Head Start only site; and Metro will close.
Action Items

Approval of Minutes
Committee members reviewed the March MAHS Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Rebecca Curtis asked for spelling correction in the February minutes.

Samantha Belcher motioned to approve the March MAHS Advisory Committee meeting minutes as amended. Latrisha Gaston seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Program Summary
- Enrollment: Liz commented that Center, Grandview, YMCA, and KCPS had open slots in the month of the March. For KCPS’ Central school, staff are meeting with administrators and counselors to address the open slots issues; for the other programs with open slots, programs had issues with immunizations and spring break.
- Attendance: Liz reported that most sites met the attendance target.
- Eligibility: Liz informed committee members that we are close to 10% target for the enrollment of children with an IEP or IFSP.

Attendance, enrollment, childcare subsidy and CAFP Reports
Alex Ellison motioned to approve the March Attendance, enrollment, childcare subsidy and CACFP Reports. Councilman Barnes, Jr. seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial statements and credit card expenditures
Mark Johnson presented Program Year 5 (Final Month Ending- February 2018), Head Start & Early Head Start Expansion Grant PYI (Month ending- February 2018), Missouri Early Head Start Program Year 3 (Month Ending- February 2018), CHW REACH Foundation grant (Month Ending- February 2018) local community support expenditures reports, and the February MAHS credit card statements (see attached reports). Mark Johnson commented that funds for the EHS expansion grant will be released to MAHS in March, and he is contact with expansion sites to update the journal entry process.

All expenses and reports were deemed allowable, allocable and reasonable.
Alex Ellison motioned to approve the February MAHS Financial and Credit Card Statements. Councilman Barnes, Jr. seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Early Learning Update-Dr. Jovanna Rohs

- Dr. Rohs reported for the federal budget, there is additional funding for Head Start funds in the amount of 100 million and that Missouri doubled the amount for the Childcare Block Grant.
- For the 2018 MO state legislative session, the legislative body is currently focused on the Governor Greitens. Then, she said there is some discussion of cutting the MPP budget but Dr. Rohs has not heard back for the final details from early education advocates in Jefferson City.
- Pre-KC.org, Liz reported that parents and early education sites received their subscription boxes. The boxes have resources to educate and support children.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.