MAHS Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Nov
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In Attendanceee
Rebecca Curtis   Kathy Fuger   Susan Knittle   Alex Ellison
Larisha Turner  Ibrahim Ramsey

Grantee/Delegate Staff /Guests
Patty Lucas     Liz Smith     Kasey Lawson
Traci Garcia Castells  Jovanna Rohs  Mark Johnson

Absent
Molly Merrigan   Councilman Lee Barnes, Jr.

Rebecca Curtis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. A quorum was established.

Introductions
Rebecca had committee members introduce themselves and the organizations they represent. Then the new Head Start Policy Council Representatives introduced themselves. Larisha Turner informed committee members that she represents the Raytown site. Currently, she has one child enrolled and is actively involved at her site. Ibrahim Ramsey represents the Kansas City School District; he said that he is involved with his daughter’s site and has started a mentoring program for other Head Start fathers.

Information Sharing
- Policy Council Elections-Liz announced that Anneasyka Roston was elected as Chairperson of the Policy Council at the meeting that occurred the previous evening.
- Meeting Schedule (see document)-Liz presented the 2018-2019 Policy Council and Advisory Committee meeting schedule. The schedule shows the general topics and framework for the meeting throughout the year. Liz also explained that in January the Policy Council and Advisory meetings will introduce a new software program designed to provide all meeting packet information electronically. The software system is called “OnBoard” and designed specifically for Committee and Board meeting use.
EHS Expansion Grant—Liz shared the Office of Head Start’s funding opportunity announcement for expansion of Early Head Start programs that was released October 30, 2018. The grant application is due November 30th, 2018 and Liz is in the process of negotiating with current EHS partners to determine their interest in participating in an application.

Early Learning Updates

- Dr. Rohs announced that MARC is planning an Early Learning Career Fair to be held at Operation Breakthrough on February 9th. The fair will highlight opportunities for jobs and continuing education in early education along with opportunities for jobs within the local trades that may be of interest to Head Start parents.
- Dr. Rohs commented on Proposition B that was passed in Mo., which raises the minimum wage. She commented that this will have an impact budgets and staffing for programs connected to MARC’s early learning and aging departments. Jovanna said that she and James Stowe, the Director of MARC’s aging and adult services department, are working together to discuss how best to support programs in planning for this change.

Action Items

Approval of Minutes

- Rebecca Curtis had committee members review the September meeting minutes. No changes were made. Alex Ellison motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Susan Knittle seconded the motion and the motion carried.

ERSEA Training and Approval of 2019-2020 Selection Criteria

- Kasey Lawson, Head Start Enrollment manager, gave an update on the status of MARC’s Head Start and Early Head Start enrollment. For the month ending October 2018 the Federal Head Start enrollment was at 97.5% and Federal Early Head Start was at 96.3%. Federal Early Head Start Expansion was at 98.1%, and State Early Head Start was at 97.1%. Eligibility Training: Kasey explained that Head Start requires that all committee members receive annual training on eligibility requirements.
within 180 days of the start of each program year. Kasey explained the various ways that a family and child are considered eligible for enrollment including the way family income is calculated and the kinds of situations that make a family automatically eligible such as homeless families and children who are in the foster care system.

- The 2019-2020 selection criteria format was presented for the committee’s review. Ms. Lawson explained the individual criteria and answered questions about how the points were determined.

Alex Ellison motioned to approve the 2019-2020 Selection Criteria. Kathy Fuger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Proposal from the YMCA for additional funds
Information regarding a request from the YMCA’s for additional funds, along with the recommendations outlined in MARC’s response were presented to the committee by Dr. Rohs. After discussion, the committee voted to approve the recommendations as follows:

- Keep the funding for the YMCA at the same level as was proposed in the original 2018-2019 budget; and
- Assist in funding the translation services for the YMCA Head Start programs.

Alex Ellison motioned to approve these recommendations and Ibrahim Ramsey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.