Policy Council Meeting Minutes  
June 11, 2018  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:
Karen Parker  Elena Ramsey  Rebecca Hockman  
Anneasyka Roston  Trewonna Beauvoir  Maria Flores  
LaTrisha Gaston  Anna Woelk  Yessica Mora  
Christopher Rotert  Patricia Minter

Excused:
Asia Townsend  Patricia Minter

Absent:
Dena Bogan  Christina Calhoon  Sarah Mayers  
Victoria Weston  Samantha Matney  Tara Zahn  
Cassie Clark  Tim Powell  Christopher Thornton

Grantee/Delegate Staff
Pam Black  Mark Johnson  Patty Lucas  
Michelle Pendzimas  Mitchell Walker

Guests:
Daniella Rivera

Vice-Chairperson Anneasyka Roston called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. A quorum was established.

Information Sharing

- Mid America Head Start Annual Report 2016-2017 (See attached report)
  Paul Lampe, MARC Public Affairs Staff, presented the draft 2016-2017 annual report. The report shows the progress of MAHS program. It contains eligibility information, child education outcomes, family outcomes, health and dental outcomes, and teacher qualifications. Mr. Lampe commented on the increase of physicals for HS children, progression of education outcomes from fall of 2016 to the spring of 2017, and increase in family outcomes.
• Program Instruction 18-04: Full Enrollment Initiative-Liz presented an Office of Head Start guidance on slots that are past 90 days. The guidance stated that HS grantees must develop a corrective action plan to attain full enrollment when enrollment drops below 97% for three consecutive months.

• Early Head Start Expansion COLA Grant- Liz Smith shared MARC’s proposed application for this grant. In addition to any needed increases in staff pay, the application will pass funds on to the Blue Springs School District EHS site in order to bring its reimbursement rate in line with the rate of all other programs to address the program’s increased operating costs.

Action Items

Approval of Early Head Start Expansion COLA Grant
Christopher Rotert motioned to approve the Early Head Start Expansion COLA Grant application. Karen Parker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Approval of Head Start/Early Head Start Federal COLA Grant
Rebecca Hockman motioned to approve Head Start/Early Head Start Federal COLA Grant. Maria Flores seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Approval of May Meeting Minutes
Policy Council members reviewed the May meeting minutes. No changes were made. Elena Ramsey motioned to approve the minutes. Christopher Rotert seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Program Summary: attendance, enrollment, Childcare subsidy, CACFP
Open Slots- Liz Smith reported on the enrollment challenges in EHS. She informed committee members that grantee staff and KCPS Head Start staff have met and developed a corrective action plan for EHS expansion slots at KCPS, and Liz has submitted these plans to the Head Start Regional Office. Elena Ramsey motioned to approve the May Attendance, enrollment, Childcare subsidy, and the June CACFP report. Christopher Rotert seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Early Learning Update
• Dr. Rohs reported that the City of Kansas City is considering a sales tax to support universal Pre-K for families residing within the city limits. The tax could potentially support a variety of program types (school district,
charter, community-based, family child care) within the city’s boundaries. Early education community leaders have been involved in the proposal.

Important Takeaways/Other Discussion
- Patty Lucas announced there will be classroom materials available for HS programs and for childcare centers. Traci Garcia Castells will send out information to the Policy Council members. Policy Council members will share the information with community members.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary