Policy Council Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2018  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:  
Patricia Adams  Yessica Mora  Karen Parker  
Asia Townsend  Cassie Clark  Trewonna Beauvoir  
Rebecca Hockman  Druciela Davenport  Mikalia Herron  
Kaitlin McLees  Emily Modikwe  Ibrahim Ramsey  
Larisha Turner  Maude Turner  Anneasyka Roston  
Tim Powell  Christopher Rotert  Christopher Thornton  
LaTrisha Gaston  

Absent:  
Patricia Minter  Danella Villa Lamdin  Bethaney Volkman  
Jeraline Harmon  David Creech  Tara Zahner  
Elena Ramsey  Andrea Adamski  Maria Cerritos  
Matt Choat  Shawn Cunningham  

Grantee/Delegate Staff  
Liz Smith  Traci Garcia Castells  Kasey Lawson  
Lynette Folwer  Michelle Pendzimas  Patti White  
Chelsea Lamas  Jovanna Rohs  Patty Lucas  
Daniella Rivera  Karen Aguilera  

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

Information Sharing  
- Grantee Overview-Liz Smith, MAHS Program Director, gave a brief overview of 
Mid America Head Start (MAHS) and of Mid America Regional Council (MARC). She explained that MARC has several departments that work on 
community development, emergency services, transportation, aging, and 
911. MAHS is the grantee for several Head Starts sites in Jackson, Clay, and 
Platte counties. Liz said that there are four Tier 3 sites and 14 sites that are 
Tier 1 and Tier 2. MAHS also contracts with individuals who provide support 
services such as mental health and professional development, for families 
and staff in Tier 1 and 2 programs.
Action Items:

**Election of Legacy Parents and Community Parents:**
The following parents wished to be considered as Legacy Parents and Community Members:

- **Anneasyka Roston**: Anneasyka informed members that she has been with the Policy Council for four years. She is involved with the Parent Leadership, helped plan Fifty-Faces, and served as the past chair.

- **Trewonna Beauvoir**: Trewonna had two children graduate from Head Start and has served as a legacy parent. She looks forward to continually learning from the Policy Council meetings.

- **Christopher Thornton**: Chris has participated in the Parent Leadership, and as a Legacy Parent, and as safety technician at Head Start events.

- **LaTrisha Gaston**: had a child attend the Kansas City Public School Head Start program and has participated on the Parent Committee for KCPS and on Policy Council.

  Cassie Clark motioned to approve the Legacy Parents, Karen Parker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Election of Officers and representatives to the Advisory Council:**
The following Policy Council members were nominated and elected as officers for the 2018-2019 Policy Council:

- Chairperson-Anneasyka Roston, Vice-Chair-Christopher Thornton, Secretary-Maude Turner, Vice-Secretary-Larisha Turner. Members elected to serve as representatives on the Head Start Advisory Committee-Ibrahim Ramsey, Larisha Turner, and Emily Modikwe.

**ERSEA Training and Selection Criteria**

- **Kasey Lawson**, Head Start ERSEA 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 Policy Council 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 Policy
  Council’s review. Ms. Lawson explained the individual criteria and
  answered questions about how the points were determined.

Latrisha Gaston motioned to approve the 2019-2020 selection criteria.
Christopher Rotert seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Other Business:**

  the Policy Council, Advisory Committee, Parent Leadership, and the Mo
  Head Start Association meetings.
- Standards of Conduct—Liz reviewed with Policy Council members the
  Standards of Conduct document and asked them to sign, acknowledging
  their agreement.
- Recognition of Policy Council members—Liz recognized the following
  outgoing members for their service to the Head Start program and
  commitment to Policy Council: Christopher Rotert, Cassie Clark, Asia
  Townsend, and Karen Parker.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Policy Council Secretary

Date