



Policy Council Meeting
Monday, February 28th, 2022
By Microsoft Teams Meeting

Minutes

1. **Call to order**
 Call to order by Nancy Family Services & Community Partnership, at 5:05 PM

2. **Roll call**
 Fabiola Romero, Administrative assistant. did roll call. 13 members attended; quorum was established.

Policy Council 21-22	PRESENT	VOTING
EHS HOME BASE		
Winnona De la Cruz		
Maria G Tesorero Ojeda	x	x
EHS CENTER BASE		
Ariana Gonzalez		
Ana Cervantes		
Kiz Jackson		
Brenda Macias	x	x
Mayada Abdalla	x	x
Taundra Rose		
HS CENTER BASE CHANDLER-GILBERT		
Destiny Harley		
Victoria Trigo Ocampo	x	x
Mirna Barreras	x	x
Maria Escobedo		
Selma Alvarez	x	x
HS CENTER BASE TEMPE/GUADALUPE/SCOTTSDALE		
Mayra Gutierrez		
Rosa Monge		
Rebecca Alfonzo		
HS CENTER BASE MESA		
Oralia Ramirez		
Orlenys Malaver	x	x
Denisse Minjarez Lagunes		
Marisol Agundez	x	x
Diana Juarez		
Jose Gonzalez	x	x
Yuri Alcala	x	x
Brenda Alvarez	x	x
Natasha Suarez		
Carmen Perez Labrada	x	x
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES		
Sarah Agostinho	x	x
Anita Cota Sota		
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS		
Cristina Arzaga-Williams (Liaison non-voting)		
TOTAL * members for quorum	TOTAL 13	TOTAL 13

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Additional persons present:

	Attendee	Role		Attendee	Role
1.	Doug Alf	Grant Accountant	8.	Herlinda Martineu	Family Support Specialist
2.	Dawna Coronado	Head Start Teacher	9.	Fabiola Romero	Administrative Assistant
3.	Linda Roldan	ERSEA Assistant	10.	Eve Del Real	Assistant Director
4.	Jen Gaulke	Early Education & Operations Manager	11.	Sylvia Peña	Family Support Specialist
5.	Michelle Jarosinki	ERSEA Coordinator	12.	Nancy Kessay	Fam Services & Community Partnership Mgr.
6.	Chris DeBois	HS Nurse	13.	Arnoldo Hernandez	Family Support Specialist

3. Board of Supervisors Liaison Report, BOS Monthly Report:

Please see the report for updates.

- The Maricopa County became one of the largest government employers in Arizona to offer Paid Parental Leave. The Board of Supervisors approved the policy as a part of our ongoing effort to support the people who work here and attract the best and brightest.
- If an employee works at least 20 hours a week and have been with the County continuously for 12 months, they will be eligible for as much as six weeks of parental leave when you have a baby or adopt a child. This leave can be used all at once or intermittently over 12 months and prevents the employee from having to use all your sick and vacation time as you enjoy and adapt to this addition to your family. And if both parents work for the County, they will both be eligible for the benefit.
- Over the past several months, our county leadership team has prioritized policies that support staff both during and after work hours. We have provided emergency time off to employees who contract COVID-19; we have updated our teleworking policy to give many employees more flexibility regarding when and where they work; and we have enhanced mental health and wellness support to meet the needs of our team during this uncertain time.
- The Board of Supervisors continue to work on developing the County budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
- Also, the County continues to host community covid 19 vaccinations and testing events throughout the County: as well setting up vaccination and testing sites for employees.

4. Head Start Director Report- Eve Del Real

Maricopa County Head Start will be promoting our program services and promoting our enrollment and current hiring positions through Broadcast Radio and Broadcast TV. We currently still have over 30 teaching vacancies; we encourage families that have family members that are interested in pursuing early education as a career and apply. Office of Head Start (OHS) continues to implement the mask mandate because the children we serve are not eligible for the COVID vaccine

5. Program Services Report

a. Program Services Report ERSEA

Please see attachment for detailed information

Enrollment and Program Services information have up to date reports and is encouraging people to complete walk-in, online or partial applications via telephone. Recent reports demonstrate there are a total of 604 children enrolled in the program. We 195 for EHS and 409 for HS.

b. Health, Nutrition & Safety

Please see Handout for detailed information

A program must provide high-quality health, oral health, mental health, and nutrition services.

Health Handout

Health Information regarding, cold, the flu and COVID-19.

Please visit the website kidsHealth.org for children's health and development

6. Approvals

a. HS and EHS Application Summary

Please see attachment for detailed information

Maricopa County Human Services Department (MCHSD) is requesting funding to continue Head Start services to 807 children ages 3-5 and Early Head Start services to 438 infants, toddlers, and pregnant women for the 12-month budget period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The Program is requesting the full amount of \$19,467,258 in program operations and \$297,511 in Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) funds. The defined service area for these programs is East Maricopa County Excluding the City of Phoenix.

Approval Brenda Macias did motion to approved. *Yuri Alcalá* did second motion, no opposes.

b. Selection and Enrollment Criteria Program Year 2022-2023

Please see attachment for detailed information

According to CFR 1302.14 Each Head Start program must annually establish selection criteria that weigh the prioritization of selection of participants that considers all eligible applicants for Head Start services.

Approval Brenda Macias did first motion to approved. *Yuri Alcalá* did second motion, *Carmen Perez* did third motion, and *Mirna Barreras* did fourth motion. no opposes.

c. Sites and Options Update

Please see attachment for detail information

Maricopa County Human Services Department – Early Education Division

Sites and Options PY 22-23 (UPDATED 2/9/2022)

EHS 390 and HS 792 Children. 43 sites a total of 80 Classrooms

Approval Brenda Macias did first motion to approved. *Mirna Barreras* did second motion, no opposes.

d. Equipment Approval Request Grant No. 09HE000185

Please see attachment for detailed information

MCHSD-EED respectfully submits a request to purchase equipment that exceeds the unit cost of \$5,000 to continue operating safely due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The requested equipment purchase is reasonable per OMB standards and will support the safe delivery of outdoor activities that children must space appropriately to mitigate the exposure to COVID

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19. The program proposes to utilize funds from Grant No. 09HE000185, which currently has a \$1,474,790 supply savings and is submitting for a budget revision to complete the purchase of the identified equipment that totals \$600,000.

Approval *Anita Cota* did motion to approved. *Yuri Alcala* did second motion, no opposes.

e. **Policy Council Meeting Minutes**

Please see attachment for detailed information

Policy Council Meeting Minutes from December 2021 and January 2022.

Approval. *Anita Cota* did motion to approved. *Brenda Marcias* did second motion Approved by all members present, no opposes.

f. **Financial Statements**

Please see attachment for detailed information

Doug Alf (Grant Account) reviewed the financial statements for January 2022

Approval. *Anita Cota* did motion to approved. *Brenda Marcias* did second motion Approved by all members present, no opposes.

7. **Policy Council Members Reports**

There are no reports from the members.

8. **Call to the public**

Parent Brenda Macias had questions concerning 1st Academy CCP hours. Eve Del Real answered questions.

9. **Adjournment**

Yuri Alcala did motion to adjourn meeting

Motion approved by all members. Meeting concluded at 6:22 PM

Next meeting

- **Monday, March 28, 2022** Through *Microsoft Teams Meeting and In-Person (Location TBD)*
 - *All parents are invited to attend all Policy Council meetings.*