



Policy Council Meeting
Monday, February 22nd, 2021 – 5 pm
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Minutes

1. **Call to order**
Call to order by Yuri Alcalá, Policy Council Vicechair, at 5:04 pm.
2. **Roll call**
Maria Pacheco, Policy Council Secretary, did roll call. Thirteen members attended; quorum was established.

POLICY COUNCIL 20-21	PRESENT	VOTING
EHS HOME BASE		
Karina Acuna - Member		
Vacant- Alt		
EHS CENTER BASE		
Carmen Perez - Member		
Yazmin Castro - Member	X	X
Vacant - Alt		
EHS CCP		
Heather Fontenot - Member	X	X
Ivonne Luna - Member		
Carol Iveth Cermeno - Member	X	X
Vacant- Alt		
HS TEMPE/GUADALUPE/SCOTTSDALE CENTER BASED		
Mayada Mohammed - Member	X	X
Hila Cota - Member	X	X
Alyssa Darden - Alt		
Vacant - Alt		
HS CHANDLER/GILBERT CENTER BASED		
Cynthia May - Member	X	X
Selma Alvarez - Member	X	X
Mirna Barreras - Alt	X	
Dina Levin - Alt		
HS MESA CENTER BASED		
Maysa Manassra - Member	X	X
Joana Ruiz de Álvarez - Member		
Jacqueline Royalty - Member		
Yuri Alcalá - Member	X	X
Marel Lopez - Member	X	X
Maria Pacheco - Member	X	X
Beatriz Zepeda Diaz - Member		
Nereida Beltran Diaz – Alt		
Krystal Ballain – Alt		
Anabel Campos - Alt		
Esthela Perez - Alt		
Tessa Pluma - Alt		
Vicenta Morales Farias - Alt		
Vacant - Alt		
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES		
Sarah Agostinho – Member		
Marcella Gadberry - Member		
Reyna Trujillo - Member		
Vacant - Member		
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS		
Cristina Arzaga-Williams (Liaison non-voting)	X	
TOTAL (*11 members for quorum)	13	11

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Additional persons present:

	Attendee	Role		Attendee	Role
1.	Eve Del Real	Head Start Director	2.	Olga de la Torre	Supervisor, First Teeth First
3.	Jen Gaulke	Child Development & Operations Manager	4.	Nancy Kessay	Family & Community Partnerships Manager
5.	Jamie Shaver	Grant Accountant	6.	Ethel Cunningham	Family Support Specialist
7.	Arnoldo Hernandez	Family Support Specialist	8.	Linda Roldan	ERSEA Assistant
9.	Elvira Fimbres	Family Educator			

3. Board of Supervisors liaison report, Cristina Arzaga-Williams

The County Board of Supervisors continue to work with the state for CV19 vaccination roll out; one of Our Point of Distribution for vaccination operated by Dignity Health located in the East Valley will stop operation by the end of the month. However, we have partnered up with the City of Mesa and they will serve as a vaccination site. Currently people age 65 and older are eligible for vaccines, as well as first responders; people working in health care and childcare and teachers. For more information on vaccine and appts please go to our website Maricopa.gov information will be in English and Spanish. The Board is still developing the FY21-22 budget which will be adopted at the end of March. Also, the Board of Supervisors are tracking the legislative session for any bills/proposal that will impact any County function.

4. Head Start Director’s Report, Eve Del Real

We are working to complete our annual self-assessment to help improve our quality and the early learning experiences for children, families, and staff. We sent communication to parents and they’ll have the opportunity to receive a \$15 Walmart gift card for a 30-minute phone interview provided by our evaluators. The staff focus groups will be divided by two, leadership, and frontline and family services staff. Staff will have the opportunity to share their perspectives in the following areas: Professional Development, Mental Health, School Readiness, Communication, among others. Also, we have the opportunity of the consolidation of our 3 grants into 1. It will help and benefit the department to simplify and avoid repetitive information and reports. The BOS sent notice to employees the extension of telecommuting until May 31st. It will impact our ability to resume in person services. We’ll send notice to our families next week to inform when we’ll resume our in-person services.

5. Oral Health Presentation, Olga de la Torre

Maricopa County's Office of Oral Health administers First Teeth First, a First Things First funded program. Basic oral screenings, education and referrals are provided at no cost to expectant mothers and children 0 through age 5, not enrolled in kindergarten throughout Maricopa County at Women, Infant and Children (WIC) clinics, Immunization clinics, and community events. Our valued partnership with Dignity Health has strengthened our outreach efforts in the East and Southeast Regions of Maricopa County. Participating children are eligible to receive fluoride varnish every six months. These preventive services are provided at no cost. For more information: <https://www.maricopa.gov/1955/First-Teeth-First>

6. Funding Applications

- **Year 3 Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships Continuation Application Summary.** Maricopa County Human Services Department (MCHSD) is requesting funding to continue Early Head Start—Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) services to 160 infants and toddlers for the 12-month budget period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The Program is requesting the full amount of \$2,743,600 in program operations and \$61,299 in Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) funds that are available to the Program for the second year of the project period. The total requested funding amount is \$2,804,899 combined with the operations and TTA. The defined area for these services is all of Maricopa County excluding the City of Phoenix.
 - **Approval-** Mirna Barreras 1st. Motion. Marel Lopez seconded it. Approved by all members present, no opposes.
- **Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships Non-Federal Share Waiver.** The Maricopa County Head Start program has successfully collected \$381,982 (56%) of the required Non-Federal Share of \$673,423.00 and projects to collect a total of \$631,982 by June 30, 2021. The program is requesting a Non-Federal share waiver for the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Reduction/Waiver of \$42,441 (6%) of the Non-Federal Share for the funding period of July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021.
 - **Approval-** Hila Cota did first motion. Marel Lopez made second motion. Approved by all members present, no opposes.
- **Head Start and Early Head Start Continuation Application Summary.** 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 182 infants, toddlers, and pregnant women for the 12-month budget period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The Program is requesting the full amount of \$14,597,270 in program operations and \$193,098 in Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) funds. The total funding application is \$14,790,368. The defined service area for these programs is East Maricopa County Excluding the City of Phoenix.
- **Head Start and Early Head Start Non-Federal Share Waiver.** The Maricopa County Head Start program has successfully raised \$ 905,046 (25%) of the required \$ 3,557,097 and plans to raise \$ 1,355,046 by June 30, 2021 from the non-federal share and is requesting a 62% Reduction / Exemption from Non-Federal Head Start and Early Head Start share in the amount of \$ 2,202,051 for the funding period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
 - **Approvals-** Hila Cota first motion. Marel Lopez seconded the motion. Unanimous approval for the HS and EHS Continuation Application Summary, and HS and EHS NFS Waiver.

7. January 2021 Financial Statements

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Grants Accountant, Jamie Shaver, reviewed the financial statements. We are behind and our expenses because of Covid-19, around 50% since we have savings on personnel, travel, etc.

- **Approval** – Unanimous approval for January 2021 Financial Statements.

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- **Approval** –Heather Fontenot did first motion, Hilda Cota seconded it. Approved by all members present, no opposes.

9. Policy Council members Reports

There are no reports from the members.

10. Call to the public

No comments by the public.

11. Adjournment

Yuri Alcala call a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved by all members. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Next meeting:

- Monday March 29th, 2021 at 5:00 pm by Microsoft Teams

All parents are invited to attend all Policy Council meetings.