



HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT

Early Education Division
Head Start Zero-Five Program



Policy Council Meeting Monday, April 26th, 2022

Through Microsoft Teams Meeting

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and

Arizona @ Work: Maricopa County East Valley Career Center

735 N Gilbert RD # 134, Gilbert, AZ 85234

Minutes

- Call to Order**
Call to order by *Brenda Macias*, Policy Council Vice-Chair, at 5:07 PM
- Roll Call**
Brenda Macias, Policy Council Vice-Chair, did roll call. 6 members attended; a quorum was not established.

Policy Council 21-22	PRESENT	VOTING
EHS HOME BASE		
Winnona De la Cruz	x	x
Maria G Tesorero Ojeda		
EHS CENTER BASE		
Ana Cervantes		
Brenda Macias	x	x
Mayada Abdalla		
Taundra Rose		
HS CENTER BASE CHANDLER-GILBERT		
Victoria Trigo Ocampo		
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		
Denisse Minjarez Lagunes	x	x
Marisol Agundez		
Diana Juarez		
Jose Gonzalez		
Yuri Alcala		
Brenda Alvarez		
Natasha Suarez		
Carmen Perez Labrada	x	x
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES		
Sarah Agostinho	x	
Anita Cota Sota		
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS		
Cristina Arzaga-Williams (Liaison non-voting)		
TOTAL 10* members for a quorum	TOTAL 8	TOTAL 6

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	Attendee	Role		Attendee	Role
1.	Doug Alf	Grant Accountant	9.	Samantha Huffman	Family Support Specialist
2.	Joana Alvarez	Teacher Assistant	10.	Sandra Burris	Teacher Assistant
3.	Linda Roldan	ERSEA Assistant	11.	Nickea Newman	Education and Content Supervisor
4.	Chris DeBois	HS Nurse	12.	Sylvia Peña	Family Support Specialist
5.	Ally Peterson	HS Teacher	13.	Nancy Kessay	Fam Services & Community Partnership Mgr.
6.	Susie Marquez	Program Assurance Supervisor	14.	Eve Del Real	Assistant Director
7.	Maureen Mason	Nutritionist	15.	Marisol Sandoval	Family Support Specialist Supervisor
8.	Arnoldo Hernandez	Family Support Specialist	16.		

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

Please see the report for updates.

- On Monday, the Board appointed Rachel Mitchell as the interim County Attorney. Ms. Mitchell has 30 years working in the County Attorney's office and was a division chief. The appointment filled the vacancy due to the resignation of Allister Adel. November's election will include voting for new County attorney. Ms. Mitchell and three other candidates will run for office in November.
- The board is in the process of developing the County's 5-year strategic plan. The plan will serve as a guide for Maricopa County and its departments to provide programs, assistance, and mandated services in an efficient and customer-friendly manner.
- The board is in final stages of development for fiscal year 2023 budget.
- As we continue to experience good weather the Board encourages everyone to take advantage of County regional parks.

4. Head Start Director Report

Program received notice of the availability of COLA and Quality Improvement funds. The program intends to apply for full amount of COLA and will review QI to determine allocation. We continue to have a high teaching vacancy rate and encourage families to help us promote openings.

5. Program Services Report

• **Family Services, Community, and Partnerships**

Maricopa County Head Start will be offering a summer school session from May 11th to July 15th. The Family Support Specialist will contact families with children transitioning to kindergarten. Afterwards, FSS will contact families with children aging out of EHS program. Summer sessions will be provided at Child Crisis and Taft sites.

• **ERSEA**

Please see the attachment for detailed information

Enrollment and Program Service information has 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 609 children enrolled in the program. We have 213 for EHS and 412 for HS. Families who provide SNAP approval letters will be automatically eligible for our services.

• **Health, Nutrition & Safety**

Please see the Handout for detailed information

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

Health Services Information for April 2022

Most up to date health data

Childhood Lead Poisoning Handouts

Arizona Department of Health Services recommends accessing AzHealth.gov/lead for more information. For questions, please contact the Office of Environmental Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program @ 602-364-3118.

6. Approvals

a. **Policy Council Meeting Minutes**

Please see the attachment for detailed information

Policy Council Meeting Minutes from March 2022

Pending Approval for the next Policy Council Meeting

b. **Financial Statements**

Please see the attachment for detailed information

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

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a. **COLA Grant No. 09CH012079**

The Consolidated Appropriations Act 2022, contains an increase of Head-Start funds by approximately \$28 million over the Fiscal Year 2021 level. This includes cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) of \$234 million and a \$52 million Quality Improvement Investment. The COLA supports a 2.28% adjustment above FY 2021 funding levels to increase the pay scales of Head Start and Early Head Start staff, including vacant positions, fringe benefits to offset higher operating costs. Quality Improvement funds are allocated proportionately based on federally funded enrollment levels with additional adjustments given to smaller grant recipients to allow for meaningful investment as permitted by the Act.

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7. Policy Council Member's Reports

There are no reports from the members.

8. Call to the Public

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9. **Adjournment**

Brenda Macias, Policy Council Vice-Chair, did a motion to adjourn the meeting
Motion approved by all members. The meeting concluded at 5:50 PM

Next meeting

- **Monday, May 23rd, 2022**, Through *Microsoft Teams Meeting and In-Person (Location TBD)*
 - *All parents are invited to attend all Policy Council meetings.*