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Education and Youth Committee Meeting

date Wednesday, November 8, 2023

time 12:00 p.m. MST

place Workforce Solutions Borderplex, Inc.
304 Texas Avenue, First Floor Conference Room, El Paso, Texas 79901

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Armando Aguirre, Chair
Sarahi Gross
Ruby Maldonado

Committee Members Absent:

Ernestina Fauntleroy
Rose Guerrero
Emma Schwartz

Workforce Staff Present:

Leila Melendez
Abigail Ruiz
Alma Aranda
Janell Valles

Kandolite Carson
Karina Castillo
Marisela Correa
Martha Cuellar

Rogelio Luna
Sergio Esquivel

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTE OF ATTENDANCE

(Dr. Armando Aguirre, Education and Youth Committee Chair)

Dr. Armando Aguirre, Education and Youth Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. Quorum was cited.

2. ACTION ITEMS

A: Discussion and action to approve:

- CCS Provider Paid Holidays
- CCS Provider Agreements

(Marisela Correa, Family Services Director)

Motion (Gross/Maldonado) to approve the CCS Provider Paid Holidays and the CCS Provider Agreements. Motion carried 3-0.

3. ACTIVITY REPORTS

A: Discussion and presentation on the study of after-hours childcare services commissioned by El Paso County. *(Alma Aranda, Workforce Development Director)*

Ms. Alma Aranda, Workforce Development Director, presented the results of the El Paso County's International County Management Association Research Project study on the need and supply for after-hours child care services. There were 1,180 responses from parents, 85 responses from employers, and 115 from childcare providers. The study also included focus groups with child advocacy groups and the El Paso Police Department.

B: Discussion to consider utilizing the Relative Care program as an incentive for workforce training and the consideration of limiting the amount of time a parent is eligible for the CCDF program. *(Marisela Correa, Family Services Director and Karina Castillo, Effectiveness and Research Director)*

Ms. Marisela Correa, Family Services Director, discussed that 63 out of 4,927 parents utilize relative care; out of 310 child care contracted providers, 36 offer after-hours care.

C: Discussion and updates on Child Care Services *(Marisela Correa, Family Services Director)*

- Policies and Procedures
 - State Attendance System
 - Local Child Care Advisory Council
- Business Support *(Rogelio Luna, Project Specialist)*
 - College Scholarships – EPCC
 - Child Care Industry Support – El Paso County ARPA Project

Ms. Correa discussed that penalties will be imposed on childcare providers not utilizing the CCS attendance system. Ms. Correa discussed the requirements of the local childcare advisory council. Mr. Rogelio Luna, Project Specialist, discussed the college scholarships given to El Paso Community College students and the childcare industry support El Paso County ARPA Project.

D: Discussion and updates on NextForce Services *(Janell Valles, NextForce Manager)*

- OneSky experience (Sergio Esquivel)
- Focus group
- Work Based Learning with Non-Profit Organizations

Mr. Sergio Esquivel, Lead DTS Consultant, discussed his experience with the One Sky Outdoor Retreat. Ms. Janell Valles, NextForce Manager, discussed the youth focus group on outreach strategies performed at the Pride Center.

4. ADJOURN

A: Discussion on items of interest for next agenda – February 23, 2024

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm MST.

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