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Education and Youth Committee Meeting

date Friday, April 28, 2023

time 12:30 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
Ernestina Fauntleroy
Carmen Perez
Emma Schwartz
Ruby Maldonado
Lili Mireles

Committee Members Absent:
Rose Guerrero
Sarahi Gross

Workforce Staff Present:
Abigail Ruiz
Alma Aranda
David Cuellar
Eduardo Anaya

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 12:30 pm. MST. Quorum was cited.

2. ACTION ITEMS

A: Discussion and action to approve the Proposed Reimbursement Rate Increase for Relative Care
(David Cuellar, Family Services Program Coordinator)

Motion (Perez/Schwartz) to approve the Proposed Reimbursement Rate Increase for Relative Care. Motion carried 6-0.

3. ACTIVITY REPORTS

A: Discussion and updates on Child Care Services
(David Cuellar, Family Services Program Coordinator)

- Business Support
 - Child Care Industry Support (CCIS)
 - Professional Development
 - Texas Rising Star (TRS) Mentors

Mr. David Cuellar, Family Services Program Coordinator discussed the Child Care Industry Support and mentioned that the Business Services Unit is identifying day cares for any hiring and digital transformation needs. Regarding professional development, there are three trainings happening this weekend for directors and staff. The Texas Rising Star (TRS) Mentors are preparing for their certification.

B: Discussion and updates on Youth Services
(*Odette Flores-Ruiz, Workforce Program Specialist*)

- Roadtrip Nation
- Bitwise Apprenticeship Expansion
- TWC Forum May 2, 2023
- El Paso Opportunity Youth Network
- Growing Forward

Ms. Alma Aranda discussed the Roadtrip Nation along with the Bitwise Apprenticeship Expansion programs. Ms. Aranda discussed that WSB staff will present at the TWC Forum on May 2nd. Ms. Aranda also discussed the Growing Forward program under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

3. ADJOURN

A: Discussion on items of interest for next agenda – June 23, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm. MST.

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