

Texas Early Learning Council Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2019 from 1:00pm – 6:00pm

February 21, 2019 from 8:00am – 1:00pm

Lady Bird Lake Ballroom
Wyndham Garden Hotel
3401 S I-35, Austin, TX 78741

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1:00pm

1. Oath of Office

Meeting convened by Jacquie Porter at 1:00pm. Quorum present. Gaylynn Anderson led completion of the oath.

2. Welcome Remarks

3. Review and Adoption of Council Operating Procedures

Stephanie Rubin moved to accept, Travis Armstrong seconded. Affirmative vote.

4. Election of Vice Chair

Dr. Abba nominated Travis Armstrong, June Bateman seconded. Travis Armstrong declined. Sarah Abrahams nominated Stephanie Rubin, Dana McGrath seconded. Affirmative vote.

5. Public Comment

Kim Kofron (Texas Association for the Education of Young Children)
Natalie Fellows (First Three Years)

6. Council Introduction

7. Overview of the Preschool Development Grant Birth-Five

8. Introduction to the BUILD Initiative

9. Statewide Birth-Five Needs Assessment: Discussion of Texas Children and Families

Motion to recess by Teresa Robledo, seconded by Melissa Horton. Affirmative vote.

10. Early Childhood Systems: Framework and Principles

11. Presentation by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

12. Presentation by the Texas Department of State Health Services

13. Presentation by the Texas Workforce Commission

14. Presentation by the Texas Head Start State Collaboration Office

15. Stakeholder Perspectives

Closing Reflections

Motion to recess by Sarah Abrahams, Motion seconded by Courtney Arbour. Affirmative vote.

February 21, 2019, 8:00am

1. Opening Activities

Meeting called to order by Jacquie Porter at 8:00am. Quorum present

2. Presentation by the Texas Education Agency – Public Prekindergarten

3. Presentation by the Texas Education Agency – Section 619

4. Presentation by the Health and Human Services Commission – Early Childhood Intervention

5. Presentation by the Health and Human Services Commission – Child Care Licensing

6. Stakeholder Perspectives

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Motion to recess by Kierstan Schwab, seconded by June Yeatman. Affirmative vote.

7. Defining General Scope of the Statewide Birth-Five Needs Assessment

8. Workgroups

9. Workgroup Share Outs

10. Defining Full Scope of Statewide Birth – Five Needs Assessment

11. Statewide Birth-Five Needs Assessment: Adoption of Recommendations

The Texas Early Learning Council moves to adopt the following framework for the needs assessment required by the Preschool Development Birth to 5 grant. The needs assessment will include the following areas:

- Governance
- Workforce Development
- Demographics
- Program Quality Measurement and Improvement
- Early intervention/Early Childhood Education
- Data Systems
- Monitoring and Accountability

- Opportunity Networks
- Cross System Coordination
- Parental and Caregiver
- Early Childhood Provider (e.g. educators, home visitors)
- Early Childhood Business
- Communication

The TELC recognizes that:

- Information for the assessment will be collected in multiple ways (e.g. survey, focus groups, secondary data sources).
- The Texas Education Agency shall prioritize information which is not currently available and ensure over representation of populations historically and currently not include in data sets.
- The Texas Education Agency requires flexibility in completing the assessment tasks
- The Texas Education Agency will seek opportunities for survey or focus group administration at locations where families, providers of early childhood programs seek information.
- The Texas Education Agency will design surveys that utilize plain language in order to be accessible to the largest group of respondents

The TELC recommends that:

The respondents include

- Providers of the full range of programs and services for children birth-five (including roles at all levels of organizations)
- Families
- Stakeholders
- Medical providers
- Teacher educators
- Agency staff
- Advocate
- Business community
- Community leaders

To fulfill the goal of all Texas Early Learning Council members engaging in the development and design of a qualitative and quantitative assessment of the needs of young children prenatal to five, I move to adopt and pass along to the Preschool Development Grant leadership team the recommendations decided upon by the group regarding the categories of focus and examples of questions to be used in the statewide needs assessment.

Dr. Katherine Abba moved to adopt needs assessment recommendations, Travis Armstrong seconded. Affirmative vote.

12. Closing reflections

Julie Richards moved to adjourn, seconded by Stephanie Rubin. Affirmative vote.

Approved by the Council on July 8, 2019.