Texas Early Learning Council Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2019 from 1:00pm – 5:30pm
July 9, 2019 from 8:30am – 1:00pm

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

July 8, 2019
1:00pm

1. Call to Order
Jacquie Porter called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Quorum present.
Terrie Breeden, Sam Eng, Dr. Alferma Giles, and June Yeatman not present.

2. Welcome Remarks

3. Approval of February Minutes
Motion to approve minutes by Kierstan Schwab, seconded by Weldon Beard. Affirmative vote.

4. Introductions
Council members, visitors, agency staff, and vendors introduced themselves.

5. Public Comment
Judy Willgren, Texas Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion Workgroup, requested that the workgroup be moved under the oversight of the Council.

6. Preschool Development Grant Review
Cody Summerville provided an update on the Preschool Development Grant Birth-Five.

7. Statewide Birth-Five Needs Assessment Presentation
Ken Branscome and Shafali Pai-Samant from ICF International, LLC presented the initial findings from the Statewide Birth-Five Needs Assessment. The Council provided feedback on the draft report.

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8. Unpacking the Needs Assessment
The Council broke into small groups to discuss lingering questions and recommendations for improving the Statewide Birth-Five Needs Assessment.

9. Closing Reflections
Motion to recess by Melissa Horton, seconded by Travis Armstrong. Affirmative vote.
July 9, 2019
8:30am

1. **Call to Order**
   Jacquie Porter called the Council out of recess and reconvened the meeting at 8:32am.

2. **Strategic Plan Discussion**
   Kathy Gillaspy, Sarah Geldart, and Dina Shehata from AnLar, LLC facilitated strategic planning activities for the Council.

3. **Adjournment**
   Motion to adjourn by Kierstan Schwab, seconded by Stephanie Rubin (second). Affirmative vote.