

**QUALITY OF LIFE COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013

8:30 AM

MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B

Members Present: Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, *Chair, District 2*
Councilmember Diego Bernal, *District 1*
Councilmember David Medina, Jr., *District 5*
Councilmember W. Reed Williams, *District 8*

Staff Present: Erik Walsh, *Deputy City Manager*; Ed Belmares, *Assistant City Manager*; David Ellison, *Assistant City Manager*; Gloria Hurtado, *Assistant City Manager*; Shreya Shah, *Assistant City Attorney*; Melody Woosley, *Interim Director, Department of Human Services (DHS)*; Edward Gonzales, *Assistant Director, DHS*; Lynn Stewart, *Social Services Manager, DHS*; Denise Luckey, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: *None*

Call to Order

Chairwoman Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

1. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

2. Approval of minutes of the December 11, 2012 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Williams moved to approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2012 Quality of Life Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember D. Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

3. Dissolution of the Commission for Children and Families and establishment of the SA2020 Commission on Strengthening Family Well Being
Melody Woosley, Interim Director, Department of Human Services

Melody Woosley, Interim Director, Department of Human Services, provided background information on the Commission for Children and Families (CCF) and the reasons for its dissolution. She explained the vision and role of the proposed new SA2020 Commission on Strengthening Family Well-Being. She stated that the plan of action is to move forward with the dissolution of the CCF and establishment of the SA2020 Commission and present to the full Council for approval.

Councilmember D. Medina stated that it sounds as though the CCF is being dissolved due to challenges of having a quorum at the meetings, and that the new SA2020 Commission being created would merely continue the efforts of the CCF. Ms. Woosley replied that revamping and adjusting the Commission is based on the vision of SA2020 and would ensure that the Commission Members are active and engaged in the programs that the Council is funding. She clarified that the new Commission would have a representative from the Mayor and each Council District. Gloria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager stated that the SA2020 Commission would be overseen by staff of the Department of Human Services. Councilmember D. Medina asked of the types of changes that would occur in the way of healthy lifestyles. Ms. Woosley stated that agencies were asked to address the issue of healthy lifestyles on their application as it relates to the goals of SA2020. Councilmember D. Medina asked of the next steps for the creation of the new Commission. Ms. Hurtado stated that the item would be presented to the full Council on a February Agenda.

Councilmember Williams asked of the goal of SA2020. Ms. Woosley stated that the key indicators of SA2020 are to reduce poverty and teen pregnancy rates. Councilmember Williams stated that in order for the Commission to be effective, it would need to get into more details on teen pregnancy and develop a working plan focused on making families stronger. Ms. Hurtado noted that United Way would take the lead on SA2020 Commission Performance Measures.

Councilmember Bernal asked of the requirements, diversity and expertise categories of the SA2020 Commission and how it would evaluate delegate agencies and their spending. Ms. Woosley replied that categories have not yet been specified for the Commission.

Councilmember Williams moved to forward said item to the full City Council for approval. Councilmember Bernal seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Update on the Child Care Services Grant

Melody Woosley, Interim Director, Department of Human Services

Melody Woosley provided a briefing on the Child Care Services Request For Proposals (RFP). She noted the Impact of Child Care Services, Application Process, Workforce Solutions Requirements, Expanded Access to Quality Early Education and the Proposed Program Modification.

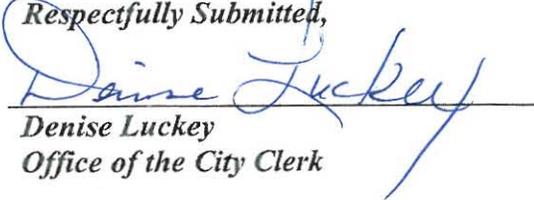
Chairwoman Taylor asked of the source of funds for Workforce Solutions. Ms. Woosley replied that the funds originate from the Federal Government's Department of Human Services Childcare Development Block Grant and the City of San Antonio is the contractor. Chairwoman Taylor asked of the significance of being a Texas Rising Star (TRS) Provider. Ms. Woosley replied that 91 out of 800 providers are TRS Certified and are reimbursed at a higher rate.

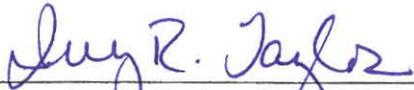
Councilmember Bernal asked if all efforts were being aligned for Early Childhood Care and Education Providers. Ms. Woosley replied that Federal and State Rules determined the funding of TRS Providers.

Councilmember Williams asked why Workforce Solutions is not the administrator of the program instead of all the pass-through administrators. Ms. Lynn Stewart replied that when the program started 22 years ago, funding came directly from the Texas Workforce Commission to the City. In 1997, the Texas Legislature developed a Workforce Board and created several other channels.

5. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Luckey
Office of the City Clerk


Ivy R. Taylor, Chair