



Policy Council Special Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting



Date: 04/06/2022

Time Convened: 6:03 PM

Time Terminated: 6:40 p.m.

Recorder: Romina Gonzalez

TOPIC	RECOMMENDATION / SUMMARY
Review Desired Outcomes and Meeting Rules	Jasmine Cisneros, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Juan Batiz, Co-Chair, reviewed desired outcomes and meeting ground rules.
Public Comment	None
Action: Consider recommendation of Delegate agency for the Community Services Bureau	<p>Dr. Aaron Alarcon-Bowen, Community Services Bureau, Executive Director presented, Contra County Community Services Bureau Request for Proposals (RFP) 1184 Head Start Delegate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Services Bureau (CSB) released a Request for Proposal (RFP), between January 21-24 to the community. • The RFP was widely circulated to the Head Start and Early Care and Education communities. • The purpose of the RFP was to identify and fund an organization to provide comprehensive early care educational programming to low-income children and families in East Contra Costa County as a Delegate for CSB’s Head Start grant. • The term of services is July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022. • The deadline for response to the RFP was February 25, 2022, at 5 p.m. • Receipt of Proposal -Although the RFP was widely circulated, only one agency submitted a proposal. • The proposal was received from YMCA of East Bay (YMCA), Early Childhood Impact (ECI) a Head Start Grantee and a California Department of Education state subsidized childcare provider. • The YMCA -ECI served over 1,200 children in Head Start and Early Head Start in 2021-2022. • Background Information of YMCA-ECI-Currently hold grants for: Office of Head Start (Berkeley, Oakland). • Subcontracts with Contra Costa Community Services Bureau & Kidgano (Head Start). • California Department of Education – State Preschool, Infant/Toddler Care, Migrant Child Care, and Emeryville School District sub-contractor • Proposed Services- YMCA-ECI is proposing to serve a total of 283 children & families: 135 infants and toddlers; 148 Head Start preschool-aged children. • All children will be served through full-day, full-year center-based programs. • Goals of Proposal- Ensure continuing availability of quality early childhood education by proposing full day and full year Head Start and Early Head Start services. • Create a balance of high quality prenatal, infant, and toddler slots, which will provide families an option to support more families with young children.

- Develop new relationships within Antioch/Pittsburg neighborhood and communities in order to customize services to ensure that children are prepared to enter Kindergarten.
- Anticipated Points of Negotiation- The proposal calls for a 65% reduction in Head Start slots proposed which would result in a loss of preschool services for children in Pittsburg and Antioch.
- The proposal is for operation of 283 of the current 501 childcare slots, operated among 4 of the 7 existing facilities.
- The Current Delegate operates 8 part-day/part-year classes, totaling 160 Head Start Delegate slots. (Based on a community needs assessment, YMCA-ECI is proposing to only operate a full-day/full-year program using a layered funding model.)
- YMCA-ECI also proposes an increase in Early Head Start (EHS) services based on a disparity between high need for infant/toddler care and limited availability of affordable care. The services plan includes an increase of 62 EHS slots (from 73 to 135).
- Slot conversion from HS to EHS is allowable by Administration for Children and Families (ACF) based on community needs as is recognized that higher operational costs are associated with provision of services to infants and toddlers.
- Anticipated Points of Negotiation- The YMCA-ECI is proposing a start-up period of July 1, 2022 – September 31, 2022.
- Continuity of care of services is Priority 1.

A motion to Consider recommendation of Delegate agency for the Community Services Bureau approve on April 6, 2022, was made by Laura Brum, and seconded by Denidre Henry. The motion passed.

Ayes			Nays	Abstentions	Not Present	
Brianna Flores	Rafael Franco	Ebony Hughes			Jessica Clendenning	Myriah Herrington
Hilda Valencia	Maria Palestino				Sinay Castanon	Melanie Graves
Devlyn Sewell	Maira Garcia				Jamillah Monroe	Joel Nickelson-Shanks
Deniedre Henry	Laura Brum				Dulce Cisneros	Heidi Medeiros
Jasmine Cisneros	Kimberly Nieve				Karla Urrutia	Patricia De Queiroz
Juan Batiz	Deanna Carmona				Amy Mockoski	Ashley Hendricks
Karen Medrano	Vilma Gaytan				Andrea Bajandas	Lorena Mercham

Meeting Evaluation	Pluses / +		Deltas / Δ	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	