



**RCA
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a 12-month local match with WORKSOURCE GREATER AUSTIN AREA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, Austin, TX, for childcare services in an amount not to exceed \$283,119, with two 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$283,119 per renewal option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$849,357.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$23,594 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. The transfer agreement period is September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005. Funding for the remaining 11 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Health and Human
DEPARTMENT: Services

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** David Lurie

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by the Child Care Council.

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Background

WorkSource – Greater Austin Area Workforce Development Board, as the local agent for the Texas Workforce Commission, distributes state and federal child care funding for low-income working families in Travis County. The State does not match all available federal childcare funding. City funds can be used as local matching funds. The Child Care Local Match Contribution Agreement will provide the local match for federal funds at a 39.78% local to 60.22% federal match ratio. This agreement will leverage \$428,593 in federal childcare funds. The resulting total childcare funding will be \$711,712, for City of Austin client families. This plan will provide sufficient funds to serve about 40 more children than the current process.

The agreement is a continuation of the City's social services childcare program for low-income families under a new method that utilizes the WorkSource agreement to receive federal Child Care and Development Block Grant matching funds through the Texas Workforce Commission. The agreement period is 9/1/2004 – 8/31/2005, on the State fiscal year. The City will continue to coordinate its childcare services with Travis County. Travis County is in the process of requesting Commissioners' Court approval for a similar agreement for County childcare funds.

The City payments will be transferred to WorkSource in order for the funds to be matched with federal funds. The federal funds will not come through the City. The federal matching funds and the City funds

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will go into the State's automated childcare payment system solely for WorkSource's use as directed by the City.

Performance Measures

Related Goals

Prevention/Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations

Outcomes

Federal Match received for City clients' use	\$428,593
Percent of parents satisfied with childcare services	85%
Percentage of contracted early childcare programs that meet quality standards	100%

Outputs

Number of children provided childcare services (unduplicated)	359
Number of childcare spaces: full-time / part-time	81/158
Number of parents in school/work/training/employment as a result of subsidized child care (monthly avg.)	251

Demand

Unmet demand for subsidized child care (waiting list)	1,200
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Requested Council Action

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Austin Child Care Council
Early Learning Opportunities Advisory Council
Minutes – June 8, 2004

Members' Attendance: See attached attendance sheet

Guests Present: Maureen Britton, Laura Koenig, Rachel Porter, Adrian Smith, Vanessa Morales, Stacey Shackelford, Natalie Rodriguez, and Sue Gartner.

Staff Present: Ron Hubbard.

- I. Call to Order:** Rhonda Paver, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.
- II. Introductions and Announcements:** The guests introduced themselves.
- III. Citizen Communication:** None.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Aletha Huston moved, and Jill McRae seconded, approval of the May Minutes. The motion passed.
- V. Presentations:** The presentations were postponed.
- VI. HHSD Update:** Ron Hubbard discussed that the WorkSource Transfer Agreement for direct child care and the Fund for Child Care Excellence contract for Dell match and early childhood projects will need City Council approval. He requested that the CCC recommend approval by the City Council for the two items. A handout explaining both of the contracts was distributed. After discussion, Joene Grissom moved, and Jill McRae seconded, that the Child Care Council recommend that the City Council approve the items. The motion passed.
- VII. Committee and Liaison Reports:**
 - A. Executive:** The Executive Committee met on June 8th. Rhonda thanked Jill for all her hard work towards Jeanette Watson's recognition at the City Council meeting. She also proposed that the CCC not meet in August and all agreed. Rhonda proposed a preliminary recommendation that the council needs to form a

strategic thinking ad hoc committee to analyze strategy and sustainability.

- B. Provider:** Sandy Briley announced that the Provider Committee did not meet but will meet in June.
- C. Public Awareness:** Kyle Holder and Laura Koenig reported that the Week of the Young Children Committee and the PA Committee met and are already planning for the 2005 Week of the Young Children. She discussed the committee's plan to issue a report card to Austin on the state of child well-being and the findings of the Early Start Coalition. The committee would like to use The Austin Vision for School Readiness document as their basis for the report card.
- D. Policy and Research:** Sue Carpenter reported that the last Policy Committee meeting revolved around discussion of the Austin Vision for School Readiness document. She passed out copies of the document and explained to the council that it is a document that analyzes strategies for determining outcomes that insure that children are ready for success when they enter kindergarten. Sue explained that they would like feedback on the document, and Rhonda encouraged all CCC members to look over the document and provide feedback.
- E. Early Learning Opportunities Advisory Council:** Sandy Briley reported that Sue Carpenter has visited all of the child care centers and 15 of the 75 family home providers. Sue passed around an analysis of her center interviews. Adrian reported that she is continuing her work on the school project and mentioned some of the things she is working on developing. She also announced that the Oversight Committee is meeting on June 29th.
- F. Nominations and Membership:** Sandy announced that the Council has two openings and asked the members to help come up with candidates that would increase the diversity of the membership. She also reported that the Nominations Committee would like to take on some new responsibilities—conduct the new member orientation and help ensure that all members are actively participating on a committee. The Council voted yes to both responsibilities. The committee also proposed a discussion about limiting members' terms on the CCC. Sandy mentioned that this discussion could take place at a retreat in the fall.
- G. Early Care and Education Planning Group:** Ron reported that the Planning Group is focusing on City/County investments in child care quality. Rhonda thanked Ron for all the hard work he puts into the CCC.
- H. Liaison Reports:**
 - 1. Early Start Coalition:** No report.
 - 2. Fund for Child Care Excellence:** Maureen announced that she has been meeting with City Council members about the Fund. She discussed looking at

revamping the Fund.

3. **United Way:** Sue Carpenter announced that they discussed supporting the Greenlights Back Office at their last meeting. They will be reviewing funding sometime in August or September.
4. **Raising Austin:** No report.
5. **Employers' Collaborative:** There was a Collaborative meeting during the same time as the CCC meeting.
6. **Parenting:** Timy Baranoff reported on the Celebration of Families. There were 82 exhibitors, 120 volunteers, and 1,500 parents attending.
7. **WorkSource CCS:** Cris Perez presented the CCS report for May 2004 including a handout.
8. **WorkSource Board:** Joene announced the new WorkSource location, and invited everyone to visit the new site on Airport Blvd, right next to Highland Mall. She also announced the renewal of the Texas Migrant Council Contract.
9. **Austin Association for the Education of Young Children:** Sue announced that Kathleen Bradley is the new president of the AAEEYC and that the website is being updated. Rhonda congratulated Sue on being the president-elect.
10. **Head Start:** No report.
11. **Child Care Licensing:** Wally Beckham discussed playgrounds and the new licensing standards. He informed the council that the new licensing standards do not match the national standards. Rhonda asked Wally if the new standards are *more conservative than the national standards*. Wally replied that they are and he listed some of the statistics that make the standards more conservative. Wally passed out information on the "Look Before You Leave, Cars are not Babysitters" campaign.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.