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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Stephanie Hayden, Interim Director 

DATE: December 14th, 2017

SUBJECT: Response to Resolution No. 20170928-057 High Quality Childcare and PK3 Resolution

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the progress to date in regards to Resolution No. 20170928-057, requesting a City-wide needs and gaps assessment of high-quality, affordable child care facilities. Austin Public Health (APH) is the lead department in responding to this resolution.

Multi-Sectoral work group: APH convened a work group of key early childhood experts and advocates to assist in gathering information and data to respond to the resolution. In addition to APH staff, working group members represent the following groups: Austin Community College, Austin ISD, E3 Alliance, the Early Childhood Council, Travis County Health and Human Services, United Way for Greater Austin, and Workforce Solutions Capital Area.

Identification of existing information sources: APH staff identified existing sources of information, maps, and data to meet the deliverables in the resolution. In addition, work group members filled out a data inventory worksheet identifying the data and/or information their organizations have access to or can gather, to meet the resolution deliverables.

Information-gathering meetings: APH is arranging meetings in December and January with city departments and other entities to gather additional information. City departmental meetings will include the Office of Real Estate Services, Human Resources (HRD), Economic Development, Parks and Recreation, Corporate Budget, and Planning and Zoning. We will also be setting meetings with Austin Community College, Austin ISD facilities staff, and seeking information from other school districts whose students reside in the City of Austin.

Survey COA employees: APH will work with COA HRD to survey City employees concerning their child care needs and factors that affect their decisions about child care.

Gather feedback from key stakeholders: A draft report is planned to be presented to members of the Early Childhood Council and the School Readiness Action Plan Leadership Team for feedback in February 2018, before the final report is submitted to Council by the end of March.

We will continue to provide updates as work continues regarding this resolution. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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