



Governing Body & Policy Council Roles and Responsibilities Framework 2015 - 2016 Program Year

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Function	Governing Body	Policy Council	Head Start Program Director	Agency Director	Projected Governing Body Date	Projected Policy Council Date
1. Planning						
a. 1304.50(d)(1)(iii) Procedures for program planning in accordance with this Part and the requirements of 45 CFR 1305.3	A & C	C	B	D	June 2016	June 2016
b. 1304.50(d)(1)(iv) Program philosophy and long- and short-range program goals and objectives (45 CFR 1304.51(a) and 45 CFR 1305.3 for additional requirements regarding program planning).	A & C	C	B	D	May 2016	May 2016
c. 1304.50(d)(1)(v) The selection of Delegate Agencies and their service areas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
d. 1304.50(d)(1)(vii) Criteria for defining recruitment, selection, and enrollment priorities	A	C	B	D	February 2016	February 2016
e. 1304.50(d)(1)(i) All funding applications and amendments to funding application for Early Head Start and Head Start, including administrative services, prior to the submission of such application to HHS	A & C	C	B	D	October 2016 and as needed	October 2016 and as needed
f. 1304.50(f) Policy Council reimbursement. Grantee must enable low-income members to participate fully in their group responsibilities by providing, if necessary reimbursements for reasonable expenses incurred by the members.	A	C	B	D	May 2016	May 2016
g. 1304.50(d)(1)(viii) The annual self-assessment of the grantees progress in carrying out the programmatic and fiscal intent of its grant application, including planning or other actions that may result from the review of the annual audit and findings from the Federal monitoring review	A	C	B	D	May 2016	May 2016

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2. General Procedures						
a. 1304.50(d)(1)(vi) The composition of the Policy Council and the procedures by which policy group members are chosen	A & C	C	B	D	May 2016	May 2016
b. 1304.50(g)(1) Grantee must have written policies that define the roles and responsibilities of the governing body members and that inform them of the management procedures and functions necessary to implement a high quality program	A & C	N/A	N/A	D	May 2016	May 2016
c. 1304.50(d)(1)(ii) Procedures describing how the governing body and the appropriate policy group will implement shared decision making	A & C	C	D	D	May 2016	May 2016
d. 1304.50(h) Internal dispute resolution. Each grantee and Policy Council jointly must establish written procedures for resolving internal disputes, including impasse procedures, between the governing body and policy group	A & C	C	D	D	May 2016	May 2016
e. 1304.50(d)(2)(v) Establish and maintain procedures for hearing and working with the grantee to resolve community complaints about the program	B	B	D	D	May 2016	May 2016
f. 1304.50(g)(2) Grantee must ensure that appropriate internal controls are established and implemented to safeguard Federal funds	A	N/A	D	D	N/A	N/A
g. The annual independent audit that must be conducted	A	N/A	D	D	N/A	N/A
3. Human Resources Management						
a. 1304.50(d)(1)(ix) Program personnel policies and subsequent changes to those policies, including standards of conduct for program staff, consultants and volunteers	A & C	C	D	D	May 2016	May 2016
b. 1304.50(d)(1)(x) Decisions to hire or terminate the Early Head Start or Head Start director of the grantee agency	A & C	C	N/A	D	N/A	As needed
c. 1304.50(d)(1)(xi) Decisions to hire or terminate any person who works primarily for the Early Head Start or Head Start program	A	C	B	D	N/A	As needed
d. 1304.50(d)(1)(x) Decisions to hire or terminate the Early Head Start or Head Start Director of the Head Start Program of the Delegate Agency	N/A	N/A	N/A	D	N/A	N/A
e. 1304.50(d)(1)(xi) Decisions to hire or terminate any person who works primarily for the Early Head Start or Head Start program of the delegate agency	N/A	N/A	N/A	D	N/A	N/A