



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Community Health and Equity Committee

DEPARTMENT: Human Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Melody Woosley

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Head Start Briefing Items

SUMMARY:

This item presents the following Head Start grants items:

1. Program and Fiscal Briefing for the months of September and October 2017

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) requires recipients of Head Start grants to provide monthly briefings on program and fiscal activities and ongoing training throughout the program year to their governing bodies. The City's Community Health and Equity Committee and the Head Start Policy Council provide shared governance oversight of the Department of Human Services (DHS) Head Start grants.

The Head Start and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) grant programs are federally funded programs administered by HHS. The programs provide early childhood education, family support, and comprehensive support services to eligible children between the ages of six weeks and five years, and their families.

The Head Start Program serves children at or below the federal poverty line and prioritizes the most vulnerable children, including those with disabilities, experiencing homelessness, and children in the foster care system. The program mission is to prepare children and engage families for school readiness and lifelong

success. The City of San Antonio program serves a total of 3,020 children: 777 children in the Edgewood Independent School District (EISD) and 2,243 children in the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD). As the program grantee, Head Start provides direct program management, oversight, training and technical assistance, governance, family support and mental wellness services. The comprehensive services approach positively impacts families and holistically addresses the needs of the children. Head Start also contracts with EISD and SAISD for the provision of educational and disability services, the Metropolitan Health District for dental services, and University of the Incarnate Word for health services.

The Early Head Start - Child Care Partnership grant provides early childhood education and development for low-income families with infants and toddlers (ages 6 weeks to 35 months). Early Head Start partners with six non-profit child care centers to expand access to high-quality comprehensive services for 216 low-income infants and toddlers and their families.

ISSUE:

The rules and regulations for the Head Start and Early Start Programs as set forth by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services require the Governing Body, the Community Health and Equity Committee, to review program information monthly. Item 1 is a briefing item and only requires review by the Community Health and Equity Committee.

- 1. Program and Fiscal Briefing for September and October 2017** - This item provides a monthly program and fiscal briefing for the months of September and October 2017. The report includes a status of enrollment, meals served, family and community support, health, education, and fiscal indicators.

ALTERNATIVES:

The review of the items included in this memorandum is required for program compliance with the Department of Health and Human Services rules and regulations for Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no anticipated impact to the general fund as a result of these actions.

RECOMMENDATION:

Briefing item only.