



Hidalgo County Head Start Program

Policy Council Regular Agenda

DATE: January 18, 2017

SUBJECT: Approval of Self-Assessment Schedule

RATIONALE/NEED: A self-assessment is required to be conducted each year. The purpose of the self-assessment is to evaluate the program's progress towards meeting goals, compliance with program performance standards through-out the program year, and the effectiveness of the professional development and family engagement systems in promoting school readiness. Documents to be used are from the Office of Head Start. The Self-Assessment is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2017 through Friday, February 3, 2017. The Self-Assessment training will be held on Friday, January 20, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval.

COST:

RELATED INFORMATION INCLUDES: Self-Assessment Memorandum

INITIATED BY: Nora S. Munoz, Assistant Director for Programmatic Services *NM*

REVIEWED BY: Teresa Flores, Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: _____

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Date: January 11, 2017
Subject: Self-Assessment
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Continuous quality improvement is a central tenet of the Head Start Program, with the goal of meeting Performance Standards and moving toward program excellence for serving children and families. As part of this process, the annual Self-Assessment provides the Program with the means to regularly assess our own management systems and program operations in order to continually strengthen the Program and the services delivered.

Head Start Performance Standards state that at least once each program year grantees must conduct a Self-Assessment of their effectiveness and progress in meeting program goals and objectives and in implementing Federal regulations.

We are scheduled to conduct our Self-Assessment January 23, 2017 through February 3, 2017. During this two week period, each area/component of the Program will be reviewed. All centers will be visited, data will be collected, and a final report will be prepared.

We will be conducting training on Friday, January 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Administration Conference Room, to provide guidance to the individuals involved in conducting the assessment. We encourage you to attend, time permitting, and participate in this activity. We will be forwarding the team schedules of the center visits in the event that you choose to join us at the centers.

Please feel free to contact me at (956) 383-0706, if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.