

**Texas Migrant Council, Inc.
Migrant Seasonal Head Start
Policy Council Meeting
VPN/Conference Call
March 3, 2007**

1. WELCOME

Elaine M. Tafolla, Policy Council President, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M.

2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION/SIGN IN

Claudia Salazar, Policy Council Secretary, proceeded with the roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Elaine M. Tafolla, Policy Council President, Rio Grande Valley Region
Jesus Tellez, Vice President-Wintergarden Region
Claudia Salazar, Secretary-Western Region
Priscilla Paiz, Sergeant at Arms-Wintergarden Region
Miguel Acosta, Community Representative-Wintergarden Region
Hilda Medrano, Board Liaison

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Yuridia Rodriguez, Treasurer-Wintergarden Region
David Briseno, Community Representative-Western Region

MEMBERS ABSENT

Belinda Gonzalez, Member at Large-Wintergarden Region
Alicia Fuentes, Member at Large-Indiana Region
Alejandrina Medrano, Member at Large-Ohio Region
Gisela Perez, Member at Large-Rio Grande Valley Region
Jose Luis Juarez, Member at Large-Rio Grande Valley Region

STAFF

Cynthia Garcia, MSHS Director
Craig Taskey, Indiana Regional Administrator
Javier Rodriguez, Network Manager
Edna Valdez, MSHS Secretary for Policy Council
Monica Gonzales, Family Partnership Coordinator

GUEST

Marisela Carrillo, Parent Representative-Wintergarden Region

Having 8 members present established a quorum.

3. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Council reviewed the agenda. Priscilla Paiz, Sergeant at Arms made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Hilda Medrano seconded. Jesus Tellez, Vice President, opposed. Motion carried by majority of the votes.

4. PENDING BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 27, 2007

Miguel Acosta, Community Representative for the Wintergarden Region, made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of January 27, 2007. Jesus Tellez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Approve the request for Expansion Carry Over Balance

Ratification of the Vote for the Expansion Carry Over Balance

1 Cynthia explained that on February 28, 2007, information was received regarding the Expansion Funds. There
2 was a need to poll members for a vote to approve a request to carry over these funds into the new fiscal year.
3 These funds were not utilized because they will be used to purchase equipment such as surveillance cameras,
4 phone systems and computers that cannot be bought until the Centers open in this summer. Everyone who was
5 contacted approved to submit the request for carry over of the expansion funds. The Council reviewed the
6 information regarding this agenda item and proceeded with the ratification of the vote.
7 Hilda Medrano made a motion to ratify the action that was taken on February 28, 2007 to approve the request
8 for carry over of the expansion funds to the new fiscal year. Miguel Acosta seconded. Motion carried
9 unanimously.

10 11 **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

12 Dr. Hilda Medrano, Board Liaison, made a motion for the Council to go into executive session at 9:52 A.M.
13 Claudia Salazar, Secretary, seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Council adjourned the executive session
14 at 9:57 A.M. No action taken in Executive Session and the Council continued to the next agenda item.

15 16 **7. HIRING AND TERMINATION REPORT**

17 The report was not presented. No action was taken.

18 19 **8. SEATING OF NEW MEMBERS**

20 Priscilla Paiz made a motion to seat Marisela Carrillo, Seasonal Parent from the Wintergarden Region. Hilda
21 Medrano seconded. Jesus Tellez abstained. Motion carried by majority of the votes.

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23 Miguel Acosta recommended that the Council enforce the by-laws and declare vacancies for those members that
24 have not attended the meetings and that have not been able to be seated due to their absences. Elaine Tafolla
25 made a recommendation that letters be sent out to the following members that have been seated due to lack of
26 participation and exceeding the number of absences as dictated on the by-laws and seat the alternates:

27 Laura Aguilar, Parent Representative from UMOS; Veronica Solis, Seasonal Parent Representative for the Rio
28 Grande Valley; Erica Balderas, Migrant Parent Representative for the Rio Grande Valley; Cindy Gomez,
29 Migrant Parent Representative for the Rio Grande Valley; Sergio Lopez, Seasonal Parent Representative for
the Ohio Region

30 There is a letter of resignation pending from Gisela Perez. She will resign due to her recent employment
31 with TMC. There is an alternate that can be seated pending this letter of resignation.

32 33 34 **9. MSHS AND FISCAL REPORT**

35 Cynthia Garcia, MSHS Director explained that Mr. Sotelo, Budget Director, was not able to attend the meeting
36 due to the illness of a family member. Mr. Sparenberg was out of town and was not at the meeting. Ms. Garcia
37 indicated that there has not been a need to have any fiscal committee meetings but a report was provided in the
38 binder for the Council to review. She proceeded with giving a verbal MSHS report and a brief overview on the
39 fiscal report.

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- 41 ▪ Expansions-Iowa, Nevada and Oklahoma-still working very hard to get the facilities licensed, get the
42 food services, advertising to hire staff.
- 43 ▪ Services for Nevada and Oklahoma will begin this summer. Services in Iowa will begin in April.
- 44 ▪ Conference in Washington D.C.-Several Policy Council members were able to attend the Conference in
45 Washington D.C. The Conference was very informative. Several persons from the Head Start Bureau
46 were in attendance and provided information on the Head Start Re-Authorization Bill. Several changes
47 will be implemented to improve the program. The Migrant Seasonal Head Start Association is working to
48 hopefully change the decision to cut funds for staff development, to help keep Policy Council
49 involvement , increase the income eligibility from 100% to 130%
- 50 ▪ Expansion Funds for additional services will also be available for all the Regions except Indiana.
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52 Discussion went on about the purchase of buses for the Ohio Region and the Rio Grande Valley Region. The
53 regulations in the State of Ohio are different than those in Texas. The buses from Texas can not be transferred
54 from one state to another. All three of the new locations are totally different and they are not near to any of the
55 existing service areas. The buses in the Wintergarden, Rio Grande Valley, and Western regions will be needed
due to the additional services that are already provided in those areas.

1 Discussion went on by several Council members that stated there was a positive impact from the letters and
2 visits to the different Senators and Congressmen. Several letters with positive responses were received and
3 suggestion were made that they continue their efforts.

4 **Regional Activity Reports**

5 Reports were provided in the binder for review. No discussion on this agenda item.
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8 **10. BOARD LIAISON REPORT**

9 Hilda Medrano presented a verbal report. The Board attended a training last month in Laredo, Texas. One topic
10 of discussion was to establish a fundraising plan to raise unrestricted funds that will be used to award
11 scholarships to migrant students that want to continue their education. The training will continue on Saturday,
12 March 10, 2007. She will continue to inform the Council with the status of this goal.
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14 **11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

15 Standing Committees will be established at the next meeting.
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17 **12. OPEN FORUM**

18 Jesus Tellez recommended that the Council get together to review of the by-laws.

19 Mr. Acosta suggested that the Council participate in training to include the discussion and review of the current
20 by-laws. The Council will then be able to document any changes that will need to be submitted to the Board for
21 approval.

22 Elaine suggested that everyone attend a mandatory meeting and schedule this action as part of the training.
23 Discussion went on about the date and time for this event.
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25 **13. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

26 Discussion went on about the date for the next meeting to include the training.

27 Mr. Acosta suggested that the date for this meeting be set at this time and suggested that all upcoming
28 meetings be set after each meeting.

29 The next meeting and training was set for Friday, April 27, 2007, Saturday, April 28, 2007 and Sunday, April 29th
30 if needed. Location will be in Laredo, Texas.

31 **14. ADJOURN**

32 Miguel Acosta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hilda Medrano seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
33 Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.
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**TEXAS MIGRANT COUNCIL, INC.
SUMMARY OF DECISIONS MADE BY POLICY COUNCIL
MARCH 3, 2007**

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| 1. | MINUTES FOR:
REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 27, 2007 | APPROVED |
| 2. | RATIFICATION OF THE VOTE FOR THE EXPANSION CARRY OVER BALANCE | APPROVED |
| 3. | HIRING AND TERMINATION REPORT FOR
JANUARY AND FEBRAURY | TABLED |
| 4. | SEATING OF NEW MEMBER | APPROVED |
| 5. | DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING | APPROVED |

APPROVED BY Claudio Salazar Sec.
NAME/TITLE

APPROVED ON April 27, 2007
DATE