Family and Protective Services Council Meeting Friday, March 8, 2024 at 9 am (CST) Brown-Heatly Public Hearing Room 4900 N. Lamar, Austin, TX 78751

MEETING MINUTES

Council Members Present:

- Omedi "Dee Dee" Cantu Arismendez
- Liesa Hackett
- Julie Krawczyk
- Hon. Bonnie Hellums, Chair
- Dr. Connie Almeida, Vice Chair
- Enrique Mata
- Courtney Jones
- Michelle Trevino

Council Members Not Present:

• Greg Hamilton

The meeting called to order at 9:10am by Judge Bonnie Hellums, Council Chair.

Roll was called, four members were absent.

Judge Hellums determined that there was a quorum with five council members present.

Judge Hellums introduced Commissioner Stephanie Muth and recognized staff and special guests.

Council Member Julie Krawsczyk made a motion to accept the December 8, 2023, meeting minutes and Council Member Liesa Hackett the motion. All present members voted to accept the minutes.

Judge Hellums discussed upcoming council meetings.

- 1. June 14, 2024
- 2. September 13, 2024
- 3. December 13, 2024

Commissioner Stephanie Muth gave report and answered questions.

Council Member Courtney Jones arrived and counted as present.

The council members provided updates on their activities.

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Trina Ita, Chief Strategist for Behavioral Health, presented and answered questions on Behavioral Health Strategies.

Marta Talbert, Associate Commissioner for Child Protective Investigations, presented and answered questions on Alternative Response.

Sandra Balderas, Director in CLOE, and Alex Hamilton, Manager for Trauma Informed Care Services, presented and answered questions on Trauma Informed Care.

Erica Banuelos, Associate Commissioner for Child Protective Services, presented and answered questions on Non-Contracted Provider Reimbursement.

Recess for 5 minutes.

Robin Blackmon, Director of Management Consultant team, and Robert Schuller, presented for the employee awards and recognition.

Rachel Duer, with Faith-based and Community Engagement provided updates and answered questions on FBCE.

Judge Hellums thanked the presenters for giving their reports.

Four people participated in public comment.

Judge Hellums provided closing remarks and thanked the staff and guests.

The meeting adjourned at 12:01pm.

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