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In Control: Head Start Policy Council Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Department of Human Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Melody Woosley

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Correspondence – Fiscal Year 2024 Monitoring Process for Head Start and Early Head Start Recipients

SUMMARY:

This item presents the following from the Department of Human Services (DHS) Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership programs for action by the Head Start Policy Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Section 641A of the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 requires the Office of Head Start (OHS) to implement ongoing monitoring of all programs receiving federal funds. This Information Memorandum (IM) outlines the OHS monitoring process for Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) and shares the updated process to conduct Focus Area 1 (FA1), Focus Area 2 (FA2), and

Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®) reviews.

During the FY24 program year, CLASS scores will be used for Designation Renewal System (DRS) determinations as described in 45 CFR §1304.1 l(c). As a reminder, from the spring of 2020 through spring of 2023, OHS did not use CLASS scores for DRS determinations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 45 CFR §1304.17 of the Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS) allows OHS the flexibility to make DRS determinations without one or more of the data elements required in 45 CFR § 1304.11 in instances where a major disaster, emergency, or public health emergency makes some data elements unavailable. Since the public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic has ended, OHS can no longer utilize this flexibility.

ISSUE:

Rules and regulations for the Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Start-Child Care Partnership grants as set forth by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) require the Head Start Policy Council to review programmatic actions to oversee certain key responsibilities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

ALTERNATIVES:

The review of the items included in this memorandum are required for program compliance with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services rules and regulations for Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start- Child Care Partnership programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff will present a briefing on this item subject to possible action by the HSPC Committee. Staff recommends review and approval of the items included in this memorandum.