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Agenda Memorandum

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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:

Approval of the 2024-2025 Head Start ERSEA Policy Updates

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:

The Head Start Act Section 642 (C)(1)(E)(iv)(IX) require the Governing Body to approve ERSEA Policy updates. Each policy was updated for the Head Start program.

Revision to the Head Start Policies include:

ERSEA 5 Selection – Removed “unless the child has a diagnosed or suspected disability” when

receiving approval by Program Administrator prior to selecting an over income child. Added “experiencing homelessness.” Changed actual enrollment guidance to reflect “funded” enrollment. Removed “children must be determined as English Language Learners to participate in a dual language/bilingual classroom.” Tiebreaker guidance was moved to the end.

ERSEA 9 Attendance- Word change that will not change the policy. Added the word “barriers.”

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.