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In Control: San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Pre-K 4 SA

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Dr. Sarah Baray

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Holli-Hills MOA

SUMMARY:

This item includes a briefing and Board action to approve a memorandum of agreement between Pre-K 4 SA and Holli-Hills Day Care Center, and to accept a contribution of \$100,000.00 from the Holt Family Foundation to support the partnership.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Currently, 89% of CDCs are not certified for quality in San Antonio. Family-owned, corporate, and faith-based CDCs need support to provide a high-quality education that each child deserves. In early 2019, Pre-K 4 SA began a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Cohort, specifically targeting centers throughout the city that would like to become Texas Rising Star (TRS) certified. TRS is a quality rating tool which includes three levels of quality: 2-star, 3-star, and 4-star, with

4-stars being the highest level of TRS certification. Directors attended monthly meetings to understand and apply the standards at their sites. Funding was provided to several of the centers to assist them in pursuing TRS certification.

In June 2021, Pre-K 4 SA was approached by the Holt Family Foundation, who had a desire to support a child care center near their headquarters that was participating in our Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) cohort. Staff identified Holli-Hills Day Care Center as a potential site and visited the center with representatives from the Holt Family Foundation in late June 2021. Following the meeting, Pre-K 4 SA staff worked with Holli-Hills to craft a development plan in alignment with the vision the Holt Family Foundation wished to achieve.

ISSUE:

Pre-K 4 SA staff completed a grant application in December 2021 on behalf of Holli-Hills and received a \$100,000.00 contribution from the Holt Family Foundation in January 2022 to support quality improvement efforts at Holli-Hills Daycare Center as outlined in the development plan. This item approves an MOA between Pre-K 4 SA and Holli-Hills Day Care Center outlining expectations and outcomes to be achieved with the support of the Holt Family contribution. Additionally, this item formally accepts the \$100,000.00 contribution from the Holt Family Foundation to support the partnership.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item requests Board action to approve a memorandum of agreement between Pre-K 4 SA and Holli-Hills Day Care Center, and to accept a contribution of \$100,000.00 from the Holt Family Foundation to support the partnership. If approved, this contribution would increase Pre-K 4 SA's operating revenue by \$100,000.00. This contribution would be presented as part of the mid-year revenue re-estimate.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should the Board not approve this item, Pre-K 4 SA staff would have to identify another CQI daycare that met the parameters of the grantee. Additionally, Holli-Hills would not have the funding to achieve the goals identified in their development plan to improve the quality of their daycare center.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve a memorandum of agreement between Pre-K 4 SA and Holli-Hills Day Care Center, and accept a contribution of \$100,000.00 from the Holt Family Foundation to support the partnership.