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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:

San Antonio Shared Services Alliance

SUMMARY:

This item includes a Briefing on San Antonio Shared Services Alliance milestones and accomplishments and preview of upcoming activities.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2019, Children at Risk awarded Pre-K 4 SA and United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County a one-year technical assistance grant to launch a shared services alliance in Bexar County. Known as the San Antonio Shared Services Alliance (SA-SSA), the alliance includes 17 member organizations committed to the shared goal of reducing costs while increasing quality of services for children and families and wages for educators. The SA-SSA proved to be a successful model for helping childcare providers not only remain open during the pandemic, but also increase quality

by earning a Texas Rising Star (TRS) quality rating. Because of the initial success of the SA-SSA, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) awarded Pre-K 4 SA a \$1.5M grant to support expansion of the SA-SSA from 17 providers to 100 providers by 2024. Currently, the San Antonio Shared Services Alliance has 57 member organizations and an advisory board comprised of representatives of the original Alliance members. Pre-K 4 SA provides both pedagogical and business coaching, support for automation, CDA credentialing, staff retention incentives, and a substitute pool for the alliance.

ISSUE:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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