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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 – ACF-IM-HS-22-07 Reporting Child Health and Safety Incidents

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 Program Performance Standards (HSPPS) at 45 CFR §1302.102(d)(1)(ii) require programs to “submit reports, as appropriate, to the responsible U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) official immediately or as soon as practicable, related to any significant incidents affecting the health and safety of program participants.” This includes any incident regarding staff or volunteer compliance with laws addressing child abuse and neglect.

This Information Memorandum (IM) clarifies reporting requirements of 45 CFR §1302.102(d)(1)(ii), including the responsible HHS official to whom programs must report and the reporting timeframe. It also outlines the consequences for failure to report during the given timeframe, explains the obligation to report child incidents in blended classrooms, and offers examples of incident types that must be reported. This IM applies to all Office of Head Start (OHS) programs, including Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, and American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start programs.

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.