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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-22-08 Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 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. OHS recognizes that grant recipients are recovering from and continue to face multiple challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In FY 2023, OHS will conduct Focus Area 1 (F A1) and

Focus Area 2 (F A2) reviews and Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®) video pilot and CLASS tribal pilot.

This Information Memorandum outlines the OHS monitoring process for FY 2023 and introduces the CLASS pilots to be conducted. For the FY 2023 review only, OHS is suspending the use of CLASS scores for Designation Renewal System (DRS) determinations.

On-site review monitors will follow U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention health and safety guidelines. OHS is committed to partnering with grant recipients when preparing for onsite reviews to maintain a safe environment for children, families, and staff within the program.

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.