

Early Childhood Education Task Force

(Thursday) March 24, 2016
Mesa Counts on College Access Center
635 East Broadway Road, Mesa, AZ (South entrance)
(Take stairs to 2nd floor meeting room)
Meeting Begins at 1 p.m.

Dr. David Luna, Chair Mike Hutchinson, Member Cynthia Melde, Member Nancy Salmon, Member

Rhonda Anderson, Member Paul Luna, Member Linda McKeever, Member Dr. James Zaharis, Member Jake Brown, Member Dr. Anjum Majeed, Member Allison Mullady, Member

Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo, Member

Dr. Dawn Foley, Member

1. Call to order by Task Force Chair and District 5 Councilmember, Dr. David Luna

Call to order at approximately 1 pm by Chairperson Luna. Members Rhonda Anderson, Paul Luna, Jake Brown, and Anjum Majeed were absent.

- 2. Review and take action on the Task Force meeting minutes of February 17, 2016 Approved.
- 3. <u>Hear opening remarks by Task Force Chair, Dr. David Luna</u> Completed.

 <u>-Discuss, and if needed, provide direction on meeting leadership in case of Chair's absence.</u> Task force voted to have Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo serve as the Chair in the absence of Councilmember Luna.
- 4. Brief presentation of map with demographic overlays as requested by task force, i.e. median family incomes, densities, non-English-speaking populations, early education and healthcare facilities. Presentation of supporting materials requested by Task Force provided by Educare and Expect More Arizona. Completed.
- 5. <u>Hear guest speaker presentations, discuss and provide feedback:</u> Completed.
 - a) Kim Freehan, Mesa Public Schools Early Childhood Specialist, Jordan Center For Early Education
 - b) Leslie Totten, First Things First Quality First Director; and Michelle Katona, First Things First Chief Program Officer
 - Nancy Kessay, Headstart Family Community and Partnership Manager; and Denise Corvino, Child
 Development and Health Manager for Maricopa County Human Services Department Head Start Zero
 to Five
 - d) Dr. Jill Stamm, New Directions Institute and Arizona Children's Association
 - e) Heather Wolf, Mesa Library Director and Dena Milliron, Arts and Culture Youth Education Curator at the i.d.e.a. Museum, City of Mesa Due to time constraints these presentation were not provide and will be presented at the next meeting
 - f) WestED—PD To Go Video, Due to time constraints this video was not viewed, but the link has been provided to the task force
- 6. Task Force to participate in a brief, facilitated discussion regarding: Based on what you heard today or other materials provided to you in advance, what stood out for you? Did you have any "ah ha" moments? What didn't you hear? Completed.
 - There are systems in place, so we don't need to recreate what is already being done and working.
 - Remember the in-home choice that parents are making and how to reach this demographic
 - How do we align all of the resources that were presented today

- How to measure outcomes when the children get to the school system
- Sustainability of the model is important
- Keep the initial access point simple for parents to navigate
- 7. <u>Discuss next steps and meeting schedule</u> Completed.
- 8. Confirm next meeting: March 30, 2016, 1 p.m., Mesa Counts on College Access Center Completed.
- 9. Adjourn meeting (Motion and Second) Chair Luna adjourned at approximately 3 pm

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