



Child Care Services Committee Meeting

February 7, 2023
3:00 pm

Bayview Tower
400 Mann Street, Suite 800
Conference Room #1
Corpus Christi, TX

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- Establish and Strengthen Partnerships
- Effectively/Efficiently Target Rural Area Services
- Increase Workforce Awareness
- Expand Innovative Services to Business
- Explore New Revenue Opportunities
- Improve Internal Efficiencies
- Refine Board Culture

Mission Statement

At Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend, we invest in our regional economic success through access to jobs, training, and employer services.

Value Statement

Accountability – We address our customers and co-workers in a positive manner that elevates their spirit and creates a professional, supportive workplace for staff, job seekers, and employers.

Teamwork – We combine our individual talents for the benefit of the mission and common goals leveraging our unique abilities and contributions.

Trust – We consistently deliver on our commitments to our customers and co-workers to establish strong, sustainable relationships.

Integrity – We are honest, supportive, candid in addressing difficult issues, and willing to share success to demonstrate respect and consideration for our customers and co-workers.

Tenacity – We resist giving up when the going gets tough and support our customers and co-workers in seeing that issues are resolved and the job gets done.

Understanding – We are serious and passionate about delivering our services with compassion and empathy.

Dignity – We interact with customers and co-workers professionally regardless of their backgrounds, experience, and circumstances to reflect our commitment as public servants.

Enthusiasm – We recognize the importance and value of our work and know that every day we have the opportunity to help build the economic success of our regional economy.

Disclosure and Declaration of a Conflict of Interest

Conflicts of Interest and the appearance of Conflicts of Interest shall be reported according to Board Administrative Policies #1.0.101.00 - Standards of Conduct and Conflict of Interest; and #1.0.105.00 - Reporting Conflict of Interest, Fraud, and Abuse, which were adopted by the Board of Directors on April 26, 2007.

Conflict of Interest – A circumstance in which a Board Member, Board employee, Contracted Provider, or Contracted Provider's employee is in a decision-making position and has a direct or indirect interest, particularly a financial interest, that influences the individual's ability to perform job duties and fulfill responsibilities.

Appearance of a Conflict of Interest – A circumstance in which a Board Member, Board employee, Contracted Provider, or Contracted Provider's employee's action appears to be:

- influenced by considerations of one or more of the following: gain to the person, entity, or organization for which the person has an employment interest, substantial financial interest, or other interest, whether direct or indirect (other than those consistent with the terms of the contract), or;
- motivated by design to gain improper influence over the Commission, the Agency, the Board, or the Board's Chief Elected Officials.

Code of Ethics

The Workforce Solutions Code of Ethics is a guide for dealing with ethical matters in the workplace and in our relationship with our clients and members of the community.

- We believe in respect for the individual.
- We believe all persons are entitled to be treated with respect, compassion and dignity.
- We believe in openness and honesty in dealing with the general public, the people we serve, and our peers.
- We believe in striving for excellence.
- We believe in conducting ourselves in a way that will avoid even the appearance of favoritism, undue influence or impropriety, so as to preserve public confidence in our efforts.



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Tuesday, February 7, 2023 – 3:00 pm

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order: *Marcia Keener, Chair*
- II. TOMA Rules: *Janet Neely*
- III. Roll Call: *Janet Neely*.....3
- IV. **Announcement on Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest**
Any Conflicts of Interest or Appearance of a Conflict of Interest with items on this agenda shall be declared at this time. Members with conflicts will refrain from voting and are asked to refrain from discussion on such items. Conflicts discovered later in the meeting shall be disclosed at that time. Note: Information on open meetings is included at the end of this agenda.
- V. **Public Comments**
- VI. **Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of the November 8, 2022 Child Care Services Committee Meeting**.....4-6
- VII. **Review of Committee Charter, Initiatives, and Strategic Board Goals for BCY2023:** *Denise Woodson*.7
- VIII. **Information Only:**
 - a. Summary of Child Care Performance for the First Quarter of BCY2023: *Denise Woodson*.....8

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b. Summary of Child Care Performance for the Month of January of the Second Quarter of BCY2023: *Denise Woodson*.....9

c. Action Plan for Child Care Performance for the Second Quarter of BCY2023: *Denise Woodson*....10-15

d. Analysis of Coastal Bend Child Care: *Denise Woodson*.....16

e. Texas Rising Star (TRS) Entry Level Designation: *Denise Woodson*.....17

f. Update on Child Care Quality Program Activities: *Christina Miller*.....18

IX. Adjournment

Note: Except for expressly authorized closed sessions, meetings, discussions, and deliberations of the Board or Committees will be open to the public. Voting in all cases will be open to the public. Board members are advised that using personal communication devices to discuss Committee and Board business during the meeting may be a violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act. Such communications also may be subject to the Texas Public Information Act.

Closed Session Notice. PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Board may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss matters listed on the agenda, when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. In the event the Board elects to go into executive session regarding an agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the executive session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer.

Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA). All public meetings are required to follow all parts of the Texas Open Meetings Act. Therefore, we will be holding this meeting both in-person at our administrative offices and on **ZOOM**. With this format, comes some changes to what is required of board members and the public.

- The presiding member (Chair or designee) must be in-person at the meeting location, 400 Mann St. Ste. 800, Corpus Christi, Texas.
- Board members must be visible on camera in order to count toward the quorum and in order to vote.
- The public and all presenters will need to be visible while presenting information.

This hybrid meeting format will allow us to meet TOMA rules, while still ensuring the safety of those who must attend.

**Child Care Services Committee
Roll Call Roster
February 7, 2023
(3 = Quorum)**

_____ Marcia Keener, Chair

_____ Catrina Wilson, Vice Chair

_____ Justin Hoggard

_____ Andrea Chavez

_____ Alma Barrera

Signed

Printed Name

MINUTES
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November 8, 2022 – 3:00 pm

Committee Members

Present

Marcia Keener, Chair
Sandra Bowen, Vice Chair
Catrina Wilson
Andrea Chavez
Alma Barrera

Absent

Justin Hoggard

Others Present

Ken Trevino, Workforce Solutions
Amy Villarreal, Workforce Solutions
Shileen Lee, Workforce Solutions
Janet Neely, Workforce Solutions
Rosina Salas, Workforce Solutions
Denise Woodson, Workforce Solutions
Christina Miller, Workforce Solutions
Vicki Stonum, Workforce Solutions
Valerie De La Cruz, Workforce Solutions
Valerie Ann De La Cruz, Workforce Solutions
Xena Mercado, Workforce Solutions
Tony Armadillo, Workforce Solutions
Alba Silvas, Workforce Solutions
Allyson Riojas, Workforce Solutions
Imelda Trevino, Workforce Solutions
Esther Velazquez, Workforce Solutions
Ruben Gonzalez, Workforce Solutions
Geri Escobar, C2GPS, LLC
Neil Hanson, BakerRipley
Kenia Dimas, BakerRipley

Other Board Members Present:

Gloria Perez

I. Call to Order

Ms. Keener called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

II. TOMA Rules

Ms. Neely provided information on the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA) Rules.

III. Roll Call

The roll was called and a quorum was present. Also, in attendance was Ms. Perez.

IV. Announcement on Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

Attention was called to the Disclosure and Declaration of Conflict of Interest and disclosures were requested by the chair at this time. None were made.

V. Public Comments

Due to the new TOMA rules we do have a laptop setup at 400 Mann Street, Suite 800 and it is listed on the zoom call as Public. The laptop is available and open to the public.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of the September 6, 2022 Child Care Services Committee Meeting

Ms. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2022 Child Care Services Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bowen and passed.

VII. Discussion and Possible Action on Child Care Policies

1. Policy #4.3.100.08 – Child Care Eligibility
2. Policy #4.3.108.04 – Child Care Provider Reimbursement Rates

Ms. Woodson provided information on revisions to Child Care Policies (included on pages 7-21 of the November 8 agenda packet).

Ms. Wilson moved to recommend to the Board of Directors approval of revisions to Child Care Policies as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barrera and passed.

VIII. Information Only:

a. Summary of Child Care Performance for the Fourth Quarter of BCY2022

Ms. Woodson provided a summary of Child Care performance for the fourth quarter of BCY 2022 (included on page 22-26 of the November 8 agenda packet).

b. Summary of Child Care Performance for the Month of October of the First Quarter of BCY2023

Ms. Woodson provided a summary of Child Care performance for the month of October of the first quarter of BCY 2023 (included on page 27-31 of the November 8 agenda packet).

c. Action Plan for Child Care Performance for the First Quarter of BCY2023

Ms. Woodson provided information on an action plan for Child Care performance for the first quarter of BCY 2023 (included on page 32 of the November 8 agenda packet).

d. Analysis of Coastal Bend Child Care

Ms. Woodson provided an Analysis of Coastal Bend Child Care for the month of August 2022 (included on page 33 of the November 8 agenda packet).

e. Update on Child Care Quality Program Activities

Ms. Miller provided an update on Child Care Quality Program activities (included on pages 34-35 of the November 8 agenda packet).

Professional Development Training Activities

07-12 & 07-13-22 “Integrating the Frogstreet Curriculum into Your Classroom Daily Schedule
Dr. Beverly Ashley
10 participants attended this training

09-27 & 09-28-22 “Integrating Lesson Plan Objectives Using Bloom’s Taxonomy into the Classroom
Daily Schedule”
Dr. Beverly Ashley
33 participants attended this training

Child Care Program Events

- | | |
|------------|---|
| 07-23-2022 | 8 th Annual “Back to School” Teachers Fair
Held at the Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center
285 participants
11 vendors present |
| 08-20-2022 | 8 th Annual Directors/Early Childhood Education Teachers Convocation
Held at the Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center
155 participants
9 vendors present |

Ms. Keener thanked everyone for attending the Child Care Services Committee Meeting.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

VII. Review of Committee Charter, Initiatives, and Strategic Board Goals for BCY 2023

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Child Care Services Committee Charter:

CHILD CARE SERVICES

Responsible for all issues dealing with the management of childcare services. Responsible for monitoring the childcare vendor activity, the childcare contractor, recommending the allocation of childcare dollars to the Board and to the Contractor, reviewing childcare training, development issues, and monitoring the reports and enrollments from the contractor.

STRATEGIC BOARD GOALS

1. Establish and Strengthen Partnerships
2. Effectively and Efficiently Target Rural Area Services
3. Increase Workforce Awareness
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5. Explore New Revenue Opportunities
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RECOMMENDATION

The Child Care Services Committee consider initiatives for 2023 and take any appropriate action on the information presented.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

VIII – a. Summary of Child Care Performance for the First Quarter of BCY2023

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board staff will summarize child care performance for the first quarter of BCY2023. Attached are charts indicating actual enrollments, expenditures, and monthly performance measures for the first quarter of BCY2023.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

VIII – b. Summary of Child Care Performance for the Month of January of the Second Quarter of BCY2023

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board staff will summarize child care performance for the month of January of the second quarter of BCY2023. Attached are charts indicating actual enrollments, expenditures, and monthly performance measures for January 2023.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

VIII – c. Action Plan for Child Care Performance for the Second Quarter of BCY2023

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board staff will present an action plan for child care performance for the second quarter of BCY2023.

FY2023 - Direct Child Care Forecast
January 2023 as of January 02, 2023

DESCRIPTION	CONTRACT	Start Date	End Date	BUDGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT EXPENDED As of 01-02-2023	BALANCE	PROJECTED UNPAID CLAIMS	SURPLUS / DEFICIT	Annual Performance Potential	Assumptions
CCC	2223CCC001	10/1/2022	10/31/2023	\$ 6,136,941	\$ 74,092	\$ 6,062,850	\$ 20,448,382	\$ 1,289,313	3,574	Average costs assumed to slowly rise to TWC assumption (due to adding more TRS providers).
CCF	2222CCF001	10/1/2021	12/31/2022	\$ 2,125,912	\$ 2,421,410	\$ (295,498)				
CCF	2223CCF001	10/1/2022	12/31/2023	\$ 16,728,288	\$ 757,944	\$ 15,970,344				
Sub Total - Formula Funds				\$ 24,991,140	\$ 3,253,445	\$ 21,737,696	\$ 20,448,382	\$ 1,289,313	3,574	
Local Match	23CCM	10/1/2022	9/30/2023	\$ 1,880,444	\$ -	\$ 1,880,444				Individual LM contracts will be added as they are approved by TWC and added in TWIST.
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
Sub Total - Local Match Funds				\$ 1,880,444	\$ -	\$ 1,880,444	\$ -	\$ 1,880,444		
Sub Total - CCDF Performance Funds				\$ 26,871,584	\$ 3,253,445	\$ 23,618,140	\$ 20,448,382	\$ 3,169,757	3,574	
Service Industry Recovery	2222CCX	#N/A	#N/A	\$ 246,807	\$ 240,071	\$ 6,735	\$ 225,057	\$ (218,322)	0	
DFPS				\$ 815,100	\$ 95,956	\$ 719,144	\$ 452,100	\$ 267,045	71	
Total All Funds				\$ 27,933,491	\$ 3,589,472	\$ 24,344,019	\$ 21,125,539	\$ 3,218,480	3,645	
Percentage					12.85%	87.15%	75.63%	11.52%		
										3,612 Performance Target (Discretionary & Mandatory)

Reconciliation to Contract:

Total Funds Management Budget	\$ 27,933,491
CCP Funds in Contract	\$ -
Other Funds in Contract	\$ -
Total Budgets in reports	\$ 27,933,491
Contract Amount	\$ 27,933,491
Variance and Explanation	\$ -

Fiscal Year 2023 - Enrollment Targets

Eligibility Characteristic	Enrollment As Of Jan 02	Actual	Actual	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Difference Over/(Under) to current month
		Average Enrollment	Average Enrollment	Average Enrollment	Average Enrollment	Average Enrollment	Average Enrollment	Average Enrollment	Average Enrollment	Average Enrollment	Average Enrollment	Average Enrollment	Average Enrollment	
	1/2/2023	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	
CCDF FUNDS														
3 - Transitional	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 - Income Eligible	3,148	2,958	3,073	3,138	3,288	3,438	3,588	3,738	3,888	3,938	3,988	3,838	3,838	(140)
16 - Homeless	14	7	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	2
1 - Choices	31	31	31	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	2
2 - Tanf Applicant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 - SNAP E&T	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 - Former DFPS	31	28	34	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	(3)
Sub Total	3,224	3,031	3,160	3,223	3,373	3,523	3,673	3,823	3,973	4,023	4,073	3,923	3,923	(151)
		126	129	63	150	150	150	150	150	50	50	-150	0	
8 - Service Industry	112	207	171	130	88	73	58							24
DFPS														
11 - General Protective	42	32	29	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	3
12 - Foster Care IV-E	3	7	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0
13 - Foster Care not IV-E	8	12	10	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	0
14 - Relative/Other Caregiver	21	24	24	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	(1)
Sub Total	74	75	68	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	2
Total All Funds	3,410	3,313	3,399	3,425	3,533	3,668	3,803	3,895	4,045	4,095	4,145	3,995	3,995	(125)

CCDF FUNDS FORECASTING PROFILE - FY 2023

		C - H								I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
		Average # of Children for the month (self count by eligibility characteristic)								Utilization Rate	Actual Units	Billable Days	Actual Expenses	Average Unit Cost	Remaining Projected Units	Remaining Projected Expenditures	Total Actual & Projected Expenditures
		3 - Transitional	10 -Income Eligible	16 - Homeless	1 - Choices	2 - Tanf Applicant	4 - SNAP E&T	15 - Former DFPS	Total								
Actual	Oct-22	0	2,958	7	31	0	0	28	3,024	98.3%	62,452	21	\$ 1,550,762	\$ 24.83	-	\$ -	\$ 1,550,762
	Nov-22	0	3,073	11	31	0	0	34	3,149	97.8%	67,760	22	\$ 1,702,683	\$ 25.13	-	\$ -	\$ 1,702,683
Projected	Dec-22	0	3,138	12	29	0	0	32	3,211	96.0%	0	22	\$ -	\$ 24.84	67,816	\$ 1,684,557	\$ 1,684,557
	Jan-23	0	3,288	12	29	0	0	32	3,361	99.0%	0	22	\$ -	\$ 24.84	73,203	\$ 1,818,352	\$ 1,818,352
	Feb-23	0	3,438	12	29	0	0	32	3,511	99.0%	0	20	\$ -	\$ 24.84	69,518	\$ 1,726,822	\$ 1,726,822
	Mar-23	0	3,588	12	29	0	0	32	3,661	99.0%	0	23	\$ -	\$ 24.84	83,361	\$ 2,070,686	\$ 2,070,686
	Apr-23	0	3,738	12	29	0	0	32	3,811	99.0%	0	20	\$ -	\$ 24.84	75,458	\$ 1,874,372	\$ 1,874,372
	May-23	0	3,888	12	29	0	0	32	3,961	99.0%	0	23	\$ -	\$ 24.84	90,192	\$ 2,240,369	\$ 2,240,369
	Jun-23	0	3,938	12	29	0	0	32	4,011	99.0%	0	22	\$ -	\$ 27.21	87,360	\$ 2,377,054	\$ 2,377,054
	Jul-23	0	3,988	12	29	0	0	32	4,061	99.0%	0	21	\$ -	\$ 27.21	84,428	\$ 2,297,291	\$ 2,297,291
	Aug-23	0	3,838	12	29	0	0	32	3,911	96.0%	0	23	\$ -	\$ 27.21	86,355	\$ 2,349,716	\$ 2,349,716
	Sep-23	0	3,838	12	29	0	0	32	3,911	99.0%	0	21	\$ -	\$ 24.71	81,310	\$ 2,009,162	\$ 2,009,162
TOTALS / AVERAGE		0	3,559	12	29	0	0	32	3,632		130,212	260	\$ 3,253,445	\$ 25.51	799,000	\$ 20,448,382	\$ 23,701,827

Total Actual and Projected Expenditures

\$ 23,701,827

Total CCF Budget

\$ 18,854,199

Total CCM Budget

\$ 1,880,444

Total CCC Budget

\$ 6,136,941

Total Direct Child Care Services Budget

\$ 26,871,584

Net Balance

\$ 3,169,757

(Total "CC Services Budget" minus "Total Actual & Projected Expenditures")

Projected Average Number of Units Served

3,574

(Total of "Number of Actual + Projected Units / 12 months)

DFPS FORECASTING PROFILE - FY 2023

		C - H					I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
		Average # of Children for the month (self count by eligibility characteristic)					Utilization Rate	Actual Units	Billable Days	Actual Expenses	Average Unit Cost	Remaining Projected Units	Remaining Projected Expenditures	Total Actual & Projected Expenditures
		11-DFPS General Protective	12-DFPS Foster Care IV-E	13-DFPS Foster Care Not IV-E	14-DFPS Relt/Other Caregiver	Total								
A c t u a l	10/1/2022	32	7	12	24	75	97.1%	1,530	21	\$ 48,723	\$ 31.85	-	\$ -	\$ 48,723
	11/1/2022	29	5	10	24	68	96.8%	1,448	22	\$ 47,232	\$ 32.62	-	\$ -	\$ 47,232
P r o j e c t e d	12/1/2022	39	3	8	22	72	99.0%	-	22	\$ -	\$ 28.77	1,568	\$ 45,116	\$ 45,116
	1/1/2023	39	3	8	22	72	99.0%	-	22	\$ -	\$ 28.77	1,568	\$ 45,116	\$ 45,116
	2/1/2023	39	3	8	22	72	99.0%	-	20	\$ -	\$ 28.77	1,426	\$ 41,015	\$ 41,015
	3/1/2023	39	3	8	22	72	99.0%	-	23	\$ -	\$ 28.77	1,639	\$ 47,167	\$ 47,167
	4/1/2023	39	3	8	22	72	99.0%	-	20	\$ -	\$ 28.52	1,426	\$ 40,658	\$ 40,658
	5/1/2023	39	3	8	22	72	99.0%	-	23	\$ -	\$ 28.52	1,639	\$ 46,757	\$ 46,757
	6/1/2023	39	3	8	22	72	99.0%	-	22	\$ -	\$ 30.52	1,568	\$ 47,860	\$ 47,860
	7/1/2023	39	3	8	22	72	99.0%	-	21	\$ -	\$ 30.52	1,497	\$ 45,685	\$ 45,685
	8/1/2023	39	3	8	22	72	99.0%	-	23	\$ -	\$ 30.52	1,639	\$ 50,036	\$ 50,036
	9/1/2023	39	3	8	22	72	99.0%	-	21	\$ -	\$ 28.52	1,497	\$ 42,691	\$ 42,691
TOTALS / AVERAGE		38	4	9	22	72		2,978	260	\$ 95,956	\$ 29.71	15,468	\$ 452,100	\$ 548,055

Total Actual and Projected Expenditures \$ 548,055

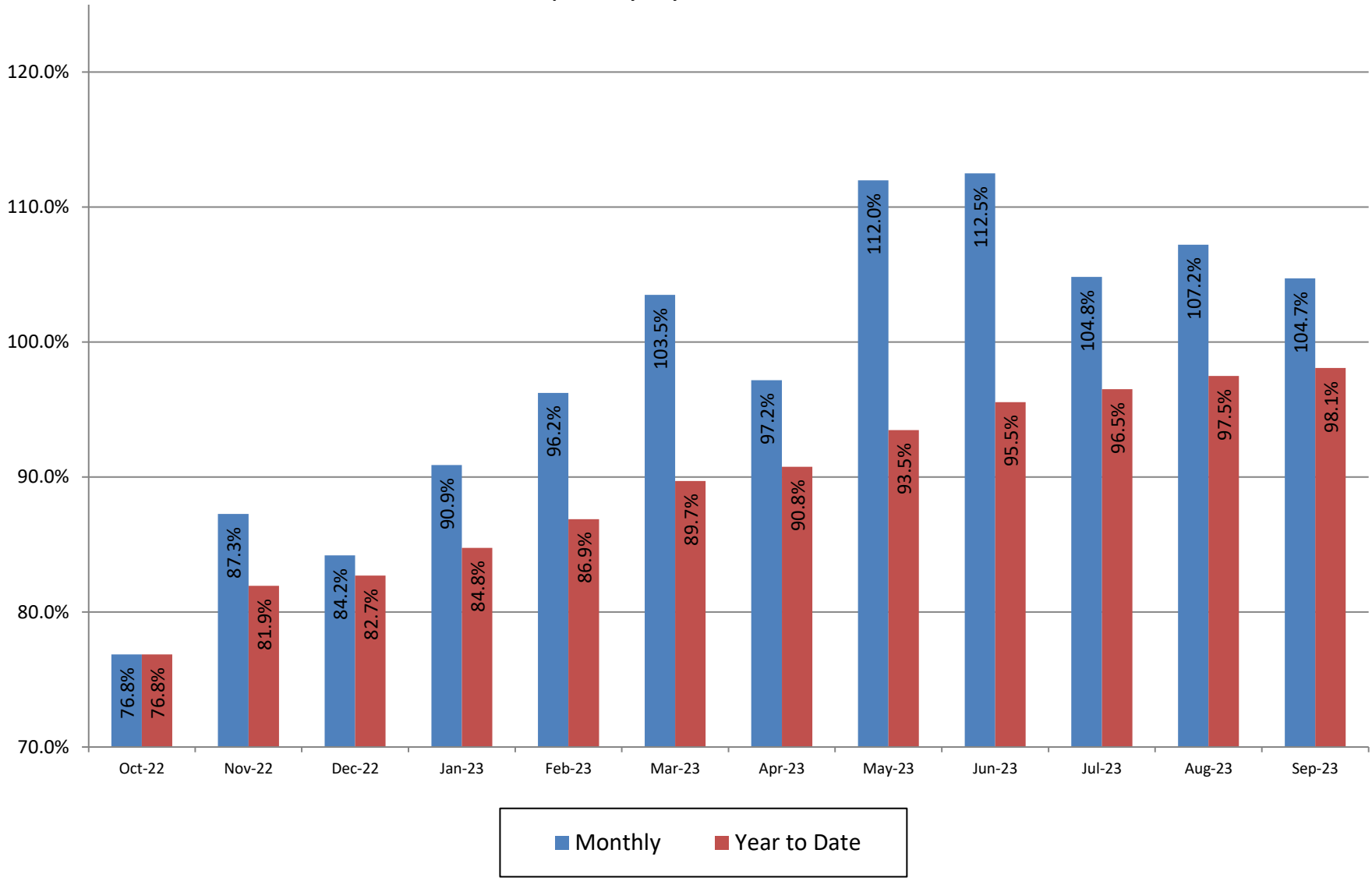
Total DFPS Direct Child Care Services Budget \$ 815,100

Net Balance \$ 267,045
(Total "CC Services Budget" minus "Total Actual & Projected Expenditures")

Projected Average Number of Units Served 71
(Total of "Number of Actual + Projected Units / 12 months)

Coastal Bend CCDF Funds Actual and Projected Performance

TWC reports may vary due to data extraction dates



DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

VIII – d. Analysis of Coastal Bend Child Care

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board receives a monthly report from TWC that analyzes child care performance with respect to several factors. The most current monthly report regarding child care performance was received on January 5, 2023. Included in the report was a program analysis for the month of October 2022 that contained the following information:

- Average number of children in care – 2,778
- Average cost per unit (**Discretionary Care**) - \$24.84
- Average cost per unit (**Mandatory Care**) - \$27.58
- Number of licensed centers – 120
- Percentage of children in licensed centers – 95.15%
- Number of licensed homes – 20
- Percentage of children in licensed homes – 3.89%
- Number of registered homes – 3
- Percentage of children in registered homes – 0.36%
- Total registered providers – 143
- Number of listed relative homes – 8
- Percentage of children in listed relative homes – 0.60%
- Total relative providers – 8
- Percentage of Choices Program – 1.02%
- Percentage of Other Mandatory – 0.98%
- Board Performance - Discretionary – 98.0%*
- Percentage of Former DFPS Only – 0.98%
- Number of children on wait list – 216
- Enrollment is currently open

*Discretionary care is income based child care.

Mandatory care is referred by Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS) and Choices Program referrals.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

VIII – e. Texas Rising Star (TRS) Entry Level Designation

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) recently adopted amendments to the Chapter 809 Child Care Services Rules, Subchapter G. Texas Rising Star Program §§809.130 – 809.136. The purpose of the amendments to Chapter 809 is to implement House Bill (HB) 2607 - Texas Rising Star Entry Level Rating. **HB2607 amended Texas Government Code, §2308.3155 to require all regulated providers of TWC-funded Child Care Services (CCS) be included in the Texas Rising Star program** and required TWC to amend its Texas Rising Star program rules to include an Entry Level rating. Simply put, Texas Government Code, §2308.3155(a) means participation in the Texas Rising Star Program is **mandatory** for regulated CCS providers. Relative providers **are not** required to participate in the Texas Rising Star Program. Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend (WFSCB) has revised its Child Care Services Provider Agreement to include this change.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

VIII – f. Update on Child Care Quality Program Activities

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board staff will provide an update on the child care quality program professional development training activities and events that took place and child care resources that were purchased during the first quarter of BCY2023.

Professional Development Training Activities

11-15 & 11-16-22 Provider Meetings
Board and Contractor Staffs
80 participants attended this training

Child Care Resources

December 2022

Frogstreet Curriculum Kits and Instructional Resource Kits - Purchased Frogstreet curriculum kits and instructional resource kits for Workforce providers participating in the first cohort group of “*Entry Level Designated*” providers receiving Texas Rising Star (TRS) mentoring services. The items in the curriculum and resource kits will assist the child care center staff in meeting the basic required measures during the TRS initial assessment.

WFSCB Glossary of Terms

Program Title	Acronym	Program Description
Able-bodied Adult Without Dependents	ABAWD	An individual 18 yrs.+, but under the age of 50, without dependents. SNAP-ABAWD recipients are referred by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).
Board Contract Year	BCY	Board Contract Year (runs from Oct. 1 - Sept. 30)
Career & Education Outreach Program	CEOP	Provides career information to students at public middle and high schools, grades six through twelve, to direct students towards high-growth/high-demand occupations. Students receive in-depth information and directions on career choices as well as access to workforce resources.
Dislocated Worker	DW	An individual who has been terminated or laid off from employment is not eligible for unemployment benefits due to insufficient earnings and is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.
Department of Labor	DOL	United States Department of Labor
Educator Externship	EDEX	Informs teachers of the skill sets needed for in-demand jobs, and allows the teachers to inform and guide students toward employment in industries that match their skill sets.
Employment Services (Wagner-Peyser)	ES	Services for employers and job seekers to ensure employers have access to qualified workers. Provides job matching and recruitment services to employers and job seekers.
Eligible Training Provider	ETP	Training providers certified by the Texas Workforce Commission to provide WIOA-funded training programs.
Eligible Training Program List	ETPL	A comprehensive list of training programs approved for WIOA-funded training using Individual Training Accounts.
Fiscal Year	FY	The fiscal year is the accounting period of the federal government. It begins on October 1 and ends on September 30 of the next calendar year.
Individual Training Accounts	ITA	An account established for eligible WIOA customers for training in an array of state-approved training programs. ITAs may be used only for programs included on the statewide ETPL.
Local Workforce Development Board	LWDB	Local workforce development board established in accordance with WIA Section 117, for the purpose of policy planning for a local area and has the responsibility to ensure that the workforce needs of employers and job seekers in the geographic area governed by the local unit of government are met.
Monthly Performance Report	MPR	Performance accountability indicators used to assess the effectiveness of states and local workforce systems to achieve positive outcomes for individuals served by the six core workforce programs.
Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program	MSFW	A nationally directed program created by Congress in response to the chronic seasonal unemployment and underemployment experienced by migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFW). Provides funding to help migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families achieve economic self-sufficiency.
National Dislocated Worker	NDW	A grant awarded to areas affected by major disaster or national catastrophe to assist in disaster relief employment and assist the substantial number of workers who were forced to relocate from an area in which a disaster has been declared.
On-the-Job Training	OJT	One-on-one training located at the job site for participants who already have some job-related skills. By participating in training as an employee, the participant acquires new skills and knowledge and receives the same wages and benefits as current employees in the same or similar position.
Program Year	PY	Program Year (for example, Program Year 2022: PY'22; –period varies for state and federal years)
Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment	RESEA	A federal grant program designed to allow states to provide intensive reemployment assistance to individuals who are receiving unemployment benefits and are determined likely to exhaust their benefits before becoming reemployed.

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Rapid Response	RR	Provides immediate on-site assistance to workers who have job losses due to businesses closure or worker reduction. Designed to transition workers to their next employment as soon as possible.
Summer Earn and Learn	SEAL	A summer program that offers basic work-based learning and training services for students with disabilities such as, pre-employment work readiness training and preparation for the work experience placement; work experience to help gain familiarity with the workplace environment and develop transferable job skills; and paid compensation for time worked on the job.
Student HireAbility Navigator	SHAN	Student HireAbility Navigator's role is to expand and improve access to employment and training services and to increase employment opportunities for students with disabilities by creating strong partnerships between vocational rehabilitation (VR) Workforce Solutions offices, independent school districts (ISDs), community organizations, employers.
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment & Training	SNAP E&T	Designed to assist SNAP recipients in obtaining employment through participation in allowable job search, training, education, or workforce activities that promote long-term self-sufficiency. SNAP recipients are referred by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).
Trade Adjustment Assistance	TAA	A federally funded program, with no costs to employers, who helps workers who are adversely affected by foreign import or job shifts to a foreign country.
Texas Internship Initiative	TII	Provides part-time paid internships in Middle-Skill areas of accounting, business, construction management, engineering, healthcare, and information technology. Participating senior high school students must pass a dual-credit course to be placed in an internship with a local business. This grant is in partnership with Education to Employment (E2E) for the Coastal Bend.
Texas Industry Partnership Program	TIP	Supports collaborations between local workforce development boards and industry partners through the leveraging of matching contributions of cash or qualifying expenditures for occupational job training. Match funds must support certain WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) activities and focus on eight designated industry clusters.
Texas Veterans Commission	TVC	A state agency that assists veterans, their families, and survivors through services provided by federal, state, local government, and private organizations.
Texas Veterans Leadership Program	TVLP	A non-profit agency that provides services to veterans to help find employment and achieve successful transitions back into civilian life.
The Workforce Information System of Texas	TWIST	TWIST is a centralized point of reporting intake and case management for customers. Intake information is submitted just once for multiple employment and training programs and can be retrieved statewide. TWIST also allows staff to query and retrieve information from the legacy systems – Employment Services, Unemployment Insurance, SNAP E&T, TANF, Supplemental Security Income, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
Vocational Rehabilitation Services	VRS	A federal program that helps individuals with physical or mental disabilities get and/or keep a job.
Work Experience	WE	A work-based learning opportunity in which program-eligible customers learn both essential and technical skills for long-term employment. Businesses are referred to as “work experience sites.” Intended to be short-term (12 or fewer weeks) and part-time work experience can be a volunteer, internship, or temporary short-term paid-work setting.
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act	WIOA	Helps job seekers and workers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market; and matches employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.
Work In Texas	WIT	A comprehensive online job search resource and matching system developed and maintained by TWC. It provides recruiting assistance to Texas employers and job search assistance to any individual seeking work in Texas.
Workforce Opportunity Tax Credit	WOTC	A federal tax credit that the government provides to private-sector businesses for hiring individuals from nine target groups that have historically faced significant barriers to employment.