# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 12, 2006 [X] Consent [] Regular [] Public Hearing Department					
Submitted By: Community Services					
Submitted For: Head Start/Early Head Start & Children's Services					
I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF					
Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: a Resolution repealing and replacing Resolution R2000-1866 regarding the Head Start/Early Head Start (HS/EHS) Policy Council.					
<b>Summary:</b> A modified Resolution is necessary to accommodate the inclusion of the HS/EHS contracted programs. Contracted programs were developed to comply with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) guidelines and recommendations resulting from of a recent federal review of the Head Start/Early Head Start program. In accordance, changes are necessary to the membership guidelines of the HS/EHS Policy Council. Upon approval of this Resolution, the Council will be comprised of 33 members to facilitate the inclusion of the contracted programs recently added to the HS/EHS roster. (Head Start) Countywide (TKF)					
<b>Background and Justification</b> : Resolution R92-444 creating the Head Start Policy Council was adopted on March 24, 1992. As a result of the addition of the Early Head Start Program, the Resolution was replaced with Resolution R2000-1866 on November 11, 2000. The need now exists to modify the Resolution again to include membership on the Council to represent the newly created contracted programs, as a result, the Council will now have a total of 33 members, instead of 25.					
Attachment: Resolution					
Recommended by:					
Department Director Date					
Approved by:  Assistant County Administrator  Date					

# II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

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Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes No Budget Account No.: Fund DeptUnitObject Program Code						
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c.	Other Department	: Review:				
	Department	Director				

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

#### **RESOLUTION R-2006-**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. R2000-1866 REGARDING THE HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County adopted Resolution No. R-92-444 on March 24, 1992, which established the Head Start Policy Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Head Start Policy Council Resolution No. R-92-444 was repealed and replaced with Resolution No. R2000-1866, dated November 21, 2000 to establish the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council to incorporate Early Head Start Program;

WHEREAS, the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council Resolution No.
R2000-1866 needs to be repealed and replaced to accommodate the inclusion of the Head
Start/Early Head Start Contracted Programs;

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government requires all Head Start/Early Head Start grant recipients to establish a Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council which is comprised of parents of Head Start/Early Head Start children presently enrolled in the program and representatives of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, parent and community involvement is essential to an effective Head Start/Early Head Start program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

### 1. Repeal and Replacement

Resolution No. R2000-1866 is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

### A. Requirements for Membership

1. There will be a total of 33 members of the Policy Council. At all times there shall be an odd number of membership positions on the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council. In the event of a change in the number of Head Start/Early Head Start centers or programs, that will result in a change in the number of parent members, the number of community representatives will be adjusted accordingly so that an odd number of members is retained to maintain at least a 51% parent membership.

## B. **Conditions of Membership**

Residency Requirement

All members must be residents of Palm Beach County at the time of appointment and while serving on the Council.

## C. Prohibition of County Staff

County employees may not be appointed to the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council.

## D. Terms of Appointment

The term of membership shall be for three (3) years, however each year, Policy Council Members must be voted in by the Policy Council. Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term and in the manner described above. In no event may a member serve for more than three years pursuant to federal regulations.

## E. Automatic Removal for Lack of Attendance

A member of the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council shall automatically be removed for lack of attendance. Lack of attendance is defined as failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings and/or failure to attend more than one-half of the meetings scheduled during a calendar year. Participation for less than three-fourths of a meeting shall constitute lack of attendance. Excused absences due to illness, absence from the County, or personal hardship, if approved by vote of the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council, shall not constitute a lack of attendance. Excused absences shall be entered into the minutes at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council. Members removed under this paragraph shall not continue to serve until a new appointment is made and removal shall create a vacancy.

#### F. Elected Office

Members shall not be prohibited from qualifying as a candidate for elected office.

### G. Travel Reimbursement

Travel reimbursement is limited to expenses incurred only for travel outside

Palm Beach County necessary to fulfill Council member responsibilities

when sufficient funds have been budgeted and are available and upon the

prior approval of the Board of County Commissioners and is consistent with

Palm Beach County personnel rules and procedures. No other expenses are reimbursable except documented long distance telephone calls to the liaison County department.

### H. Ethics

Members shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Palm Beach County Ethics Resolution R-94-693 as may be amended.

# I. <u>Duties of Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council</u>

- 1. Appendix A, attached hereto, outlines the major management functions connected with the Head Start/Early Head Start program at the grantee level and the degree of responsibility assigned to each participating group as dictated by the federal regulations. Pursuant to Appendix A, the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council shall have a general responsibility for establishing a method of hearing and resolving community complaints about the Head Start/Early Head Start program. They shall have operating responsibility for conducting self-evaluations of the County's Head Start/Early Head Start program. They must be consulted on the identification of child development needs in the area to be served and on the standards for ensuring that space, equipment and supplies are acquired as needed. They may be consulted on the directive given to Head Start/Early Head Start staff in day to day operations. The Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council must approve or disapprove of the following:
- 2. The goals of the Head Start/Early Head Start Program, as established by the Head Start/Early Head Start Director and the Board of County Commissioners, and the method of meeting said goals within the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) guidelines;
- The determination of the areas in the community in which Head
   Start/Early Head Start programs operate;
- Plans to use all available community resources in Head Start/Early
   Head Start;
- 5. Criteria for selection of children within applicable laws and HHS guidelines;
- 6. The determination of what services should be provided to Head Start/Early Head Start from the program;

- 7. Head Start/Early Head Start personnel policies, including establishment of hiring and firing criteria for Head Start staff, career development plans and employee grievance procedures;
- Hiring and firing Head Start Director in accordance with Palm
   Beach County Personnel Policies and Procedures;
- Hiring and firing of Head Start/Early Head Start staff in accordance with Palm Beach County Personnel Policies and Procedures;
- 10. Requests for funds and proposed work program prior to submittal to HHS;
- 11. Major changes in budget and work programs while programs are in operation; and
- 12. Information submitted to HHS for pre-view in addition to those functions listed in Appendix A
- J. The Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council shall:
  - 1. Serve as a link between public and private organizations and the community;
  - 2. Have the opportunity to initiate suggestions and ideas for program improvements and to receive a report on actions taken by the County with regard to its recommendations;
  - 3. Plan, coordinate and organize county-wide activities for parents with the assistance of staff;
  - 4. Recruit volunteer services from parents, community residents and community organizations, and mobilize community resources to meet identified needs;
  - Distribute Parent Activity funds to policy committees, subject to
     Board of County Commissioners' approval.
  - 6. Submit an annual report to the Board of County Commissioners
  - 7. Provide advice and recommendations to the Board of County
    Commissioners on Head Start/Early Head Start Program and work
    cooperatively with the Board of County Commissioners and County staff in
    carrying out the program's objectives.

# K. Meetings of Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council

The Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council shall meet not less than once per month. A quorum must be present for the conducting of all business. The presence

of at least one-third (1/3) of the members appointed shall constitute a quorum. All meetings shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order.

Reasonable public notice of all meetings shall be provided and all such meetings shall be open to the public at all times. Minutes of all meetings shall be taken and available for public inspection.

## L. Chair and Vice-Chair

A Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected by a majority of the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council and shall serve for a term of one year.

Duties of the Chair:

- 1. Call Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council meetings and set the agenda for same;
- 2. Preside at Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council meetings;
- Establish committees, appoint committee chairs and charge committees with specific tasks;
- 4. Perform other functions as the Council may assign by rule or order
- 5. The Chair shall be a voting member of the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council.

## M. Duties of Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence and such other duties as the Chair may assign. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall become the chair for the unexpired term. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice-Chair, the Council will elect another member to fill the unexpired term of the Vice-Chair.

#### II. Effective Date

This resolution shall become effective upon approval by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach County, Florida.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by C	ommissioner and moved its adoption.
The motion was seconded by Commissione	er upon being put to a vote, the vote wa
as follows:	
TONY MASILOTTI	
ADDIE L. GREENE	
KAREN T. MARCUS	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
JEFF KOONS	
WARREN H. NEWELL	
MARY McCARTY	
BURT AARONSON	
The Chairman thereupon declared the Res	olution duly passed and adopted this
day of , 2006.	
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY	PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
	SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER
By:	Ву:
Assistant County Attorney	Deputy Clerk

Assistant County Attorney