

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM



ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING

April 18, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nelda Antunez
Concepcion Bardi
Celia Berton
Gloria Boyer
Lidia Flynn
Teresa Gamboa
Raquel McCoy
Maritza Ruley
Robert Strong

ABSENT

Alicia Rivera
Ruben Rodriguez
Ofelia Tiscareno
Tina Torres

STAFF

Beatriz Rivera
Rosario Ortiz
Janet Gonzalez
Maria Valdivia

Quorum met.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jimenez called meeting at 1:35 p.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Jimenez welcomed everyone and introduced himself. All the other members and staff also introduced themselves. The council members and staff introduced themselves. There are 5 new council members. Celia Berton, Gloria Boyer, Lidia Flynn, Raquel McCoy, and Robert Strong.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Maria advised the members the program has 143 active Foster Grandparents. There are currently 9 out on medical leave. The program has 54 volunteer sites. The program is behind 3,000 hours. The state has implemented the new background checks on the new volunteers. The Sheriff used to provide the program with free fingerprinting. The FBI check would run the program \$18.00. Texas Department of Public Safety is currently charging \$40.00 per background check. The program staff has currently finished training 17 new volunteers. They are pending their physicals and background checks. Background checks run on the volunteer cannot be shared with anyone. Everything is kept confidential. Some of the schools also conduct their own background checks on the volunteers. The program has opened up two new headstarts and the YMCA, Armed Services CDC.

Maria provided the members with the Ethics Ordinance.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None to report.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report

NEW BUSINESS

Station evaluations need to be completed by the sites to be turned in with the federal reapplication grant. The stations evaluate the program overall. The council members selected the stations they would contact.

The council selected a co-chair. Lidia made a motion for Maritza Ruley and Gloria Boyer seconded. Motion passed.

Maria wants to set up a grievance committee. This is for any volunteer who appeals if they get removed from the program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Foster Grandparent Martha Mata passed away. The next meeting will be held on June 20, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Reviewed by Maria I. Valdivia
Coordinator

Approved by Ramon Jimenez
Program Advisory Council President