**AGREEMENT for Head Start Services for Program Year 2016-2017** 

### AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into by and between the **CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER**, a municipal corporation of the State of Colorado (the "City") and MILE HIGH MONTESSORI EARLY LEARNING CENTERS, a Colorado not-for-profit corporation, whose address is 1780 Marion Street, Denver, Colorado 80218 (the "Contractor") collectively "the parties".

- 1. **DEFINITIONS:** In addition to other terms which may be defined elsewhere in this Agreement, the following terms will have the meanings set forth in such subparagraph wherever used in this Agreement with the first letter of each capitalized.
- **A.** "ACF" means the Administration For Children and Families, a division of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
  - **B.** "CFR" means the Code of Federal Regulations.
- **C.** "Delegate Agency" means the Contractor or Contractor's successor in interest with whom the City has contracted to operate a portion of the City's Head Start Program.
- **D.** "Denver's Head Start Program" means a program or programs of the City and County of Denver that deliver Head Start services to certain children and their families living in Targeted Areas of the City and County of Denver (Head Start CFDA #93.600).
- **E.** "Grant" means an award of financial assistance in the form of money, or property in lieu of money, by Federal Government through ACF to the City to operate Head Start Programs.
- **F.** "Head Start" means a program of educational, social, psychological, health nutritional and parent education services to children and their families eligible to participate in Head Start programs under applicable guidelines of HHS.
- **G.** "HHS" means the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- **H.** "Program Year" means the period of time designated by the ACF to the City to provide Head Start programs under the Grant (and is currently set as the calendar year beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30).
- I. "Service Area" means the specific geographic areas within the City and County of Denver designated by the City as an area to be served under Denver's Head Start Program by a Delegate Agency.
- **J.** "Services" means the scope of services to be provided by the Contractor as set forth in this Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto relating to the provision of services to administer and operate Head Start program.

- **K.** "Subcontractor" means any entity other than a Subdelegate that furnishes, to the Contractor or its Subdelegates or Vendors, services (other than Head Start professional services), goods or supplies under this Agreement.
- **L.** "Subdelegate" means any entity retained by Contractor, by written agreement to operate all or part of the Contractor's Head Start program on a professional basis as described in this Agreement but does not include Vendors or entities retained to provide goods, services or supplies under this Agreement.
- **M.** "Targeted Areas" means the specific geographic areas within the City and County of Denver designated by ACF as areas to be served under Denver's Head Start Program.
- **N.** "Vendor" means, for purposes of this Agreement only, any entity retained by a Delegate Agency, by written subcontract, to provide a specified Head Start service on a professional basis for Denver's Head Start Program and does not include Subdelegates or entities retained to provide goods, services or supplies under this Agreement.
- **2. COORDINATION AND LIAISON:** The Contractor shall fully coordinate all services under the Agreement with the Director of the Denver Head Start Office (the "Director" and the "Head Start Office" respectively) or the Director's Designee.
- **3. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:** This Agreement consists of Paragraphs 1 through 43, which precede the signature page, and the following attachments which are incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference:
- **A.** Exhibit A, Contractor's Application and narrative to provide Head Start Services for program year 2016-2017.
  - **B.** Exhibit B, Contractor's Budget.
  - **C.** Exhibit C, Calendar of Times and Days of Operations.
  - **D.** Exhibit D, Schedule for submission of reports.
  - **E.** Exhibit E, Certificate of Insurance.
  - **F.** Exhibit F, Site Locations.
- **G.** Exhibit G, Section 20-76 of the Den. Rev. Mun. Code pertaining to Payment of Prevailing Wages.

The terms and conditions of paragraphs 1 through 43 hereof will control any contradictory or inconsistent terms and conditions that may be found or contained in the above-referenced attached or incorporated in Exhibits.

**4. TERM:** The Agreement will commence on July 1, 2016, and will expire on

June 30, 2017 (the "Term"). Subject to the Director's prior written authorization, the Contractor shall complete any work in progress as of the expiration date and the Term of the Agreement will extend until the work is completed or earlier terminated by the Director.

# 5. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED:

- **A.** At the direction of the Director, or the Director's Designee, the Contractor shall diligently undertake, perform, and complete all of the Services and produce all the deliverables set forth on the Exhibits attached hereto to the City's satisfaction.
- **B.** The Contractor is ready, willing, and able to provide the Services required by this Agreement.
- **C.** The Contractor shall faithfully perform the Services in accordance with the standards of care, skill, training, diligence, and judgment provided by highly competent individuals performing services of a similar nature to those described in the Agreement and in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.
- **6. CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES:** In addition to any and all obligations required by law or stated elsewhere in this Agreement or in any attachments hereto, the Contractor will:
- **A.** Assist the City as requested in reviewing currently designated Head Start facilities and provide advice and input concerning any and all decisions about such facilities;
- **B.** Communicate timely with the Head Start Director concerning the provision of services hereunder and attend and participate in meetings as requested by the Director or the Director's designated representative;
- **C.** Ensure that all of Contractor's staff have adequate skills, training, and experience for their respective functions and comply with the reasonable directions and requests of the City in implementing Head Start Services;
- **D.** Permit the City or the ACF to carry out reasonable monitoring and evaluation activities and ensure the cooperation of the Contractor, its employees, agents, board members, and subcontractors in such efforts;
- **E.** Obtain and maintain all applicable licenses, permits and authority required to provide services under this Agreement;
- **F.** Establish and maintain efficient and effective records and record keeping policies in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the federal government or reasonably required by the City for all matters covered by this Agreement to provide accurate and timely information regarding children, families, and staff, and will ensure appropriate confidentiality of this information;

- **G.** Provide proper supervision of all children at all times and develop adequate methods for maintaining group control and handling individual behavior consistent with any and all City policies concerning developmentally appropriate practice(s). The Contractor will notify the Director without delay of any incidents that involve serious injury or death to a child enrolled in Head Start or otherwise receiving Head Start services regardless of cause and that occur on any of Contractor's Site Locations in accordance with the policy and procedures of the Denver Head Start Office as designated by the City and approved by the management team. Further, in addition to all requirements established by law, the Contractor will report without delay to the City and to any and all appropriate authorities, any incidents of suspected or known child abuse or neglect of a child enrolled in Head Start or otherwise receiving Head Start services.
- **H.** Establish policies and procedures to secure and protect all Equipment and Controlled Assets, as such terms are defined below in paragraph 22.B, of this Agreement, purchased with funds provided under this Agreement, against theft, loss, damage, misuse or misappropriation. Contractor will further establish policies and procedures to safeguard electronic and computer information against theft, loss, damage, misuse, or misappropriation. Such policies and procedures will include, without limitation, specific terms for the acceptable and reasonable use of telephone, email and internet for non-business purposes.
- I. Operate Head Start programs as designated by the City and County of Denver and in accordance with the hours and days set forth on **Exhibit C**, the Calendar of Times and Days of Operation. If the Contractor determines it is in the best interests of children and families of children enrolled in the City's Head Start programs to change any service area assigned to the Contractor or the hours of operation from the hours stated in Exhibit C, it will, in writing, notify the Director and request the Director's approval of, the proposed new location or hours of operation and the reasons why the location or hours of operation should be changed (as appropriate). The Contractor's notice of proposed change will be delivered to the Director at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date the requested change is to be effective. Contractor will not deviate from its assigned service area or change any hours of operation until the City has approved in advance Contractor's notice of proposed change from assigned service area or hours of operation.

In the event of an emergency (an unforeseen event that endangers the health or safety of children enrolled in Contractor's Head Start programs), the Contractor may cease program operations for a limited period of time; provided, however, that Contractor will immediately take all necessary and appropriate measures to ensure that services are immediately reinstated for any and all children enrolled in Contractor's Head Start programs that may be displaced as a result of an emergency. In the event that Contractor ceases program operations as a result of an emergency, the Contractor will notify the Director of the cessation in program operations, the site or facility where program operations ceased, the actions taken by Contractor in response to the emergency, and Contractor's estimate as to when services will be reestablished at the site where the emergency occurred, by telephone on the same day of cessation and in writing within five (5) business days of the day of cessation.

- J. Maintain program operations for the length of the Program Year as set forth in Exhibit C. If the Contractor changes the length of the Program Year or deviates in any manner from Exhibit C, Contractor will obtain the written approval of the City at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date the requested change is to be effective. Failure to request the advance written approval of the City will be deemed to be a default under this Agreement and may result in the City invoking any or all remedies stated in paragraph 21 below.
- **K.** Pursuant to applicable provisions of the Head Start Performance Standards, the Contractor will include in all Head Start meals those foods that conform to the "minimum standards" for meal patterns in accordance with any and all guidance issued by the ACF. Contractor will comply with all requirements stated in 45 C.F.R. 1304.23 as may be amended from time to time and will ensure that any and all subcontractors will comply with said provisions.
- L. Comply with all directives of the City issued in the form of a City issued monitoring report within all timeframes designated in said City monitoring report. The Contractor will deliver to the City written confirmation of compliance with said directives on or before a date reasonably designated by the Director. If the Contractor cannot in good faith comply with any directive contained in a City monitoring report by the deadline established by the Director, the Contractor will notify the Director, on or before the deadline for written confirmation of compliance, in writing of the reasons why Contractor is unable to comply with a required directive and will propose a new date upon which the Contractor expects to comply with said directive. The Director will approve or disapprove of this new timeframe in writing.
- **M.** Obtain, for each child enrolled in the Delegate Agency's Head Start program, a student identification number from the Local Education Agency (LEA) for the City and County of Denver and maintain this information in a comprehensive up-to-date report consistent with any format designated by the City.
- N. Maintain at all times its funded enrollment level as designated by the City. If any vacancy occurs in any of Contractor's Head Start programs, the Contractor will fill such vacancy within thirty (30) calendar days. The Contractor may, however, to the extent permitted by 45 C.F.R. 1305.7(b), elect not to fill a vacancy when sixty (60) calendar days or fewer remain in the program's enrollment year (July 1-June 30). The contractor will determine eligibility for enrollment in Head Start programs based on family income in strict accordance with Section 645 (a)(1)(B) of the Head Start Act.

## 7. COMPENSATION:

- A. <u>Budget</u>: The City shall pay and the Contractor shall accept as the sole compensation for services rendered and costs incurred under the Agreement in accordance with the budget contained in Exhibit B.
- B. <u>Reimbursable Expenses</u>: Except as set forth on Exhibit B, there are no reimbursable expenses allowed under the Agreement.

# C. <u>Invoices/Budget modifications</u>.

Contractor shall provide the City with a monthly invoice in a (1) format and with a level of detail acceptable to the City including all supporting documentation required by the City. Contractor will submit invoices monthly no later than the last business day of the following month for which Contractor seeks reimbursement. The Contractor will use its allotted funds up to Maximum Contract Amount in accordance with the approved program narrative, budget documents and detailed budget categories. The City's Prompt Payment Ordinance, §§ 20-107 to 20-118, D.R.M.C., applies to invoicing and payment under this Agreement. The amounts invoiced by Contractor will be payable upon receipt and acceptance of designated work product as set forth herein and as fully documented by Contractor's periodic invoice. Funds payable by the City hereunder shall be distributed to the Contractor on a reimbursement basis only, for work performed during the prior month. Invoices submitted for services rendered that are submitted after such deadline are considered to be untimely, and must be submitted separately to be considered for payment. Payment for such late-submitted invoices shall be made only upon a showing of good cause for the late submission. Payments to the Contractor are subject to the submission of approved Contractor invoices to the City.

regulations at 45 CFR Parts 74.25 and 92.30 concerning any permitted modifications to Exhibit B, including any programmatic changes described therein prior to making such a change; provided, however, that no modification to Exhibit B will increase the Maximum Contract Amount. Any proposed modification of more than ten percent of the amounts listed on the line item categories listed on Exhibit B will not take effect unless and until it is approved in writing by both parties' authorized representatives, approved as to form by the City Attorney's office, and filed by the Head Start Office with the Denver Clerk and Recorder. Any such modification will contain the date upon which the modified budget will take effect and the City's Contract Control number stated on the signature page of this Agreement. Any modifications to Exhibit B that requires an increase to the Maximum Contract Amount will be memorialized in writing by revising and restating said exhibit and approved by the parties by a written Amendatory Agreement or new Agreement prepared and executed by both parties in the same manner as this Agreement.

## D. <u>Maximum Contract Amount</u>:

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement, the City's maximum payment obligation will not exceed One Million Six Hundred Eighty-two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-one Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,682,721.00) (the "Maximum Contract Amount"). The City is not obligated to execute an Agreement or any amendments for any further services, including any services performed by Contractor beyond that specifically described in **Exhibit A.** Any services performed beyond those in Exhibit A are performed at Contractor's risk and without authorization under the Agreement.

(2) The City's payment obligation, whether direct or contingent, extends only to federal funds received for the Head Start program, appropriated annually

by the Denver City Council, paid into the Treasury of the City, and encumbered for the purpose of the Agreement. The City does not by the Agreement irrevocably pledge present cash reserves for payment or performance in future fiscal years. The Agreement does not and is not intended to create a multiple-fiscal year direct or indirect debt or financial obligation of the City.

- **E.** Recovery of incorrect payments. The City has the right to recover from the Contractor any and all incorrect payments issued to the Contractor due to any omission, error, fraud, and/or defalcation including but not limited to applying a deduction from subsequent payments under this Agreement or other means of recovery by the City as a debt due to the City or otherwise as provided by law.
- F. Non-Federal Share Match. The Contractor will provide its proportionate share of non-federal funds through cash or in-kind, fairly evaluated, contributions. The phrase "fairly evaluated" referenced in the preceding sentence will be interpreted in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Part 74.23 and/or 45 C.F.R. Part 92.24 as well as any other applicable federal regulations pertaining to match and cost sharing requirements for the Head Start program. Contractor's contribution under this Agreement will be Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$420,680.25) as set forth in more detail in Exhibit B. The Contractor will report in writing to the City, within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt thereof, any cash or other funds to be applied toward the nonfederal match that Contractor receives. Contractor will be responsible for documenting and maintaining accurate records to the reasonable satisfaction of the City both Contractors' non-federal share contributions and the contributions of Subdelegates and any Vendor designated by the Director. Such contributions will be recorded on each expenditure variance report and in written reports forwarded to the City on a monthly basis. Each monthly report will list all contributions provided by Contractor and/or its Subdelegates and/or any Vendor for each respective quarter and will list the total amount of contributions made as of the date of the monthly report. The City reserves the right to withhold, adjust and/or reallocate subsequent Grant funds whenever it determines that Contractor's current spending is inconsistent with amounts and categories listed on Exhibit B, the purposes identified in Exhibit A, or if reports of nonfederal share contributions, in whole or in part, are not provided by Contractor on a timely basis.
- G. <u>Expenditure Variance Reports</u>. The Contractor will prepare and submit to the City, according to the schedule in Exhibit D or a date agreed upon in writing by the parties, an Expenditure Variance Report setting out in detail the following information: 1) a description by category of the amount and nature of all monies expended by Contractor during the budget period designated in the Contractor's Expenditure Variance Report; and 2) all non-federal share contributions made by Contractor during the budget period designated in Contractor's expenditure variances.

Every one of Contractor's Expenditure Variance Reports will be certified to be correct by an authorized representative of Contractor and will reference the Contract Control number of this Agreement as designated below on the City's signature page. Every one of Contractor's Expenditure Variance Reports will be submitted with official

documentation evidencing, in detail, the nature and propriety of the charges including general ledgers, transaction listings, journals, invoices paid by the Contractor that equals or exceeds One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for any transaction, time sheets, payrolls, receipts and any other document which may be pertinent in light of the nature of services to be performed under this Agreement and showing that services were performed within the period for which the payment is requested. Contractor will make available to the City and provide the City with a copy of any and all such documentation upon request.

H. Federal Funds Contingency/Appropriations. The Contractor understands that as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the City has only received a notice of intent to award federal funds from the HHS for Head Start programs. In the event that the City is awarded funds in an amount less than the amount reflected in said notice of intent, then the total amount of compensation to be paid to the Contractor will be reduced and Contractor's Exhibit B will be revised accordingly. Moreover, it is acknowledged by the parties that if and when HHS issues the first official notice of financial award to the City to fund Head Start operations for Program Year 2016-2017, HHS may issue only a partial financial award for program costs for Program Year 2016-2017. If, during the term of this Agreement, HHS later issues official notice of financial award to further fund Head Start programs beyond the amount stated in the initial notice of intent, then such funds may only be disbursed to the Contractor through a written amendatory agreement executed by the parties in the same manner as this Agreement.

All payments under this Agreement, whether in whole or in part, are subject to and contingent upon the continuing availability of federal funds for the purposes of Head Start. In the event that federal funds, or any part thereof, are not awarded to the City or are reduced or eliminated by the federal government, the City may reduce the total amount of compensation to be paid to the Contractor by revising Exhibit B or it may terminate this Agreement.

has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on June 19, 2015, proposing changes to current Head Start program requirements. See, 80 Federal Register 35502. If the NPRM is adopted by ACF by final rule published in the Federal Register or if other requirements are lawfully imposed on the Head Start Program by the federal government or the City by law, executive order, rules and regulations, or written policy instrument, the Contractor shall comply with all such updated or additional requirements. If the Contractor is unable or unwilling to comply with an updated or additional requirement concerning the administration of the Head Start Program, the City may withhold payment to the Contractor of any unearned funds or terminate this Agreement in accordance with Section 20.A.2, below. If the City withholds payment for this reason, the City shall advise the Contractor and specify the actions that must be taken as a condition precedent to the resumption of payments.

#### 8. REPORTS:

**A.** The Contractor will establish and maintain reporting systems in accordance with any and all policies, procedures and directives of the City concerning

reporting requirements of delegate agencies and will require any and all Subdelegates and any Vendor to establish and maintain said reporting systems. In addition to any other reports required or requested under this Agreement, the Contractor will prepare and submit the following reports and will require any and all Subdelegates and, as directed by the Director, any Vendor to prepare and submit the following reports:

(1) <u>Enrollment Report</u>. The Enrollment Report will include the number of children actually enrolled by Contractor in Head Start programs by site and program option in the following categories: age, ethnicity, language, and gender. Contractor will monitor at all times the number of students it has enrolled for Head Start services and will promptly identify any and all vacancies.

In the event that the Contractor determines that it has not maintained the designated number of enrolled students, the Contractor will include in the Enrollment Report a detailed explanation as to why such levels were not maintained and a detailed description of how Contractor will return said levels to the designated number. The Enrollment Report will be consistent with any format designated by the City;

- (2) Attendance Report. The Attendance Report will include attendance for all approved program options on a monthly basis. Contractor will monitor at all times and report the monthly average daily attendance rate of students that it has enrolled for Head Start services in all program options. When the monthly average daily attendance rate in a center-based program falls below eighty-five percent (85%), the Contractor will, in accordance with 45 C.F.R. 1305.8, include in the Attendance Report a detailed explanation as to why such attendance rate was not maintained and a detailed description of how the Contractor will return the attendance rate to the designated level, and the number of absences that occur on consecutive days. The Attendance Report will be consistent with any format designated by the City;
- (3) <u>Personnel Report</u>. The Personnel Report will include quarterly and year to date employment status for all staff and contract employees performing Head Start duties, including the position held by such persons and a listing of which positions, if any, are unfilled. The Personnel Report will be consistent with any format designated by the City;
- (4) <u>Expenditure Variance Report</u>. The Expenditure Variance Report will include the information designated in paragraph 7.E of this Agreement concerning monthly expenditures, invoices, and non-federal share match requirements. The Expenditure Variance Report will be consistent with any format designated by the City.
- (5) <u>United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Report.</u> The USDA Report will include a complete listing of all funds reimbursed to the Contractor by the U.S. Dept. Of Agriculture for the costs of providing meals for children enrolled in or otherwise served by Head Start programs and will be consistent with any format designated by the City;

- (6) <u>Self-Assessment Report</u>. The Self-Assessment Report will include a description of the progress of work set forth in Exhibits A and B as well as an evaluation of the effectiveness of Contractor's management systems, child development and health services, family and community partnerships, program design and fiscal management operations information and will be consistent with any format designated by the City;
- (7) <u>Administrative and Development Costs Report.</u> The Administrative and Development Costs Report will include an itemized description of all costs and expenses incurred relating to the administration and management of Head Start programs and will be consistent with any format designated by the City;
- other report or information pertaining to the administration of Head Start programs and expenditure of Head Start funds as requested by the City; any and all official reports for federal, state and local governmental entities, as required by applicable law; and will prepare and maintain all records, statements and information as required by applicable federal, state and local laws for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Agreement or the Grant.
- (9) Inventory Report. In accordance with paragraph 22.B below, the Contractor will establish and submit to the Head Start Director on a date designated by the Director, or the Director's designated representative, an annual inventory list, in such format as designated by the City's Head Start Director, of all Equipment and Controlled Assets purchased under this Agreement. The date for submission of the Inventory Report may be set forth in Exhibit D or, if not contained therein, will be separately designated by the Director or the Director's designated representative.
- **B.** The reports required in this paragraph 8 will be submitted in accordance with the schedule set forth in **Exhibit D**. If Contractor does not submit such reports in accordance with Exhibit D, the City may determine and find that such failure constitutes an act of noncompliance, a deficiency or an event of default and the City may invoke any remedy provided in this Agreement or otherwise available to the City by law. If Contractor does not submit such reports in accordance with Exhibit D and no further payments are due from the City, then such failure will automatically be deemed to be an event of default and the City may, in addition to any other remedies provided in this Agreement or available to the City by law, deny Contractor any future awards, grants, or contracts of any nature by the City.
- **9. PERFORMANCE MONITORING/INSPECTION:** The Contractor will permit the Director or any other governmental agency authorized by law, or their respective authorized designees, to monitor all activities conducted by the Contractor pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and inspect any and all files, records, reports, policies, minutes, materials, books, documents, papers, invoices, accounts, payrolls and other data, whether in hardcopy or electronic format, relating to any matter covered by this Agreement. As the monitoring agency may in its sole discretion deem necessary or appropriate, such monitoring may consist of reviewing methods, procedures and

practices, examining internal evaluation procedures, examining program data, on-site observation, on-site verification, formal and informal audit examinations, attending all meetings, hearings, or proceedings held by the Contractor, its Board of Directors, or its employees or any other reasonable procedures relating to the performance of services under this Agreement. All such monitoring and inspection will be performed in a manner that will not unduly interfere with the services to be provided under this Agreement. The Contractor will make available for inspection by the Director or the Director's designated representative any and all files, records, reports, policies, minutes, materials, books, documents, papers, invoices, accounts, payrolls and other data, whether in hardcopy or electronic format, relating to any matter covered by this Agreement.

10. STATUS OF CONTRACTOR: The Contractor is an independent contractor retained to perform professional or technical services for limited periods of time. Neither the Contractor nor any of its employees are employees or officers of the City under Chapter 18 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code, or for any purpose whatsoever.

### 11. EXAMINATION OF CONTRACTOR RECORDS:

- **A.** Any authorized agent of the City including the City Auditor or the Auditor's representative, or any authorized agent of the federal government has the right to access and the right to examine any pertinent books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor, involving transactions related to this Agreement until the latter of three (3) years after the final payment under the Agreement or expiration of the applicable statute of limitations.
- **B.** The Contractor will keep true and complete records of all business transactions under this Agreement, will establish and maintain a system of bookkeeping satisfactory to the City's Auditor and give the City's authorized representatives access during reasonable hours to such books and records, except those matters required to be kept confidential by law. The Contractor agrees that it will keep and preserve for at least three (3) years all evidence of business transacted under this Agreement for such period.
- **C.** The Contractor acknowledges that it is subject to any and all applicable regulations or guidance of the United States Office of Management and Budget including, but not limited to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, policy statements, and guidance issued by the Federal Government (including the United States Office of Management and Budget), regarding audit requirements.

### 12. AUDIT REQUIREMENTS:

**A.** The Contractor will cause an annual single audit of Head Start services provided under this Agreement to be prepared by an independent auditor in accordance with applicable federal, state and City laws. Where required by applicable federal, state or city law, Contractor's auditor will provide an accounting certification that the audit was conducted in accordance with applicable standards set forth in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") circulars. All accounting practices will be in conformance with generally accepted principles.

- В. Contractor will complete and deliver two copies of its audit report no later than six (6) months after the Contractor's prior budget year unless such time frames are extended in writing by the responsible HHS official. If the responsible HHS official extends said time frames, in writing, then Contractor's audit report will be submitted to the City at least two months prior to the new deadline. Contractor's agreements with any Subdelegates or any Vendor will contain a clause stating that Subdelegates or Vendors, as appropriate, are subject to the Audit Requirements of this Agreement or as may be imposed by federal, state and City law. Contractor's audit will either include an audit of Subdelegates and any Vendor, unless said Vendor has been exempted in writing by the Director, or Contractor will cause Subdelegates and, if directed in writing by the Director, any Vendor to provide separately their own independent audits. If a Subdelegate or Vendor conducts its own audit for Head Start services provided hereunder, then the Contractor will provide two copies of such audit or the portions that pertain to Head Start services along with Contractor's audit or portions thereof. Final financial settlement under this Agreement will be contingent upon receipt and acceptance of Contractor's audit and the audits of Contractor's Subdelegates and any Vendor.
- Contractor or its Subdelegates concerning Head Start programs, the City receives notice of any irregularities or deficiencies in said audits, then the City will notify the Contractor of such irregularities or deficiencies. The Contractor will correct all identified irregularities or deficiencies within the time frames designated in the City's written notice. If the identified irregularities or deficiencies cannot be corrected by the date designated by the City, then Contractor will so notify the City in writing and will identify a date that Contractor expects to correct the irregularities or deficiencies; provided, however, that if Contractor's notice is dated within thirty calendar days prior to the deadline established or permitted by the ACF, then Contractor's corrections will be made and submitted to the City on or before the fifth working day from said federal deadline. If corrections are not made by such date, then the final resolution of identified deficiencies or disputes will be deemed to be resolved in the City's favor unless the Contractor obtains a resolution in its favor from the responsible HHS official.
- **D.** The Contractor will satisfy the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, codified at 31 U.S.C. §7501, *et seq.*, (Law. Coop Supp. 2014), as may be further amended from time to time, and all applicable Office of Management and Budget Circulars including but not limited to 2 CFR Chapter I, and Chapter II, Parts 200, 215, 220, 225, and 230 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. If Contractor determines that it is not subject to the requirements of the Single Audit Act, it will notify the City in writing within ten (10) calendar days of its determination that it is not subject to the Single Audit.
- 13. WHEN RIGHTS AND REMEDIES NOT WAIVED: In no event will any payment or other action by the City hereunder constitute or be construed to be a waiver by the City of any breach of covenant or default which may then exist on the part of the Contractor. No payment, or other action, or inaction by the City when any breach or default exists will impair or prejudice any right or remedy available to the City with respect to such breach or default. No assent, expressed or implied, to any breach of any term of

Agreement constitutes a waiver of any other breach.

### 14. INSURANCE:

- **A.** If the Contractor is a "public entity" within the meaning of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, §24-10-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., as amended ("Act"), the Contractor shall maintain insurance, by commercial policy or self-insurance, as is necessary to meet the Contractor's liabilities under the Act. Proof of such insurance shall be provided upon request by the City.
- **B.** If the Contractor is not a "public entity" then, the following general conditions apply:
- (1) General Conditions: Contractor agrees to secure, at or before the time of execution of this Agreement, the following insurance covering all operations, goods or services provided pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall keep the required insurance coverage in force at all times during the term of the Agreement, or any extension thereof, during any warranty period, and for three (3) years after termination of the Agreement. The required insurance shall be underwritten by an insurer licensed or authorized to do business in Colorado and rated by A.M. Best Company as "A-"VIII or better. Each policy shall contain a valid provision or endorsement requiring notification to the City in the event any of the required policies be canceled or nonrenewed before the expiration date thereof. Such written notice shall be sent to the parties identified in the Notices section of this Agreement. Such notice shall reference the City contract number listed on the signature page of this Agreement. Said notice shall be sent thirty (30) days prior to such cancellation or non-renewal unless due to nonpayment of premiums for which notice shall be sent ten (10) days prior. If such written notice is unavailable from the insurer, contractor shall provide written notice of cancellation, non-renewal and any reduction in coverage to the parties identified in the Notices section by certified mail, return receipt requested within three (3) business days of such notice by its insurer(s) and referencing the City's contract number. If any policy is in excess of a deductible or self-insured retention, the City must be notified by the Contractor. Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of any deductible or selfinsured retention. The insurance coverages specified in this Agreement are the minimum requirements, and these requirements do not lessen or limit the liability of the Contractor. The Contractor shall maintain, at its own expense, any additional kinds or amounts of insurance that it may deem necessary to cover its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement.
- Agreement to its insurance agent or broker. Contractor may not commence services or work relating to the Agreement prior to placement of coverage. Contractor certifies that the certificate of insurance attached as **Exhibit E**, preferably an ACORD certificate, complies with all insurance requirements of this Agreement. The City requests that the City's contract number be referenced on the Certificate. The City's acceptance of a certificate of insurance or other proof of insurance that does not comply with all insurance requirements set forth in this Agreement shall not act as a waiver of Contractor's breach

of this Agreement or of any of the City's rights or remedies under this Agreement. The City's Risk Management Office may require additional proof of insurance, including but not limited to policies and endorsements.

- (3) <u>Additional Insureds</u>: For Commercial General Liability, Auto Liability and Excess Liability/Umbrella (if required), the Contractor, Subdelegate's, and Subcontractor's insurer(s) shall name the City and County of Denver, its elected and appointed officials, employees and volunteers as additional insured.
- (4) <u>Waiver of Subrogation</u>: For all coverages, except Student Accident coverage, Contractor's insurer shall waive subrogation rights against the City.
- Subdelegates, Subcontractors and subconsultants: All Subdelegates, Subcontractors and subconsultants (including independent contractors, suppliers or other entities providing goods or services required by this Agreement) shall be subject to all of the requirements herein and shall procure and maintain the same coverages required of the Contractor. Contractor shall include all such Subdelegates or Subcontractors as additional insured under its policies (with the exception of Workers' Compensation) or shall ensure that all such Subdelegates, Subcontractors and subconsultants maintain the required coverages. Contractor agrees to provide proof of insurance for all such Subdelegates, Subcontractors, and subconsultants upon request by the City.
- Contractor shall maintain the coverage as required by statute for each work location and shall maintain Employer's Liability insurance with limits of \$100,000 per occurrence for each bodily injury claim, \$100,000 per occurrence for each bodily injury caused by disease claim, and \$500,000 aggregate for all bodily injuries caused by disease claims. Contractor expressly represents to the City, as a material representation upon which the City is relying in entering into this Agreement, that none of the Contractor's officers or employees who may be eligible under any statute or law to reject Workers' Compensation Insurance shall effect such rejection during any part of the term of this Agreement, and that any such rejections previously effected, have been revoked as of the date Contractor executes this Agreement.
- (7) <u>Commercial General Liability</u> Contractor shall maintain a Commercial General Liability insurance policy with limits of \$1,000,000 for each occurrence, \$1,000,000 for each personal and advertising injury claim, \$2,000,000 products and completed operations aggregate, and \$2,000,000 policy aggregate.
- **(8)** <u>Business Automobile Liability</u>: Contractor shall maintain Business Automobile Liability with limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limit applicable to all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles used in performing services under this Agreement.
- **(9)** Student Accident: Contractor will maintain limits of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) per claim for participants in the Head Start Program.

# (10) Additional Provisions:

(a) For Commercial General Liability and Excess Liability, the policies must provide the following:

- (i) That this Agreement is an Insured Contract under the policy;
- (ii) Defense costs are outside the limits of liability;
- (iii) A severability of interests or separation of insured provision (no insured v. Insured exclusion);
- (iv) A provision that coverage is primary and noncontributory with other coverage or selfinsurance maintained by the City; and
- (v) Any exclusion of sexual abuse, molestation or misconduct has been removed or deleted.
- (b) For claims-made coverage:
  - (i) The retroactive date must be on or before the contract date or the first date when any goods or services were provided to the City, whichever is earlier.
- (c) Contractor shall advise the City in the event any general aggregate or other aggregate limits are reduced below the required per occurrence limits. At its own expense, and where such general aggregate or other aggregate limits have been reduced below the required per occurrence limit, the Contractor will procure such per occurrence limits and furnish a new certificate of insurance showing such coverage is in force.
- (11) Bond. If required by applicable federal law, the Contractor will obtain and keep in force during the term of this Agreement a fidelity bond, in form and surety acceptable to the City, conditioned upon the faithful and honest utilization and handling by the Contractor's employees and officers of all monies paid to the Contractor by the City pursuant to this Agreement, said bond to protect the City against any malfeasance or misfeasance with respect to such funds on the part of such persons. All appropriate federal officials will authorize any determination made by Contractor that such bond is not required by applicable federal law in writing.

### 15. DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION:

**A.** Contractor hereby agrees to defend, indemnify, reimburse and hold harmless City, its appointed and elected officials, agents and employees for, from and against all liabilities, claims, judgments, suits or demands for damages to persons or

property arising out of, resulting from, or relating to the work performed under this Agreement ("Claims"), unless such Claims have been specifically determined by the trier of fact to be the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the City. This indemnity shall be interpreted in the broadest possible manner to indemnify City for any acts or omissions of the Contractor, its Subdelegates, Subcontractors, subconsultants, or Vendors, either passive or active, irrespective of fault, including City's concurrent negligence whether active or passive, except for the sole negligence or willful misconduct of City.

- **B.** Contractor's duty to defend and indemnify shall arise at the time written notice of the Claim is first provided to City regardless of whether Claimant has filed suit on the Claim. Contractor's duty to defend and indemnify shall arise even if the City is the only party sued by claimant and/or claimant alleges that the City's negligence or willful misconduct was the sole cause of claimant's damages.
- **C.** Contractor will defend any and all Claims which may be brought or threatened against City, its appointed and elected officials, agents and employees, and will pay on behalf of City, its appointed and elected officials, agents and employees, any expenses incurred by reason of such Claims including, but not limited to, court costs and attorney fees incurred in defending and investigating such Claims or seeking to enforce this indemnity obligation. Such payments on behalf of City, its appointed and elected officials, agents and employees, shall be in addition to any other legal remedies available to City and shall not be considered City's exclusive remedy.
- **D.** Insurance coverage requirements specified in this Agreement shall in no way lessen or limit the liability of the Contractor under the terms of this indemnification obligation. The Contractor shall obtain, at its own expense, any additional insurance that it deems necessary for the City's protection.
- **E.** This defense and indemnification obligation shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- **16. TAXES, LATE CHARGES, AND PERMITS:** The City is not liable for the payment of taxes, late charges or penalties of any nature, except for any additional amounts that the City may be required to pay under the City's prompt payment ordinance D.R.M.C. § 20-107, *et seq.* The Contractor shall promptly pay when due, all taxes, bills, debts and obligations it incurs performing the services under the Agreement and shall not allow any lien, mortgage, judgment or execution to be filed against City property.

# 17. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING:

- **A. By the City.** The City may assign or transfer this Agreement at its discretion or when required by the ACF.
- **B.** By the Contractor. The Contractor shall not voluntarily or involuntarily assign any of its rights or obligations, or subcontract performance obligations, under this Agreement without obtaining the Director's prior written consent. Any assignment or subcontracting without such consent will be ineffective and void, and shall be cause for termination of this Agreement by the City. The Director has sole and

absolute discretion whether to consent to any assignment or subcontracting, or to terminate the Agreement because of unauthorized assignment or subcontracting. In the event of any subcontracting or unauthorized assignment: (i) the Contractor shall remain responsible to the City; and (ii) no contractual relationship shall be created between the City and the Subdelegate, sub-consultant, subcontractor or assignee.

Services subcontracted to Subdelegates under this Agreement shall be specified by written agreement and will be subject to each applicable provision of this Agreement and any and all applicable Federal and State Laws with appropriate changes in nomenclature in referring to such subcontract. The Contractor will submit proposed subcontract agreements to the Director for the Director's review and approval no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the commencement of the Program Year or the commencement date of the proposed contract whichever is later. Such consent of the City obtained as required by this paragraph shall not be construed to constitute a determination of approval of any cost under this Agreement, unless such approval specifically provides that it also constitutes a determination of approval of such cost. Any approved use of any Subdelegate or any Vendor will be on a reimbursement basis only.

#### 18. DEFICIENCIES/NONCOMPLIANCE:

A. <u>Deficiencies</u>. The City has the right at all times to determine, in its sole discretion, that Contractor has one or more deficiencies ("Deficiencies"), as such term is defined at 45 C.F.R. Section 1304.3(a)(6) and as such section may be amended from time to time. If the Director finds that the Contractor has Deficiencies, the Director will notify the Contractor in writing of such findings of Deficiencies ("Notice of Findings of Deficiencies"). The Notice of Findings will identify the Deficiencies to be corrected and will state that the Contractor is to correct the Deficiencies immediately or must instead develop a Quality Improvement Plan (the "Quality Improvement Plan") to correct the Deficiencies.

B. Quality Improvement Plan to Correct Deficiencies. Upon receipt of the Notice of Findings of Deficiencies, the Contractor will correct all identified Deficiencies either immediately or pursuant to a Quality Improvement Plan. If the Contractor is to correct all identified Deficiencies immediately, the Contractor will verify in writing to the Director, no later than ten (10) calendar days from the date of actual completion of corrective action that Contractor corrected the Deficiencies and will state the measures taken to correct the Deficiencies.

If the Contractor is to develop a Quality Improvement Plan, the Contractor will submit to the Director for the Director's approval, within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the Notice of Findings of Deficiencies, a Quality Improvement Plan that identifies all appropriate actions that the Contractor will undertake to correct each identified deficiency and the date that Contractor expects to complete the Quality Improvement Plan. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of receipt of Contractor's proposed Quality Improvement Plan, the Director will notify the Contractor in writing of the Director's approval or disapproval. If the Director disapproves of the Quality Improvement plan, the Director will inform the Contractor of the reasons why it so disapproved of the Quality

Improvement Plan. If the Quality Improvement Plan is disapproved, the Contractor must submit a revised Quality Improvement Plan, making the changes necessary to address the reasons why the initial Quality Improvement Plan was disapproved. If the Director does not approve or disapprove of the Quality Improvement Plan within ten (10) calendar days of the date of receipt, the City will be deemed to have approved the Quality Improvement Plan.

Within three (3) business days of the date specified in the Quality Improvement Plan for the correction of each identified deficiency, the Contractor will verify in writing to the Director that it corrected each identified deficiency according to the Quality Improvement Plan and will further state the measures taken to correct each identified deficiency. If the Contractor does not complete the Quality Improvement Plan on or before the date designated for completion, the Contractor will provide written notice to the Director within twenty-four (24) hours of the date designated for completion and will state the reasons why the Contractor did not complete the Quality Improvement Plan and provide a new date of expected completion. Contractor's notice of non-completion of the Quality Improvement Plan will not be deemed to be a waiver of Contractor's obligations under the original Quality Improvement Plan. In no case will the deadline proposed in any Quality Improvement Plan exceed one year from the date that the Contractor received official notification of the deficiencies to be corrected.

- C. Findings of Noncompliance. The City further reserves the right at all times to determine, in its sole discretion, that the Contractor is not in compliance with any provisions of this Agreement which noncompliance does not constitute a deficiency, as such term is defined by the federal government for Head Start purposes, at 45 C.F.R. 1304.3(a)(6). If the Director finds that the Contractor is not in compliance with any provisions of this Agreement, the Director will notify the Contractor in writing of such findings of noncompliance ("Notice of Findings of Noncompliance"). The Notice of Findings will identify the areas of noncompliance to be corrected and will state the date upon which the Contractor is to correct the areas of noncompliance. If the Contractor is unable or unwilling to correct the specified areas of noncompliance within the time period designated by the City, then the City will issue a Notice of Findings of Deficiency which must be corrected, either immediately or pursuant to a Quality Improvement Plan in accordance with the procedures set forth in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this paragraph 18.
- **19. REMEDIES:** If the Contractor does not timely correct an identified deficiency within the specified timeframe, then the City may impose any or all of the following remedial actions, in addition to any and all other remedial actions authorized by law:
- **A.** Withhold any or all payments to the Contractor, in whole or in part, until the necessary services or corrections in performance are satisfactorily completed;
- **B.** Deny any and all requests for payment and/or demand reimbursement from Contractor of any and all payments previously made to Contractor for those services or deliverables that have not been satisfactorily performed and which,

due to circumstances caused by or within the control of the Contractor, cannot be performed or if performed would be of no value to the City's Head Start program. Denial of requests for payment and demands for reimbursement will be reasonably related to the amount of work or deliverables lost to the City;

- **C.** Suspend or terminate this Agreement, or any portion or portions thereof, upon thirty (30) calendar prior written notice to Contractor;
- **D.** Deny in whole or in part any application or proposal from Contractor for refunding of a Head Start program for a subsequent program year regardless of source of funds:
- **E.** Reduce any application or proposal from Contractor for refunding of a Head Start program for a subsequent program year by any percentage or amount that is less than the total amount of compensation provided in this Agreement regardless of source of funds:
- **F.** Refuse to award Contractor, in whole or in part, any and all additional funds for expanded or additional services under the City's Head Start Grant;
- **G.** Deny or modify any future awards, grants, or contracts of any nature by the City regardless of funding source for Contractor; or
- **H.** Modify, suspend, remove, or terminate the Services, in whole or in part. If the Services, or any portion thereof, are modified, suspended, removed, or terminated, the Contractor will cooperate with the City in the transfer of the Services as reasonably designated by the City.

### 20. OTHER GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION:

### A. By the City.

- 1. The City has the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) calendar days' written notice to Contractor for any default by the Contractor under this Agreement other than the failure to correct an identified deficiency which default has not been cured within the thirty days.
- 2. The City further has the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice for the convenience of the City, if the Grant is suspended or terminated, in whole or in part, by HHS, or if the Contractor demonstrates to the Director that it is unable or unwilling to comply with any updated or additional program requirements lawfully imposed on the Head Start Program and the Services.
- 3. Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs, the City may terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, if the Contractor or any of its officers or employees who have contact with Head Start children are convicted, plead *nolo contendere*, enter into a formal agreement in which they admit guilt, enter a plea of guilty or otherwise admit culpability to criminal offenses of violence, sexual assault, assault,

battery, child abuse or endangerment, neglect of a child, child sexual assault, bribery, kickbacks, collusive bidding, bid-rigging, antitrust, fraud, undue influence, theft, racketeering, extortion or any offense of a similar nature in connection with Contractor's business. Termination for the reasons stated in this paragraph is effective upon receipt of notice.

Contractor will timely notify the City in writing if any employee, agent or contractor of Contractor is convicted or found liable, pleads *nolo contendre*, enters into a formal agreement in which the person admits guilt or liability, enters a plea of guilty, or otherwise admits culpability or liability for crimes of violence, sexual assault, assault, battery, child abuse or endangerment, neglect of a child, child sexual assault, bribery, kickbacks, collusive bidding, bid-rigging, antitrust, fraud, undue influence, theft, racketeering, extortion or any offense of a similar nature, in connection with Contractor's business.

**By the Contractor**. The Contractor may terminate this Agreement for substantial breach by the City, including the failure to compensate Contractor timely for services performed under this Agreement, that has not been corrected within thirty (30) calendar days of Contractor's written notice to do so identifying the breach including but not limited to the City's failure to meet its obligations herein and if additional conditions are lawfully applied by HHS to the Grant and upon the City, and the Contractor is unable or unwilling to comply with such additional conditions, then the Contractor may terminate this Agreement by giving thirty (30) days' written notice signifying the effective date of termination. In such event, the City has the right to require the Contractor to ensure that adequate arrangements have been made for the transfer of Contractor's activities to another Contractor or to the City. In the event of any termination, all property and finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, reports purchased or prepared by the Contractor under this Agreement will be disposed of according to HHS directives. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, the Contractor will not be relieved of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City by virtue of any breach of the contract by the Contractor and the City may withhold reimbursement to the Contractor for the purpose of set-off until such time as the exact amount of damages due the City from the Contractor is agreed upon or otherwise determined.

**C.** Nothing in this Agreement gives the Contractor the right to perform services under this Agreement beyond the time when such services become unsatisfactory to the Director. If the Agreement is terminated with or without cause the Contractor will not have any claim against the City by reason of, or arising out of, incidental or relating to termination, except for compensation for work duly requested and satisfactorily performed as described in the Agreement. In the event that this Agreement is terminated prior to the expiration date specified in paragraph 4 above, Contractor will submit any and all outstanding reports or requested information within forty-five (45) calendar days of the date of early termination. In addition, if this Agreement is terminated, the City is entitled to and will take possession of all materials, equipment, tools and facilities it owns that are in the Contractor's possession, custody, or control by whatever method the City deems expedient.

#### 21. PROCUREMENT:

Services and Supplies. All procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner to provide, to the maximum extent practical, open and free competition. The Contractor shall be alert to organizational conflicts of interest as well as noncompetitive practices among contractors that may restrict or eliminate competition or otherwise restrain trade. The Contractor will establish written procurement services consistent with the "Procurement Standards" contained in 45 C.F.R. §§74.40 -74.48 or 45 C.F.R. §92.36 (whichever is applicable to the Contractor) and consistent with the requirements contained in this Section 21. "Services" means contractual services subject to formal and informal competition but which are not in their nature unique or which do not require a level of skill, training or expertise. Services for purposes of this Agreement do not include Head Start professional services or other professional services. "Supplies" means all tangible personal property other than Equipment as defined below. procurement decisions for goods, services and supplies made by Contractor and its Subdelegates and any Vendor will be consistent with applicable federal, state, and City laws, statutes, executive orders and regulations. Contractor will further submit a copy of a list of the supplies to the City's Head Start Director upon the expiration of this Agreement or if this Agreement is terminated sooner than such list will be submitted to the Director within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of termination. Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, all remaining Supplies will be returned to the City or disposed of, as the City will direct.

B. Equipment and Controlled Assets. "Equipment" means tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more per unit. "Controlled Assets" means tangible personal property having an acquisition cost of no less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and no more than Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$4,999.99) and tangible personal property that fall in the following categories: computers, laptops, scanners, facsimile machines, copiers, printers, video cameras, digital cameras, and capital leases with a present value of no less than Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) and no more than Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Ninety Nine-Cents (\$4,999.99).

Ownership of all Equipment and Controlled Assets purchased with funds paid under this Agreement by Contractor or Subdelegates or, any Vendor, if such Vendor is designated by the Director in writing, will be in the City and County of Denver. The Contractor will not dispose of any Equipment or Controlled Assets without the prior written approval of the City.

The preceding sentences will not be construed to preclude normal or routine use and consumption of goods and supplies purchased by Contractor or Subdelegates or Vendors, if appropriate, in the provision of Head Start services under this Agreement. Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, all Equipment and Controlled Assets purchased with funds under this Agreement will be returned to the City or disposed of, as the City shall direct. The Contractor will establish and submit to the Head Start Director an annual inventory list, in such format as designated by the City's Head Start

Director, of all Equipment and Controlled Assets purchased under this Agreement. Contractor will update said inventory list as necessary on a timely basis. The inventory will specify the location of all Equipment and Controlled Assets so purchased. The Contractor will also cause its Subdelegates and, if directed by the Director in writing, any Vendor to establish and maintain a similar list for all Equipment and Controlled Assets purchased with funds provided under this Agreement.

- **C.** Real Property. Contractor will not use Head Start funds to purchase or otherwise acquire title to real property without the prior written consent of the City. Any proposed transaction to acquire title to real property will be made in conformance with applicable federal laws and any and all requirements as may be designated by the City.
- **22. SUBJECT TO ACF APPROVAL:** This Agreement is subject to the approval of the responsible HHS official in accordance with the provisions of the CFR.

# 23. SITE LOCATIONS, LEASES AND LICENSES:

- A. <u>Site Locations/Leases</u>. The Contractor will operate Head Start programs at the facilities and locations identified on **Exhibit F**, entitled Site Locations. The Contractor will be responsible for executing any and all leases or amendments of leases of the real property and/or facilities designated on Exhibit F. The Contractor will maintain, and will cause any and all Subdelegates to maintain, copies of all leases and amendments thereto executed in the performance of services under this Agreement, and will deliver copies thereof to the City upon request.
- determines that it is necessary to move, change or operate a Head Start program in any other facility or location, it will notify the Director in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of such determination and will provide an explanation as to the reason why the move, change or new operation should be undertaken. The Contractor will not move, change or operate any Head Start program in any other facility or location, unless the City has approved of such move, change or operation in writing, in advance of any contractual obligation and occupancy by the Contractor of such new facility.
- C. <u>Smoke and Toxin Free Facilities</u>. All Head Start Sites and facilities operated by the Contractor and its Subdelegates and any Vendor will comply with the provision of 45 C.F.R. Part 1304.53, as may be amended from time to time, which requires all Head Start facilities and locations to be free of toxins. The Contractor will further provide a smoke free environment for all Head Start children and adults consistent with ACF Program Instruction #ACYF-PI-HS-95-04, as may be amended from time to time, and any and all policies of the City concerning the use or sale of tobacco in Head Start or City facilities, may be amended from time to time. No class will be operated in a facility that does not comply with 45 C.F.R. 1304.53, ACF Program Instruction #ACYF-PI-HS-95-04, or any applicable City policies. No class will be operated in a facility that is not a smoke or toxin free facility.
  - D. Licensing of Site Locations. The Contractor will obtain and

maintain any and all required and appropriate licenses to operate Head Start programs. No site location will be opened and no Head Start funds will be paid to the Contractor if the Contractor does not have in place, prior to opening each site location and maintaining throughout the term of this Agreement, any and all required and appropriates license for each and every site location. The Contractor will provide the Director with a copy of current licenses maintained by the Contractor for each site location identified in Exhibit F. In addition, the Contractor will secure, post and maintain in its files copies of current health inspection reports for each kitchen facility utilized in the preparation of food for each site location identified in Exhibit F. If, at any time during the term of this Agreement, any such health clearance or license is revoked, suspended or modified, or if the Contractor in any other manner loses the clearance or license, the Contractor will give immediate written notice to the Director. In such an event, the City may, in its sole discretion, order corrective action or suspend or terminate this Agreement. Head Start funds will not be paid to the Contractor to operate a Head Start Program in a site location that is not covered by the aforementioned clearances and/or licenses. If Contractor receives any order, direction, notice or other communication concerning the licensing of any site location assigned to the Contractor by the City, the Contractor will be solely responsible for taking any and all action required to maintain all licenses in good standing. The Contractor will submit a copy to the Director of all such orders, reports, direction, notices or communications within twenty-four (24) hours of Contractor's receipt thereof. The Contractor will notify the Director in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of Contractor's receipt of any notice of immediate closure of any site location assigned to the Contractor by the City. The Contractor will comply by the required date and time. The City reserves the right to require Contractor to cease or suspend program operations at any time if the City determines that a danger exists to the health, safety or well-being to the children enrolled in Head Start programs.

- 24. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS: Contractor shall perform or cause to be performed all services in full compliance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and codes of the United States, the State of Colorado; and with the Charter, ordinances, rules, regulations and Executive Orders of the City and County of Denver whether or not specifically referenced herein. In particular, the Contractor will perform the duties and satisfy the requirements of the following laws, regulations, and policies as may be amended from time to time:
  - **A.** The Head Start Act as codified at 42 U.S.C. 9801, et seq.;
- **B.** 45 CFR Part 1301 through 1311, including all regulations referenced therein and all successor regulations pertaining to the Head Start program;
- **C.** All information memoranda, program guidance, instructions or other written documentation issued by the federal government concerning the operation of Head Start programs or the expenditure of federal funds;
  - **D.** 45 CFR Part 16, 74, 75, 80, 87, and 92;
  - **E.** 2 CFR Part 25.110;

- **F.** The terms and conditions of the Notice of Grant Award issued by ACF to the City concerning the Head Start program Contractor further acknowledges that the Notice of Grant Award governing the Term has not yet been fully executed between the City and ACF. For the full text of the Grant Award terms and conditions, go to: Section 106(g) of the Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 7104);
- **G.** The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 as codified at 41 U.S.C. 701, et seq.;
- **H.** City and County of Denver Executive Order No. 94 concerning the use, possession or sale of alcohol or drugs. The Contractor, its officers, agents and employees will cooperate and comply with the provisions of Executive Order 94 and Attachment A thereto concerning the use, possession or sale of alcohol or drugs. Violation of these provisions or refusal to cooperate with implementation of the policy can result in the City barring the Contractor's personnel from City facilities or participating in City operations;
- I. "New Restrictions on Lobbying" as set forth in implementing regulations 45 C.F.R. Part 93. Contractor assures and certifies that: No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;

J. U.S. Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension implemented at 2 C.F.R. Part 180. By its signature below, the Contractor assures and certifies that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency. The Contractor will provide immediate written notice to the Director if at any time it learns that its certification under this subparagraph was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. If the Contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in the certification contained in this subparagraph, the Contractor will provide a written explanation to the City within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of execution of this Agreement. Furthermore, if Contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in the certification contained in this subparagraph, the City may pursue any and all available remedies available to the City including but not limited to terminating this Agreement immediately upon written notice to Contractor.

Contractor will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction" as such clause is set forth at 2 C.F.R. Part 180, in all covered transactions associated with this Agreement. The Contractor is responsible for determining the method and frequency of its determination of compliance with Executive Order 12549 and its implementing regulations;

**K.** Byrd Anti-Lobbying. If the Maximum Contract Amount exceeds \$100,000, the Contractor must complete and submit to the Agency a required certification form provided by the Agency certifying that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Contractor must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award;

No Discrimination in Program Participation. The Contractor will comply with any and all applicable federal, state, and local laws that prohibit discrimination in programs and activities funded by this Agreement on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, and age including but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), the antidiscrimination provision of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), and the Equal Pay Act (EPA). Violations may be subject to any penalties set forth in said applicable laws and the Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless from any and all claims, losses, or demands that arise under this paragraph;

- **L.** City and County of Denver policy concerning nondiscrimination in employment. In connection with the performance of work under this Agreement, the Contractor agrees not to refuse to hire, discharge, promote or demote, or to discriminate in matters of compensation against any person otherwise qualified, solely because of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, military status, sexual orientation, gender variance, marital status, or physical or mental disability; and the Contractor further agrees to insert the foregoing provision in all subcontracts hereunder;
- **M.** All applicable circulars of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") including without limitation Omni-Circular "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards", 2 C.F.R. Part 200, et seq.:
  - N. The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, 109 P.L. 171;
  - O. All policies and procedures set forth in the City and County of

Denver, Denver Head Start Office, Policy Manual;

- **P.** Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; and
- **Q.** 40 U.S.C. Section 276a-a(7) (2000), the Davis-Bacon Act or to the extent that the Davis-Bacon Act is deemed not to apply to this Agreement, Section 20-76 of the Den. Rev. Mun. Code pertaining to Payment of Prevailing Wages. Section 20-76 of the Den. Rev. Mun. Code is attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit G.**
- **R.** Mandatory disclosures. Contractor must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the Agency all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the work to be performed under this Agreement. Failure to make required disclosures can result in the Agency taking any of the remedies described in 2 C.F.R. §200.338;
- **S.** The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, FFATA, and implementing rules and regulations.
- **T.** No Employment of Illegal Aliens to Perform Work Under the Agreement:
- 1. This Agreement is subject to Division 5 of Article IV of Chapter 20 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code, and any amendments (the "Certification Ordinance").

### **2.** The Contractor certifies that:

- (a) At the time of its execution of this Agreement, it does not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien who will perform work under this Agreement.
- **(b)** It will participate in the E-Verify Program, as defined in § 8-17.5-101(3.7), C.R.S., to confirm the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for employment to perform work under this Agreement.
  - **3.** The Contractor also agrees and represents that:
- (a) It shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under the Agreement.
- **(b)** It shall not enter into a contract with a subconsultant or subcontractor that fails to certify to the Contractor that it shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under the Agreement.
- **(c)** It has confirmed the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for employment to perform work under this Agreement,

through participation in the E-Verify Program.

(d) It is prohibited from using the E-Verify Program procedures to undertake pre-employment screening of job applicants while performing its obligations under the Agreement, and that otherwise requires the Contractor to comply with any and all federal requirements related to use of the E-Verify Program including, by way of example, all program requirements related to employee notification and preservation of employee rights.

(e) If it obtains actual knowledge that a subconsultant or subcontractor performing work under the Agreement knowingly employs or contracts with an illegal alien, it will notify such subconsultant or subcontractor and the City within three (3) days. The Contractor will also then terminate such subconsultant or subcontractor if within three (3) days after such notice the subconsultant or subcontractor does not stop employing or contracting with the illegal alien, unless during such three-day period the subconsultant or subcontractor provides information to establish that the subconsultant or subcontractor has not knowingly employed or contracted with an illegal alien.

(f) It will comply with any reasonable request made in the course of an investigation by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment under authority of §8-17.5-102(5), C.R.S, or the City Auditor, under authority of D.R.M.C. 20-90.3.

4. The Contractor is liable for any violations as provided in the Certification Ordinance. If Contractor violates any provision of this section or the Certification Ordinance, the City may terminate this Agreement for a breach of the Agreement. If the Agreement is so terminated, the Contractor shall be liable for actual and consequential damages to the City. Any such termination of a contract due to a violation of this section or the Certification Ordinance may also, at the discretion of the City, constitute grounds for disqualifying Contractor from submitting bids or proposals for future contracts with the City.

25. AGREEMENT AS COMPLETE INTEGRATION-AMENDMENTS: The Agreement is the complete integration of all understandings between the parties as to the subject matter of the Agreement. No prior or contemporaneous addition, deletion, or other modification has any force or effect, unless embodied in the Agreement in writing. No subsequent novation, renewal, addition, deletion, or other amendment will have any force or effect unless embodied in a written amendment to the Agreement properly executed by the parties. No oral representation by any officer or employee of the City at variance with the terms of the Agreement or any written amendment to the Agreement will have any force or effect or bind the City. The Agreement is, and any amendments thereto will, be binding upon the parties and their successors and assigns. Amendments to this Agreement will become effective when approved by both parties and executed in the same manner as this Agreement.

### 26. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

- **A.** No employee of the City shall have any personal or beneficial interest in the services or property described in the Agreement; and the Contractor shall not hire, or contract for services with, any employee or officer of the City in violation of the City's Code of Ethics, D.R.M.C. §2-51, et seq. or the Charter §§ 1.2.8, 1.2.9, and 1.2.12.
- **B.** The Contractor shall not engage in any transaction, activity or conduct that would result in a conflict of interest under the Agreement. The Contractor represents that it has disclosed any and all current or potential conflicts of interest which shall include transactions, activities or conduct that would affect the judgment, actions or work of the Contractor by placing the Contractor's own interests, or the interests of any party with whom the Contractor has a contractual arrangement, in conflict with those of the City. The City, in its sole discretion, will determine the existence of a conflict of interest and may terminate the Agreement in the event it determines a conflict exists, after it has given the Contractor written notice describing the conflict. The Contractor will have thirty (30) days after the notice is received to eliminate or cure the conflict of interest in a manner which is acceptable to the City.

### 27. NOTICES:

All notices required by the terms of the Agreement must be hand delivered, sent by overnight courier service, mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, or mailed via United States mail, postage prepaid, if to Contractor at the address first above written, and if to the City at:

Director, Denver's Head Start Office 201 West Colfax Avenue, Dept. 1105 Denver, Colorado 80202

With a copy of any such notice to:

Denver City Attorney's Office 1437 Bannock St., Room 353 Denver, Colorado 80202

Notices hand delivered or sent by overnight courier are effective upon delivery. Notices sent by certified mail are effective upon receipt. Notices sent by mail are effective upon deposit with the U.S. Postal Service. The parties may designate substitute addresses where or persons to whom notices are to be mailed or delivered. However, these substitutions will not become effective until actual receipt of written notification.

**28. DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Disputes, except disputes involving termination of this Agreement, concerning a question of fact arising under this Agreement which cannot be resolved by the representatives designated by the Director and the Contractor will be resolved by administrative hearings pursuant to the procedure established by

Denver Revised Municipal Code 56-106(b)-(f). Under this administrative hearing procedure, the City official rendering a final determination will be the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office for Education and Children. Disputes concerning a decision by the City to terminate this Agreement will be resolved by the procedure established by 45 CFR 1303.20, as may be amended from time to time. Pending final resolution of a dispute not involving termination, the Contractor will proceed diligently with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement and in accordance with the decision of the Director's designated representative.

29. GOVERNING LAW; VENUE: The Agreement will be construed and enforced in accordance with applicable federal law, the laws of the State of Colorado, the Charter and Revised Municipal Code of the City and County of Denver, and the ordinances, regulations and Executive Orders enacted or promulgated pursuant to the Charter and Code. The Charter, Revised Municipal Code and Executive Orders of the City and County of Denver are expressly incorporated into the Agreement. Venue for any legal action relating to the Agreement will be in the District Court of the State of Colorado Second Judicial District.

#### 30. CONFIDENTIALITY:

Confidential Information. The Contractor will observe and abide Α. by, and will cause its Subdelegates to observe and abide by, all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, executive orders, and policies governing the use or disclosure of confidential information concerning Denver's Head Start Program. During the term of this Agreement, the parties may have access to information or a proprietary nature owned or developed by, or licensed to, the other party, which includes information concerning systems, programs, processes and methods used by the parties, and other information marked "confidential," or "not for public disclosure" (collectively, the "Information"). The receiving party will use the Information only for the administration of Head Start programs and will not in any way disclose, disseminate, publish, or reveal to any person or use for its own benefit, any of the Information which the receiving party obtains and which the receiving party has been notified is confidential commercial or financial information, except to the extent permitted or required by applicable Federal, State and local laws, regulations, executive orders, and policies, to the City for purposes of monitoring and evaluating Contractor's performance under this Agreement, to other government agencies as may be required for reporting or monitoring purposes, or to a person who has obtained an order of a court of competent jurisdiction requiring such disclosure. Either party during or after the term of this Agreement, may take all actions that it reasonably deems necessary to preserve the confidentiality of the Information including its intervention in any legal proceeding concerning the Information's use or disclosure.

In the event that the Contractor is required to access third party data that includes protected medical records from a third party provider or is required to provide client records that includes protected medical records to the City for purposes of monitoring and evaluating the Contractor's performance under this Agreement, then the Contractor agrees to coordinate with the Agency's staff and the client in obtaining any necessary authorization for release forms.

- **B.** <u>Trademarks/Copyrights.</u> Each party to this Agreement acknowledges the validity of the other party's servicemarks, trademarks, trademarks, patents, or copyrights, if any, and will not in any way infringe upon or otherwise harm the other party's rights or interests in such property.
- C. Open Records. The parties understand that all material provided or produced under this Agreement may be subject to the Colorado Open Records Act, § 24-72-201, et seq., C.R.S. (2014), and that in the event of a request to the City for disclosure of such information, the City will advise the Contractor of such request in order to give the Contractor the opportunity to object to the disclosure of any of its proprietary or confidential material. In the event of the filing of a lawsuit to compel such disclosure, the City will tender all such material to the court for judicial determination of the issue of disclosure and the Contractor agrees to intervene in such lawsuit to protect and assert its claims of privilege and against disclosure of such material or waive the same.

#### 31. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS:

- License of City's Intellectual Property. The City hereby grants a Α. non-exclusive limited license to the Contractor to use for Head Start purposes only and Head Start program related materials, text, logos, documents, booklets, manuals, references, guides, brochures, applications, forms, advertisements, photographs, data, ideas, methods, inventions, and any other work or recorded information furnished by the City to the Contractor for purposes of this Agreement, whether in preliminary or final forms and on any media whatsoever (collectively, "Materials"). The Contractor may reproduce the Materials, add to them, combine them or otherwise modify them only for purposes of administering Head Start programs. Any other addition, combination or modification will require the prior written permission of the Director. The Contractor, upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, will return all such Materials and copies thereof or will provide written verification that all such Materials and copies thereof have been destroyed by Contractor. Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, the Contractor will have the right to make any other use of the Materials or any copies thereof.
- **B.** New Works. The Contractor will not copyright, trademark or patent any work, materials, devises, methods, processes, or products ("Original Works") developed by Contractor as a result of the services provided under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the City and if required by the federal government. Upon approval, the City will have a non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use or authorize the use of any copyrighted material.

The Contractor will disclose all such Original Works to the City. To the extent permitted by the U.S. Copyright Act, 17 USC § 101 *et seq.*, the Original Works will be considered a "work made for hire," and all ownership of copyright in the Original Works will vest in the City at the time the Original Works are created. In the event that this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction not to be a work for hire under the federal copyright laws, this Agreement will operate as an irrevocable assignment by the Contractor to the City of the copyright in the Original Works including

all rights thereunder in perpetuity. Under this irrevocable assignment, the Contractor hereby assigns to the City the sole and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to the program, without further consideration, and agrees to assist the City in registering from time to time enforcing all copyrights and other rights and protections relating to the program in any and all countries. The Contractor, upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, will return all such Original Works and copies thereof and the Contractor will have no right to make any other use of this material.

- **32. LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Contractor represents and warrants that it possesses the legal authority, pursuant to any proper, appropriate and official motion, resolution or action passed or taken, to enter into the Agreement. Each person signing and executing the Agreement on behalf of Contractor represents and warrants that he has been fully authorized by Contractor to execute the Agreement on behalf of Contractor and to validly and legally bind Contractor to all the terms, performances and provisions of the Agreement. The City shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to either temporarily suspend or permanently terminate the Agreement if there is a dispute as to the legal authority of either Contractor or the person signing the Agreement to enter into the Agreement.
- **33. NO CONSTRUCTION AGAINST DRAFTING PARTY:** The parties and their respective counsel have had the opportunity to review the Agreement, and the Agreement will not be construed against any party merely because the Agreement or any provisions thereof were prepared by a particular party.
- 34. SURVIVAL OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS: The terms of the Agreement and any exhibits and attachments that by reasonable implication contemplate continued performance, rights, or compliance beyond expiration or termination of the Agreement survive the Agreement and will continue to be enforceable. Without limiting the generality of this provision, the Contractor's obligations to provide insurance and to indemnify the City will survive for a period equal to any and all relevant statutes of limitation, plus the time necessary to fully resolve any claims, matters, or actions begun within that period.
- **35. INUREMENT:** The rights and obligations of the parties to the Agreement inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties and their respective successors and assigns, provided assignments are consented to in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.
- **36. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE:** The parties agree that in the performance of the terms, conditions, and requirements of this Agreement, time is of the essence.
- **37. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY:** Enforcement of the terms of the Agreement and all rights of action relating to enforcement are strictly reserved to the parties. Nothing contained in the Agreement gives or allows any claim or right of action to any third person or entity. Any person or entity other than the City or the Contractor receiving services or benefits pursuant to the Agreement is an incidental beneficiary only.

- **38. PARAGRAPH HEADINGS:** The captions and headings set forth herein are for convenience of reference only, and shall not be construed as to define or limit the terms and provisions hereof.
- **39. SEVERABILITY:** Except for the provisions of the Agreement requiring appropriation of funds and limiting the total amount payable by the City, if a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision of the Agreement or any portion thereof to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions or provisions will not be affected, if the intent of the parties can be fulfilled.
- **40. NO AUTHORITY TO BIND CITY TO CONTRACTS:** The Contractor lacks any authority to bind the City on any contractual matters. Final approval of all contractual matters that purport to obligate the City must be executed by the City in accordance with the City's Charter and the D.R.M.C.
- 41. CITY EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT: This Agreement will not be effective or binding on the City until it has been fully executed by all required signatories of the City and County of Denver, and if required by Charter, approved by the City Council.
- **42. LAWSUITS:** The Contractor will notify the City in writing within seven (7) calendar days of the date upon which any legal action or proceeding connected with or related to this Agreement is initiated by or brought against Contractor.
- 43. ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES AND ELECTRONIC RECORDS: Contractor consents to the use of electronic signatures by the City. The Agreement, and any other documents requiring a signature hereunder, may be signed electronically by the City in the manner specified by the City. The Parties agree not to deny the legal effect or enforceability of the Agreement solely because it is in electronic form or because an electronic record was used in its formation. The Parties agree not to object to the admissibility of the Agreement in the form of an electronic record, or a paper copy of an electronic document, or a paper copy of a document bearing an electronic signature, on the ground that it is an electronic record or electronic signature or that it is not in its original form or is not an original.

**Exhibit List follows** 

# **Exhibits to Head Start/Delegate Agency Agreement**

- **1.** Exhibit A, Contractor's Application and narrative to provide Head Start Services for program year 2016-2017.
- 2. Exhibit B, Contractor's Budget.
- **3.** Exhibit C, Calendar of Times and Days of Operations.
- **4.** Exhibit D, Schedule for submission of reports.
- **5.** Exhibit E, Certificate of Insurance.
- **6.** Exhibit F, Site Locations.
- **7.** Exhibit G, Section 20-76 of the Den. Rev. Mun. Code pertaining to Payment of Prevailing Wages.

### **END**

### SIGNATURE PAGES AND EXHIBITS FOLLOW THIS PAGE

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Contractor Name:	MILE HIGH MONTESSORI EARLY LEARNING CTRS
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	Name: Pamela Harris (please print)
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January 29, 2016

Al Martinez, PhD, Director Denver Great Kids Head Start 201 W Colfax Ave # 1107 Denver, CO 80202

Dear Dr. Martinez:

In response to your letter on December 11, 2015, Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers (MHM) is submitting its grant application for July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017, including the Self-Assessment Results and Follow-up Plan, Calendar of Times and Days of Operations, Training Plan and Site Locations. The GABI will be submitted on February 13, 2016. MHM is requesting \$1,682,721 to serve 269 children. Our budget reflects that \$7,707 will be used for training and technical assistance, quality teaching dollars, and that MHM is responsible for contributing a non-federal share of \$420,680.25.

Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers (MHM) is also submitting its exhibit submission for the quality teaching dollars for July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. Our budget will reflect \$24,530 which will be used for quality teaching initiatives.

\$10,000 will be used for Head Start staff including teachers, teacher assistants, coaches and program directors towards continuing education and professional development classes/seminars, including but not limited to:

- · Classes/seminars on CLASS, Pyramid Plus, Montessori inspired
- Continuing education courses
- One program director working towards MA degree

\$14,530 will be used for Professional Development days (quarterly professional development and Professional Development Institute) throughout the year, including:

- Training on Teaching Strategies GOLD, Math and Montessori
- Montessori Inspired Teacher Work Group

We appreciate this opportunity to continue serving Head Start children and look forward to your assistance and support in the coming year.

Lolita A. Ray, Head Start Director

Sincerely

Cc: Erin Brown, Executive Director, Children's Affairs
Pamela Harris, President & CEO, Mile High Montessori Early
Learning Centers

Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers (MHM) submits this narrative as part of the 2016-17 Continuation Grant Application for Head Start and notes that it does not administer an Early Head Start program. MHM is pleased to report that no changes have occurred to the Long Term Goals, Short Term Objectives, or Expected Outcomes since last year's application but we are attaching the progress that MHM has made toward meeting our Short Term Objectives and Expected Outcomes.

**Recruitment** is the gate through which all of the children and families enter to become part of the MHM program. Following the lead of Denver Great Kids Head Start (DGKHS) and its creation of universal Selection Criteria as a result of the collective efforts of all the delegates, MHM is pleased to report that these new selection criteria are in place to reflect the changes in the 45 CFR 1305 final rule thus ensuring that the neediest children across all agencies have similar opportunities to be selected.

Once recruitment and selection have taken place, another question is what **Transportation** needs families have. Many of our families choose our programs because our centers are close to their homes. Our centers are located in the neighborhoods of our city that have traditionally had the highest need for Head Start services. Because of this, many of our families are able to walk and/or use public transportation to access our centers. Occasionally we enroll families with transportation concerns, and in those cases we work closely with the parent to find the best solutions, which include; partnering with other agencies for bus passes or transferring children to a center closer to their homes.

MHM will continue to support parents to meet their transportation needs in several ways. To begin we work closely with parents to choose a location that will best meet their transportation needs (close to specific bus or light rail routes). If additional transportation concerns arise, we are able to provide temporary bus passes to assist parents. The family services staff also has a list of organizations and resources in the community that provide transportation services and make referrals to those organizations as needed.

With regard to the **Facilities** in which the MHM program is offered, the only change that will occur is that MHM has developed a partnership with Focus Points Family Resource Center and plans to potentially serve Head Start children at our Northeast center operating part day options.

The heart of what MHM offers is its **Educational Program and Services**, and critical to its educational program and services are the teachers. In terms of teacher training, MHM has focused on supporting children's literacy and language development. The results of our evaluation of the training MHM has done in this regard showed that teachers improved significantly over time in their knowledge of child language and literacy development, use of reading strategies, and beliefs in their own effectiveness in teaching children.

Given the importance of teacher training within the early childhood education community, MHM has created a Professional Learning Center (Center). The goal of the Center is to support the development of a cadre of early learning professionals (both inservice and pre-service) who are prepared and equipped to meet the needs of a rapidly changing and growing population of young learners living in urban corridors and economically disadvantaged neighborhoods. The work of the Center includes an agency-wide effort to build and refine internal systems and practices to more effectively define and operationalize the Montessori Inspired approach that serves as the instructional and theoretical foundation for MHM.

MHM takes the best and most important parts of the Montessori approach and blends them with other high quality and effective early childhood education practices so that every child will have the experiences and supports they need to be successful in school. Montessori believed that the child is at the center of the learning process and that through interactions with teachers, other children, and the materials in the classroom, children develop self-confidence, independence, and concentration – all important for school readiness. Some of the things that are important in a Montessori-inspired program are:

- Children are self-directed learners who can think and make discoveries for themselves
- Children have blocks of time to work at their own pace so that learning is meaningful and attention is uninterrupted
- Children can learn from each other as well as from teachers and therefore classrooms are made up of children of different ages and levels of development
- Teachers carefully observe children to prepare the classroom and plan experiences that help children develop interests, skills, and knowledge
- Teachers build children's language and literacy skills through rich conversations and interactions
- Classrooms are well-ordered, safe, and prepared for children to learn independently
- Classrooms are divided into learning centers containing many interesting materials that teach language, math, science, geography and build self-help, physical, and sensory skills.
- Families share information about their children and their values and culture with teachers
- Families support children's learning

With regard to **School Readiness Goals**, MHM provides high quality services to children and families that result in school readiness for both the child and the family. School readiness is a comprehensive undertaking and needs parent participation to be most successful. That is why we begin our work with parents of preschoolers from the beginning of the process.

MHM staff (Head Start Director, Program Directors, coaches, teachers, Disabilities/Mental Health Coordinator, Director of Education, and Director of Curriculum

& Instruction) use assessment data to prepare individualized child learning plans that guide the child through the process of school readiness. This information is used to support goal setting to scaffold each child's development and is shared with parents at conferences and home visits or as requested.

Because MHM provides services to children birth to five years-old, in many cases we will be able to follow the child from their first years at MHM through their preschool years, creating a comprehensive account that informs the child's development and progress.

Looking at the **five domains** in terms of progress toward achieving **School Readiness**, MHM has made great strides. Some highlights include:

- Social and Emotional Development Several professional development and parent training opportunities have occurred this year in support of achieving school readiness in the area of social and emotional development. This includes ten families who have participated in Positive Parenting Solutions, four Family and Community Advocates who will attend the Nurturing Parenting Skills Facilitator Training this spring, and two Education Coaches who have renewed their CLASS certification for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers as well as working on completion of their trainer certification for Pyramid Plus.
- Physical Development and Health A 6-week Culture of Wellness class was completed at Lowry with 27 parent participants.
- Approaches to Learning 5 by 5 cards were distributed to all families and employees.
- Language and Literacy Acquisition Program-wide, families have contributed over 2,957 hours of time reading to their children via the Literacy Program.
- Cognitive Development and General Knowledge All teachers completed training in the use of Teaching Strategies GOLD in July 2015.

We continue to promote focus on families helping to support school readiness for their children. These efforts include our family literacy program and, as of mid-year, families have logged 2,957 hours of reading time to their children. Dialogic Reading trainings are offered monthly throughout the program for both parents and volunteers. Parents are educated throughout the program year on the importance of early literacy skills to later school success. Reading with young children helps to develop language, logical thinking skills, and promote speech development. There has been a program-wide emphasis on the importance of health and nutrition to family well-being and school readiness. In the fall, a six-week course facilitated by the Culture of Wellness on child nutrition was offered at our Lowry Center and attended by 27 parents. The same course will be given at our Rude Park and Sun Valley centers in the spring. Additionally, six-week Cooking Matters Courses are scheduled at both the Lowry and Westwood centers. During these

classes parents will learn basic cooking skills, healthy recipes, and tips for shopping for healthy foods on a budget.

As noted, MHM continues to use Teaching Strategies GOLD (TSG) along with all of the other **Assessments** outlined in our original grant. Below is the outcomes data from Teaching Strategies GOLD from Fall 2014-Spring 2015. The data only reflects children with ratings in all checkpoints meeting widely held expectations.

Developmental Area	% Children Meeting Widely Held Expectations Fall, 2014	% Children Meeting Widely Held Expectations Spring, 2015
Social/Emotional	65%	88%
Fine/Gross Motor	70%	91%
Language	51%	83%
Cognitive	53%	90%
Literacy	49%	78%
Math	48%	84%
Overall	48%	85%

Benchmarks are established at or above 85% of all children enrolled meeting widely held expectations and that all children demonstrate growth. Data show MHM exceeding these benchmarks. Children who were continuously enrolled ended the year at a higher overall percentage of meeting widely held expectations and showed greater gains start to finish than the overall program statistics.

MHM also supports children and families to move towards achieving school readiness goals by annually providing many diverse activities to encourage parents, as well as children, to participate, enjoy, and continue to read. MHM talks to families about the importance of reading to their child on a daily basis. If a parent has problems with books, we provide some for them. Each week our program provides parents a literacy sheet to track their reading to their children, and every week that a parent fills out their literacy sheet the child can pick out a book to keep or receive writing materials in all of our centers. If a parent is not able to read, we talk about strategies on how to read a book just by looking at the pictures or having an older sibling read to them.

Program Directors continue to observe classrooms to ensure quality programming is offered in alignment with the Head Start Standards. Family and Community Advocates encourage families to have strategies in their Family Partnership Agreement goals on school readiness in order to strengthen home-school partnerships and teamwork.

Program improvements implemented in response to the analysis of child assessment and other data has resulted in incorporating a new position for Mile High Montessori based on the data collected. This new position is the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and the purpose of this position is to have a specific focus on school readiness data as it pertains to a quality education program. The Director of Curriculum and Instruction will track staff credentials ensuring teachers are meeting requirements

for positions as defined by MHM, Head Start Performance Standards, Colorado Child Care Licensing regulations, and others as applicable. The position will assist in developing MHM's professional development training plan for all staff and also oversee the process for registering and enrolling staff for appropriate courses and trainings.

MHM provides internal coaches as well as external coaches to work in classrooms to improve classroom teacher-child interactions so that children can make developmentally appropriate progress in both the cognitive and social-emotional domains. MHM works closely with Sewall Child Development, an organization that provides teachers with strategies to work with children who have special needs within the classroom setting. MHM teachers make annual home visits in order to design with parents appropriate learning strategies they can implement at home. As noted above, a priority is placed on supporting and encouraging parents to read to their children and providing ways to make more books available in the home. Underlying these activities is MHM's commitment to using a continuous improvement model so that teachers are encouraged on an ongoing basis to improve their knowledge and skills within the context of coaching, training, and education. Teachers use TSG reports to measure a child's progress.

Information from the TSG and CLASS help to inform the professional development strategies for staff. There will be an ongoing focus on meeting social/emotional, literacy, language, and cognitive goals. This year we will continue to focus on supporting children's skill development in math. Additional areas for training are within CLASS-Instructional Support that includes these domain areas: concept development—children using analysis and reasoning in approach to problems; quality of feedback—providing children with specific feedback about their work and language modeling—engaging in meaningful and intentional conversations with children. Professional development time is scheduled to address common areas for training.

An important aspect of every Head Start program is its awareness of the importance of the child's **Health** on the learning outcomes that can be expected. With that in mind, within 90 days of entry into the program, MHM assesses whether the child has an ongoing, continuous source of health care. If no health care source is available, staff refer families to the appropriate resource to ensure access to a medical home. Staff continue to follow-up with families until they have secured a medical home and health insurance.

In addition, MHM has many community partnerships that help ensure all children receive appropriate preventative health services. The Marion Downs Center ensures all children receive vision and hearing screenings within 45 days of enrollment. Children requiring follow up are then referred to the appropriate resource. Denver Health Dental Clinics provide enrolled children with dental screenings and fluoride treatments, as required by the Head Start Performance Standards within 90 days of enrollment. A dentist and a dental hygienist come to the Head Start centers to provide these services. Additional follow up treatment is provided at community dental clinics.

MHM contracts with Denver Health to train and certify center staff to administer basic medication to all children in the program. In addition, MHM has a full time LPN and a Health Assistant to better meet the needs of Head Start families in regard to timely medical follow-up, keeping parents informed of their child's overall well-being, and supporting families with basic health care needs. The Health Team also provides all Head Start children with a BMI (Body Mass Index) height and weight evaluation twice a year. Children who are underweight, overweight, or obese are referred to the Food Services Coordinator at MHM and their Primary Care Provider. Families can receive individualized services on nutrition, healthy eating, and wellness.

In our 2014-2015 Program Information Report (PIR):

- 100% of the children served had current physicals
- 95% received dental care
- 100% were screened on social/emotional needs
- 16% received special needs services

Since Head Start has a long tradition of recognizing the importance of the families of the children served, MHM is proud to continue that tradition. Family and Social Services offered by MHM include assigning each family a Family and Community Advocate (FCA) who will support families in obtaining needed family services and social services. During their initial meetings with families, FCAs work with parents to complete a family strengths and needs assessment. The assessment evaluates a family's needs and strengths within the domains of the Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework (PFCE). These domains are: Family Well-Being, Positive Parent-Child Relationships, Families as Lifelong Educators, Families as Advocates and Leaders, Families as Leaders, Family Engagement in Transitions, and Family Connections to Peer and Community. With the information provided, the FCAs will work with families to build bridges with community organizations that can meet specific needs and provide services for families. In addition, the FCAs work closely with families to assist them in navigating the local social and county human services system and learning how to advocate for themselves within the systems.

During the past year the Family and Community Advocates along with the Family and Community Partnerships Coordinator completed assessments of each of our centers based on the Strengthening Families Framework. Using the data from these assessments, we were able to determine which of the five protective factors for families were already being promoted by our programming and which we should work to improve. The protective factors measured by the Strengthening Families framework align with the Parent Engagement Outcomes that are outlined in the PFCE framework. This information was used to help guide programming for families throughout the year, and was a basis for the one-on-one interactions the FCAs had with parents throughout the year. The program also provides several opportunities for parenting education including, Positive Parenting Solutions and Nurturing Parenting Skills.

To ensure that parents are actively engaged in all aspects of program operations, MHM provides many opportunities for parents to become involved and makes every effort to

be sure that parent involvement activities are responsive to on-going and expressed needs of parents both as individuals and as members of a group.

Parents are surveyed at least annually, complete a need and interest survey, and participate in the annual program Self-Assessment to provide direction for programming. Opportunities for involvement in governance, their child's education, and their own education and social activities are some of the ways MHM engages parents. During a family's initial orientation process, the Family and Community Advocate (FCA) works with the parent to complete a needs assessment. In this survey families are asked to rate whether specific indicators of each outcome area from the PFCE are a strength or a need for their family. At this time the FCA talks to the family about their role in the program and how they can work with the family to address some of the areas of need. The results of this survey are used in collaboration with the family to develop a Family Partnership Agreement (FPA). The FPA consists of a goal that the family has developed and steps that the family will take to reach that goal. It also addresses strengths and barriers and how the FCA can help the family navigate the community and available resources to complete each step. This process is individualized for each family and the FCAs work with the family to tie each of the family goals to one of our PFCE objectives for family engagement.

Toward the end of each program year, the kindergarten **Transition** process, which starts almost as soon as a child is enrolled in the Head Start program, is finalized and accomplished. From the beginning at enrollment, the FCAs and the classroom staff start talking to the family about school readiness. During the transition process, the FCAs at each center hold parent meetings for all families with children who are in transition. These meetings include a chance for parents to meet staff from all of the local elementary schools (public, private, and charter) and to ask questions about programming and schedule tours, if desired. These meetings also feature child mental health consultants talking to parents about strategies to help the child with the transition. The FCAs meet one-on-one with each parent to discuss kindergarten options and to support parents with necessary forms and paperwork where applicable. The FCAs help parents to think about their priorities and to find a program that will be the best fit for them.

MHM collaborates with Clayton Early Learning for Early Head Start services for children that are in Early Head Start classrooms to prepare them for transition to Head Start. When a child with an Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP) transitions from an EHS classroom, MHM's Disabilities/Mental Health Coordinator or Family and Community Advocate participates in the IEP transition meeting with the Denver Public Schools Child Find and Rocky Mountain Human Services teams.

In terms of **Coordination**, in addition to the many partnerships that characterize the MHM approach, a new opportunity has presented itself with Focus Points Family Resource Center. Focus Points Center provides integrated programs and services aimed towards transforming the lives of vulnerable children and families. Through a three-year expansion project, Focus Points will dramatically increase its ability to serve

the communities of Globeville, Elyria and Swansea. Part of this plan includes building and opening a new early learning center with eight classrooms for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years which will be operated in partnership with MHM. While there are early childhood programs offered through DPS, there are no early care and education programs that provide services to working families or year-round. While the construction of the new center is projected to take place over the next 18-24 months, MHM will begin to serve children ages 3-5 years and families at its Northeast Center in two classrooms so that families can begin benefitting from the program.

A modification in the relationship between MHM and Sewall has occurred as a result of the new Multi-Tiered Support System (MTSS) process. Teachers have had to collect more data about the interventions they use to assist a child in a classroom prior to a referral being made. The MTSS process prohibited MHM from submitting referrals to Sewall for the first two months of the school year because education staff were required to collect more evidence of a child's needs. Until this year, a body of evidence was completed that included parent, teacher, and the Disabilities/Mental Health Coordinator observation forms and a parent meeting. This was considered enough evidence to warrant a full evaluation by Sewall. This newest development has made the process longer before a child can start to receive services.

**Program Impacts** are a high priority for MHM. Based on the research about the positive impacts of a high quality early learning program in terms of the changes in the learning and success trajectory for children, especially those living in poverty and experiencing other risk factors, we believe that children living at or near poverty are at greater risk for physical, emotional, and cognitive health issues. The achievement gap between n children from limited income backgrounds with less access to resources that support their literacy and language development begins early. In Denver, 49% of children were not reading at grade level in 4th grade. Through programming offered by MHM, we expect to mitigate these effects of poverty and the families we serve whose needs remain consistent.

MHM's believes that at the end of the five-year grant period one of the impacts will be that children who have participated in the program will be more likely to graduate high school, go to college, be employed, and have better physical and mental health outcomes. They will also be less likely to need special education services, repeat a grade, commit a crime, or become a teen parent. In addition, we believe that parents and caregivers will be more likely to be involved in their child's education and read to their children more often, and families will be more likely to move out of poverty.

We also expect that their experience at MHM will impact their lifelong ability to learn and flourish as a healthy, productive adult. A Montessori inspired education emphasizes respect for a child's natural psychological, physical, and social development. Through these experiences at MHM, children will become critical thinkers with high executive function, cognitive, and problem solving skills. They will develop sophisticated social/emotional skills leading to positive peer interaction.

The program MHM offers also assists families in achieving self-sufficiency through access to services and programming and supports parents in their roles as their child's first and best teacher. Our uncompromising focus on professional learning and staff development will help to ensure that early childhood education teachers will have the knowledge and skills to positively impact children's growth and development. When children can achieve their potential and families are successful in attaining their goals, the whole community benefits and thrives.

The Board and the MHM Policy Council continue to carry out the roles and responsibilities as outlined in the Head Start Performance Standards. With regard to staff qualifications and competencies, changes in key personnel include the following:

Director of Education – Joan Holtz
Program Director (Rude Park) – Stacy Cook-LaPointe
Program Director (Edna Oliver) – Jessica Scherden
Director of Curriculum and Instruction – Lisa Grant
Chief Administrative Officer - Sonia Bauduy

Following positions open: Program Director (Lowry)

With regard to the **Management Systems** for planning, communications, record-keeping and reporting, ongoing monitoring, and self-assessment, there were no changes.

The annual **Self-Assessment** for Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers (MHM) was held from September 28, 2015 to November 30, 2015. MHM used the protocols from the Office of Head Start Monitoring Tool to assist in the evaluation process. A Self-Assessment team was formed to manage the Self-Assessment with oversight from the Head Start Director. Participants in the Self-Assessment included education, family and community advocates/partnerships staff, coaches, administrative staff, Policy Committee, Board of Directors, parents, and community members. The Self-Assessment team met once a month to share data and results. The team continually reviewed their responsibilities to ensure that the process was effective and efficient.

Specifically, the Self-Assessment team members included: President and CEO, Head Start Director, Controller, Family & Community Partnerships Coordinator, Director of Education, Disabilities/Mental Health Coordinator, Head Start Nurse, Coach, Policy Committee (PC) members, Program Directors, and the Board of Directors. As part of this process, the Self-Assessment provides MHM with the means to regularly assess our management systems and program operations in order to continually strengthen the program and the services delivered to children and families.

All program work plans were updated to ensure that the Head Start Performance Standards are implemented throughout the program year in each component area. The

plan is a road map for staff, parents, and interested community members linking Performance Standards to agency policies and procedures.

Areas for the Self-Assessment included components within Program Design and Management, Child Development and Health, and Family and Community Engagement. The plan was developed with input from Policy Committee, Board of Directors, and staff, and approved by Policy Committee.

During the Self-Assessment, no areas were found to be out of compliance, and several action plans have been written and goal dates are set for completion. This process will be monitored by the Head Start Director.

The Training and Technical Assistance Plan (T/TA) is based on the knowledge gained through the continuous improvement process implemented within MHM and connects to the overall framework and compliance indicators to facilitate the monitoring process for each content area. The training plan is to be considered fluid so that necessary adjustments can be made to meet needs as they arise. The plan is attached.

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including school readiness goals as described in Sub-section C. Approach to School Readiness, outlined 1. Describe the progress of the program in achieving the long range goals and short term objectives, in the baseline application.

# Goals and Objectives and Accomplishments

GOALS	OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	MEASURES	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
All Denver Great Kids	All DGKHS students will	Ensure each classroom	CLASS assessment	Accomplishments:
Head Start children	meet or exceed widely held	has a pre- and post-		Education coaches are
will receive high	expectations	CLASS assessment	Teachers and teacher	using results of CLASS
quality education	<ul> <li>This includes the</li> </ul>	done. Data will be	assistant credentials	observations and TSG
that ensures they are	goals of the School	shared with teaching		data to determine
ready to succeed in	Readiness Plan that	staff and program	TS GOLD: All	for working with each
school.	include outcomes for	directors, and goals will	Domains	teacher during 10-12
	social/emotional	be set to enhance		week coaching cycle. All
	development,	teacher-child	Montessori training	teachers and teacher
	approaches to	interactions and	opportunities	assistants are meeting
	learning, physical	teaching practices.		credential requirements
	development and			and Montessori training
	health, language			opportunities are made
	and literacy			available when
	attainment and			appropriate. These
	מונמווווופוור מווס			strategies and measures
	cognitive and			result in improved
	general knowledge			teacher-child interactions
	skills.			and high quality
				educational opportunities
	70% of teachers at each			for children to ensure
	agency have a BA or higher;			that they are ready to
	100% of teacher assistants			succeed in school.
	meet credentialing			
	Effective transitions to kindergarten			

Accomplishments: Program Directors at all MHM centers assisted teachers in ascertaining what steps needed to be taken to meet their individual credentialing	Professional development plans were created as part of the annual performance evaluation process and teachers were supported in finding appropriate resources to help them succeed in reaching their goals and meeting credentialing requirements. As a result, children and families are supported with highly qualified staff who are providing a high quality education.	Accomplishments: All teachers completed training in the use of Teaching Strategies GOLD in July.  Teachers and other program staff assessed children utilizing Teaching Strategies GOLD (TSG), Devereux Early Childhood
Set professional development goals with teaching staff to guide them toward meeting their credentialing requirements.		Assess child progress on an ongoing basis and aggregate and analyze data at multiple times throughout the year.

Assessment (DECA), and Early Screening Inventory (ESI) and Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) at stated checkpoints throughout the year. Progress reports were shared with parents, DGKHS, and other interested parties. Data from the assessments were used to inform classroom instruction and professional development. As a result, data is used for	improvement thus resulting in the delivery of a high quality early education experience.  Accomplishments:  10 teachers are participating in the first coaching cycle across all locations. As a result, children and families are supported through a strong Montessori foundation that helps to assure the provision of a high quality education.
	Enhance staff competency in delivering the Montessori Approach.

GOALS	OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	MEASURES	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
All Head Start children will receive high quality health, mental health, and	Children will receive timely health, dental, vision, and hearing screenings and referrals as needed.	Participate in the Culture of Wellness Program	Number of opportunities for training on developmentally appropriate health	Accomplishments: Teachers are incorporating weekly supplies and lesson plans from the "I am Moving, I am Learning"
that ensure they are healthy and ready to succeed in school.	Children will have exposure to physical activity and healthy food.		and wellness offered to staff and parents.	program to increase gross motor activities with children outside and use play to encourage healthy
	Children will receive comprehensive mental health support and services for healthy social emotional development.		Percent of children enrolled in health insurance and have a medical home	activity for children at home and at school. In 2014-2015, 100% of children had a medical home and were current on immunizations; 82% of children received
	Head Start families and staff will have resources that increase skills and knowledge on developmentally appropriate health and wellness of children.		who have received health screening Immunization rates Overweight and obesity rates Percent of children who receive appropriate follow up	preventative dental care; 85% have received follow- up care. Children's weight issues are monitored on a regular basis. As a result, MHM children and families are healthy and ready for school.
		Provide ongoing support in the Pyramid Model to ensure classroom staff are trained and receive ongoing support.		Accomplishments: 2 Education Coaches completed trainer certification for Pyramid Plus and 17 teaching staff are completing training in the Pyramid Plus model and using ongoing

encourage healthy social/emotional development for children. Results from pre- and post-DECA assessments show development in children. As a result, healthy social and emotional development is supported which results in children being healthy and ready to succeed in school.	Accomplishments: Ongoing support is provided for all teachers as needed through coaching and individual training. The Disabilities and Mental Health Coordinator ensures that resources are available for those who need them. A leadership team of a Program Director, coach, and teacher have created a training implementation and maintenance plan for Pyramid Plus across centers. As a result, MHM ensures inclusive environments for children with special needs which will assist them in being ready for school.

GOALS	OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	MEASURES	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
All Denver Great Kids Head Start parents work to improve their own skills and they are engaged as their children's first teacher to ensure children are ready to succeed in school.	Families will meet the goals in their family partnership agreements Families will consistently engage in Head Start. Children will have effective transitions to kindergarten	Provide parenting, educational, and leadership development opportunities to parents such as Policy Council, Policy Committee, Positive Parenting Solutions, and Nurturing Parenting Program.	Number of parent volunteers Pre/post Parenting Education Knowledge Survey Literacy Sheets Percent of families who have completed plan goals including but not limited to: GED completion ESL participation ESL participation	Accomplishments: 10 parents completed the Positive Parenting Solutions classes at Westwood Montessori Early Learning Center. A six-week nutrition class offered by the Culture of Wellness was attended by 27 parents at Lowry Early Learning Center, 4 Family and Community Advocates will attend the Nurturing Parenting Skills Facilitator training this Spring, and Policy Committee received leadership development training. As a result,
			Retention of children in the program	skills to be engaged with their children.
			TS GOLD Data	48% of families complete education goals and 10% completed employment goals.

	Enhance the school-to-		Accomplishments:
	home education		Resources from United
	connection that		for Literacy.com, One
	Supports positive		Book Denver, and Earlier
	Outcomes for children		is Easier were utilized to
	by increasing families,		support greater family
	by mereasing lannings		access to books and
	access to iinguistically,		literacy resources. Unite
	culturally, and		For Literacy is working
	developmentally		with staff and parents to
	appropriate books and		increase the number of
	literacy resources.		books in home libraries.
	•		All centers operate
			lending libraries for
			parents. Throughout
			MHM families are
			encouraged to document
			time spent reading with
			their children through the
			use of Literacy Sheets.
			Program-wide, families
			have contributed over
			2,957 hours of time
			reading to their children
			via the Literacy Program.
			Dialogic Reading training
			has been completed at 3
			centers and is made
			available to all teachers,
			parents, and volunteers.
			As a result, families have
			greater opportunities to
			engage in literacy
			activities.
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Accomplishments: All Family and Community Advocates were trained on the Strengthening Families framework in January 2015. Each FCA set a goal with the Strengthening Families coach to implement a change in their centers that would promote one of the five protective factors. In conjunction with this program, the MHM Head Start program strengthens families through Family Partnership Agreements, making referrals to meet the needs of individual families, providing parent trainings on topics based on interest surveys, and planning events to increase the involvement of fathers in the lives of their children. As a result, parents have greater skills to become engaged as their child's first teacher.	Accomplishments: Parent /teacher conferences were held at all centers in November of the 2014-2015 school year. Parents were provided with information from TS GOLD showing their child's individual developmental milestones. As a result, parents are fully informed of their child's progress.
Incorporated the Strengthening Families Program Strategies.	Share TS GOLD data with parents at parent/teacher conferences.
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Accomplishments: Kindergarten transition meetings were held at all centers in November. These meetings included a chance for parents to meet staff from local elementary schools as well as information from teachers and mental health consultants about how to best prepare children for the transition. In January 2015, FCAs met one-on- one with the parents of every kindergarten-bound child to help them further prepare for the transition. As a result, children enrolled in MHM have effective transitions to	Accomplishments: Sewall and Denver Health have been sharing input with MHM teachers to enrich TS GOLD assessments. As a result, children with disabilities experience high quality learning environments.	
	MEASURES TS GOLD Growth	Results of monthly collaboration
Meet with all parents of kindergarten-bound children and provide information such as IEP's, TS GOLD, and school of choice and kindergarten readiness checklist.	Ensure all service providers submit input to Teaching Strategies GOLD and work with teachers to meet the child's needs.	
	Children with IEPs will improve school readiness. Children will receive timely evaluation and effective IEPs as appropriate Children will have effective transitions to kindergarten	
	All Denver Great Kids All Denver Great Kids Head Start children with disabilities will experience high quality and inclusive learning environments to ensure they are ready to succeed in school	

		Program Directors facilitate monthly collaboration meetings.	meetings to evaluate the progress of children with disabilities	Accompilsnments: Program Directors at each MHM center facilitate monthly collaboration meetings with service
				providers, teachers, Program Directors, Disabilities and Mental Health Coordinator, and coaches. As a result effective communication is established to fully support individualization and effective learning
		Provide professional development on issues and topics related to disabilities.	IEPs successfully transitioned to kindergarten Retention rate for	Accomplishments: The Disabilities and Mental Health Coordinator attends all IEP meetings, as do the classroom teachers, service providers, and parents. 32
		Participate in annual IEP meetings with parents of kindergarten-bound children.	children with IEPs	children successfully transitioned into kindergarten with a retention rate of 20 in the 2014-2015 program year. As a result, children with special needs are fully supported in inclusive learning environments.
	OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	MEASURES	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Denver Great Kids Head Start operations and financial administration are efficient and	Financial management is transparent Streamlined financial and operational systems	Leverage economies of scale to provide effective resources to delegate agencies and classrooms.	Audit findings	Accomplishments: MHM had a clean A-133 Audit with no findings in the 2014-2015 program year.

	operations.  The MHM Controller provides training and relevant information to Program Directors annually and as needs become apparent. Program Directors may also request support from the Controller at any time. As a result, fiscal operations are streamlined and efficient.  Accomplishments: For the 2014-2015 program year, MHM did not exceed 15 percent of administrative costs.	
Monthly financial projections to ensure that spending is on track with the Head Start budget	Percent of administrative costs (not to exceed 15 percent)  Delegate surveys and feedback	
Provide data analysis (TS Gold, Community Assessment) that guides programmatic design and financial investments.	Policy advocacy for school readiness and early childhood education.  • Provide feedback for policy and advocacy Participate in CCCAP, collaborative meetings, Child Care Task Force and Welfare Reform Board.  Ensure that members of MHM governing boards have foundational knowledge of the fiscal component of the program.	Support Program Directors as administrators of individual early learning centers in budget management.
Services purchased/negotiated are aligning with school readiness data (TS GOLD results) and need as reflected in the community	Meetings with delegate agencies are effective and productive  Communication is clear and timely	
effective, ensuring that resources support preparing Head Start children for school		

Domain Area/Topic	Delivery	Justification	Target	Desired	Location	Date	Cost	Evaluation
	Method		Audience	Outcomes			Allocation	
ERSEA /Family & Community Partnerships/ Recruitment; enrollment; in-kind; development of family partnership agreements; forms; communication; monitoring; program governance; parent and community outreach; reporting; monitoring; analyzing data; and overall delivery of family services.	Family & Community Partnerships Coordinator Director Curriculum & Instruction Director Head Start Director	To effectively implement policies and procedures related to family and community partnerships and deliver services to families.	Enrollment Coordinator Program Directors Family & Community Advocates Education Director	Staff will comply with all program policies and procedures, accurately maintain appropriate data collection, and develop professional relationships with families.	TBD	Monthly meetings Monthly individualized training Professional Development Institute	Staff time for non-exempt staff and materials \$1,707	Training agendas, agendas, Professional Development Plans, Monitoring Action Plans, PIR Data, training calendar, ECERS/ITER S scores, and required paperwork DGKHS Monitoring Action Plans
Training Final Rule on Head Start Eligibility	Family & Community Partnerships Coordinator	To train Family & Community Advocates and staff who make eligibility determination upon hire and as needed.	Family & Community Advocates Family & Community Partnerships Coordinator Enrollment	Staff will comply with all program policies and procedures around ERSEA	ТВА	As Needed	Staff time for non-exempt staff and materials	Sign in sheets

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Evaluation ion	Training Agenda, Professional Development Plan, Site Visits, ECERS / ITERS, TSG, CLASS, and ESI-R Training Agenda, IS Professional Development Plan, Monitoring Plan
Cost	Staff time (overtime hours for non-exempt staff) and materials Sub Cost is \$21.00 an hour/\$168.00 a day plus fee for background check and fingerprints \$14,530
Date	Ongoing
Location	1BD
Desired Outcomes	Staff will comply with all policies and procedures, prepare a supportive environment for children, accurately provide developmental ly appropriate instruction for all children, and maintain appropriate data collection.
Target Audience	Teachers Teacher Assistants Program Directors Family & Community Advocates Family & Community Partnerships Coordinator
Justification	Effectively implement policies and procedures related to early education and effectively prepare the environment for child developmental success.
Delivery Method	Disabilities/Mental Health Coordinator Director of Education Head Start Director Coaches Curriculum & Instruction Director
Domain Area/Topic	Child Development & Education/ Individualization; child guidance; class management; teaching strategies; RFO process; supportive environments; Pyramid Teaching Montessori Method; CLASS training in each area and observations; Teaching Strategies GOLD (Math); ITERS / ECERS; DECA; ASQ; ESI-R; planning; emergency procedures; child transitions; monitoring; analyzing data; language and literacy development.

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Evaluation	Training Agenda, Professional Development Plan, Site Visits, ECERS / ITERS Training Agenda, Professional Development Plan, Monitoring Plan
Cost	Staff time (overtime hours for non-exempt staff) and materials
Date	Ongoing
Location	TBD
Desired Outcomes	Staff will effectively implement licensing regulations. Staff will effectively implement Head Start Performance Standards. Staff will gain an understanding of Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers as well as job specific responsibilities
Target Audience	New Employees
Justification	To provide all new employees with an orientation.
Delivery	Education Director Human Resources Generalist Directors Curriculum & Instruction Director
Domain Area/Topic	Ongoing Monitoring/ Record Keeping/ An overview of program structure, effective implementation of policies and procedures, program forms, monitoring, and overview of program operations through training in the following areas: Colorado Childcare Licensing Rules and Regulations; Head Start Performance Standards; and other program regulations.

Evaluation	Policy Committee Minutes Board of Directors Minutes	Policy Committee Minutes Board of Directors Minutes
Cost Allocation	Staff time and in-kind volunteer time	Staff time and in-kind volunteer time
Date	September— Board of Directors Orientation October— Policy Committee Orientation Monthly	Policy Committee Members will be trained in October and as needed Board Members will be trained in August and as needed
Location	TBD	TBD
Desired Outcomes	MHM Governing Bodies will make informed program decisions.	MHM Governing Bodies will make informed program decisions.
Target Audience	Policy Committee Board of Directors	Policy Committee Board of Directors
Justification	To effectively carry out roles and responsibilities of MHM Governing Bodies.	To train all governing body and policy committee members.
Delivery Method	Education Director  Nurse Head Start Director Resources Director Food Services Coordinator Curriculum & Instruction Director	Head Start Director Family & Community Partnerships Coordinator
Domain Area/Topic	Management/ Management/ Roles and responsibilities; Head Start Performance Standards; and shared governance.	(ERSEA) Final Rule on Head Start Eligibility

Evaluation	Conference registration, Travel Certificate	Transcripts, Credential Tracker, degrees, certificates, registrations	Training Agenda, Professional Development Plan, Certificate
Cost	\$4,000	\$12,000	Staff time (overtime hours for non-exempt staff)
Date	As scheduled	Ongoing	As scheduled
Location	TBD	TBD	TBD
Desired Outcomes	Staff will increase understanding of Head Start and related fields	Staff will meet Head Start Performance Standards and licensing requirements	Employees will gain a thorough understating of Denver Great Kids Head Start.
Target Audience	All staff Parents	All Staff	New Employees
Justification	Attend relevant conferences and workshops	Increase knowledge of child development and instructional practices.	DGKHS New Employee Orientation
Delivery	Head Start Director	Education Director Curriculum & Instruction Director Human Resources Generalist	Denver Great Kids Head Start
Domain Area/Topic	Human Resources/ Conference/Workshops	Attending college courses, seminars, professional development and or relevant training opportunities.	Orientation

### Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers 2016-2017 Head Start Grant Budget Narrative

The total amount requested for grant funds for Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers (MHM) from Denver's Great Kids Head Start is **\$2,103,401.05**:

• \$1,675,013.84 Program Operations

• \$ 7,707.00 Training/Technical Assistance

• \$ 420,680.21 Non Federal Share

Included in this request are a total of 269 Head Start slots; 253 to be served through MHM centers and 16 to be served through a partnership with Warren Village, Inc.

### Personnel

### \$1,345,579.91 Personnel

The proposed MHM Head Start budget is 80% staff salaries (\$1,345,579.91), with 89% (\$1,194,897.51) of staff salaries being direct program costs.

Staff are allocated to the Head Start program based on a variety of factors. MHM has a capacity of 407 children, which include 40 infants, 72 toddlers and 295 preschoolers. Out of the 295 preschooler slots, 253 (86%) will be Head Start. Due to Head Start budget constraints, MHM allocates between 0% - 90% of administrative staff salaries to the Head Start budget. Preschool teaching staff are allocated between 50% - 90% to Head Start, depending on classroom program options. MHM will adhere to all Head Start salary caps.

### **Fringe Benefits**

\$286,089.20

The proposed MHM Head Start budget is 17% (\$286,089.20) for fringe benefits and employer taxes. The proposed budget consists of the following: employer Social Security Medicare tax in the amount of \$91,566, Worker's Compensation Insurance in the amount of \$14,400, health insurance premiums in the amount of \$122,400, life and disability insurance in the amount of \$5,400, employer 401K match in the amount of \$52,323.20 for a total of \$286,089.20.

Travel \$0

Except for funds in the Training and Staff Development line item, there are no Out-of-Town Travel costs planned in the Head Start budget.

### **Equipment Purchases**

\$0

There are no equipment purchases of \$5,000 or more planned in the Head Start budget.

### Supplies

\$0

There are no supply purchases planned in the Head Start budget. Supplies are being funded through other funding sources and donations.

### Contracts

\$40,000

MHM is partnering with Warren Village for 16 Head Start slots.

Warren Village will provide educational instruction with appropriately credentialed staff as well as intensive case management. MHM will provide training and technical assistance associated

with Head Start, child assessment and nutrition education, supplementary family services and Head Start monitoring and reporting.

### Construction and Renovations

No renovations or construction activities are supported by the Head Start budget.

Other \$3,344.74

The proposed MHM Head Start budget for grant year 2016/2017 contains the following:

ESL classes for parents \$344.74

MHM will provide support to parents to access ESL classes.

Family and children literacy materials \$1,000

MHM will provide literacy materials for parents and children.

Volunteer expense \$2,000

Materials and supplies for Policy Committee meetings are included in volunteer expenses.

All other costs are budgeted in the MHM operating budget.

### **Unusual Situation or Special Programming**

No unusual situations or special programming is supported by the Head Start budget.

### Cash and Other Resources Used to Support the Project in Addition to the Federal Funds Requested and the Required Non-Federal Match

Other resources used to support our Head Start program include the Child Care Block Grant (CCCAP and TANF), the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Denver Preschool Program (DPP) and Colorado Preschool Program (CPP).

### Shared Staff, Facilities and Equipment

MHM operates its Head Start program in conjunction with early care and education programming for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Therefore, facilities, staff, supplies and equipment, and administrative support are shared among all programs. Costs not covered in the Head Start budget are expensed in the MHM operating budget.

### **Legal Fees and Attorney Costs**

Legal fees are budgeted in the MHM general operating budget for legal consultation regarding personnel issues and policies, and consultation regarding OCR and ADA issues. There are not any legal fees budgeted in the Head Start budget.

### Training and Staff Development \$7,707 (T/TA PA 20)

The dollars are budgeted to be used by parents and staff, to support parents and staff attendance at Head Start Conferences (including cost of the conference, travel, lodging and per diem expenses) and other conferences as deemed valuable to program quality improvement. In addition, the funds will be used for college classes for staff, including books and other professional development opportunities.

### **Non-Federal Resources**

\$420,680.21

Participation in the Head Start program requires that Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers (MHM) contribute 25% of its total Head Start grant amount in non-federal in-kind donations. The in-kind donations can come from many sources including family literacy sheets, classroom volunteers, field trip chaperones, parent volunteers, policy council meetings or other Head Start required meetings or non-federal funds that are used to supplement Head Start funding. The in-kind donations can also come from supplies and services donated directly to the MHM program as long as the goods or services that are being donated would have been purchased by the agency for the benefit of the Head Start program. Building depreciation and other occupancy costs can also be considered in-kind as long the agency does not use federal funding to pay for the space being donated.

Non-federal resources may include the following:

- Classroom and field trip volunteering
- Family literacy sheets
- Translation services
- Painting and maintenance of the facilities
- Cleaning and maintenance of the grounds
- Building depreciation
- Occupancy costs
- Donated supplies, including the flowers donated by King Soopers
- Foundation grants used to support the Head Start program
- Board of Directors' volunteer time to attend meetings
- Parents and community members' time to attend Policy Committee meetings
- Administrative assistance
- Services
- Mile High United Way contributions
- Denver Preschool Program income
- Colorado Preschool Program income

This is the estimated detail for the 2016/2017 grant year.

Description	Amount	Budget Category
<ul> <li>Classroom and field trip volunteering</li> <li>Family literacy sheets</li> <li>Administrative assistance</li> </ul>	\$97,090	Teacher Aides - \$13.87/hr for 7,000 hours
<ul> <li>Translation services</li> <li>Board of Directors' volunteer time to attend meetings</li> <li>Parents and community members' time to attend Policy Committee meetings</li> </ul>	\$5,000.00	Translation services - \$500 Board of Directors - \$3,600 Policy Committee - \$900
Denver Preschool Program	\$130,000.00	Contractual - These funds will be used to purchase classroom supplies, occupancy costs, personnel costs and other general operating expenses.
Colorado Preschool Program	\$94,590.21	Contractual – These funds will be used to purchase classroom supplies, occupancy

		costs, personnel costs and other general operating expenses.
Building depreciation	\$75,000.00	Other – Rent
Fringe benefits	\$19,000.00	Fringe benefits
TOTAL	\$420,680.21	

Volunteers can be parents or members of the community. The volunteer wage rate is calculated based upon the service the volunteer is providing. For example, if the volunteer is helping in the classroom, the wage rate for Teacher Assistants (current average \$13.87) is used; the Policy Committee member's rate is calculated at the salary of the Head Start Director (current average \$35.10); and the rate used for volunteers painting a classroom is the average wage rate (current average \$19.71) of our maintenance department staff. The fringe benefit rate used for in-kind calculations is the same as the Agency rate for Head Start employees.

Completion of the volunteer time sheets is the responsibility of the Program Directors and the Family Resources Assistants. Each Head Start classroom has a monthly volunteer time sheet that is filled out and signed by each volunteer. Other types of approved documentation for inkind donations include "Family Literacy" forms and "Vouchers for Non Federal Share In-kind Contribution" forms. At the end of each month/week, the Program Directors or the Family Resources Assistants review the forms for accuracy and then gives the forms to the Family Resources Coordinator. The Family Resources Coordinator reviews them for completeness, reasonableness and propriety and then gives them to the Receptionist.

The Receptionist is responsible for calculating the dollar value of the volunteers' time. The forms are then given to the Controller who is responsible for compiling all the in-kind donations by center and then reporting the information to the Denver Great Kids Head Start city office.

Non-federal resources include donated rent (the City and County's annual depreciation amount prorated based on Head Start FTE). Four early learning centers are leased from the City: Westwood, Edna Oliver, Northeast and Lowry. Other properties are leased through the Denver Housing Authority—Sun Valley, and Denver Lions Club—Rude Park and the administrative office is owned by MHM.

Head Start also receives a portion of MHM's occupancy costs as an in-kind donation. The portion is determined by the number of FTE Head Start children to the program capacity.

In addition, MHM uses Denver Preschool Program and Colorado Preschool Program revenue as part of the in-kind donation. Denver Preschool Program revenue is received on all kindergarten bound preschoolers, with about 98% of those preschoolers also receiving Head Start services. Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) revenue can be received on infants, toddlers and preschool children. MHM will be receiving 162 CPP slots at the rate of \$345 per slot per month for September 2016 through May 2017.

The annual Self Assessment for Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers (MHM) was held from September 28, 2015 to November 30, 2015. MHM used the protocols from the Office of Head Start Monitoring Tool to assist in the evaluation process. A Self Assessment team was formed to manage the Self Assessment with oversight from the Head Start Director. Participants in the Self Assessment included education, family and community partnerships, coaches and administrative staff, Policy Committee, Board of Directors, parents, and community members. The Self Assessment team met once a month to share data and results. The team continually reviewed their responsibilities to ensure that the process was effective and efficient.

The Self Assessment team members included: Pamela Harris, President and CEO, Lolita Ray, Head Start Director, Debra Houdelette, Controller, Stacia Harris-Shorts, Family and Community Partnerships Coordinator, Joan Holtz, Education Director, Lisa Grant, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Casey Badger, Disabilities and Mental Health Coordinator, Kris Weitl, Head Start Nurse, Rochelle Nadeau, Coach, Anne Conklin, Coach, Program Directors, Policy Committee (PC) members, and the Board of Directors (BOD).

As part of this process, the Self Assessment provides MHM with the means to regularly assess our management systems and program operations in order to continually strengthen the program and the services delivered to children and families.

All program work plans were updated to ensure that the Head Start Performance Standards are implemented throughout the program year in each component area. The plan is a road map for staff, parents, and interested community members linking Performance Standards to agency policies and procedures.

Areas for the Self Assessment included components within Program Design and Management, Child Development and Health and Family and Community Engagement. The plan was developed with input from Policy Committee, Board of Directors, and staff, and approved by Policy Committee.

During the Self Assessment, no areas were found to be out of compliance, but several action plans have been written and goal dates are set for completion. This process will be monitored by the Head Start Director.

### **Program Design and Management**

### **Program Governance**

MHM elects Policy Committee Representatives in the fall and orients them on their roles and responsibilities. Policy Committee members receive ongoing training throughout the program year to ensure that members understand their roles and responsibilities and the Policy Committee bylaws in order to govern the Head Start program according to the Performance Standards. Ongoing reports are made available monthly for monitoring. By creating this infrastructure, parents will be engaged, have great ideas, become great leaders, and be advocates for their children.

Parents actively participate in all aspects of the program decision-making. Parents are regularly encouraged to participate in program planning through Parent Committees, Policy Committee, Health Advisory, Board of Directors, menu planning meetings, and Self Assessment.

### **Management Systems**

### **Ongoing Monitoring**

Ongoing monitoring ensures that all Head Start Performance Standards are being met. Monitoring and reporting occur at three levels; governance, program, and center/classroom. Monthly reports on enrollment, disabilities, financial, family services, and health are generated to make sure we are on track and maintain quality assurance.

MHM's customized database includes the full range of data for tracking and maintaining accuracy of child enrollment, and health, screenings, and assessment data. This management information system was a high priority recognizing the fiscal importance of accurate and timely billing and the need for complete child and family information to guide the decision making process of the program. The database is upgraded as needed to support the program needs.

### **Human Resources**

MHM ensures that Human Resources has a management system in place to support the implementation of quality services to children and families. This system supports the program to recruit and select dynamic qualified staff who possess the knowledge, skills, and experience needed to provide high quality, comprehensive, and culturally sensitive services. We have made strides toward recruiting and retaining qualified staff at many of our centers.

MHM is now using our current Payroll Processing System (ADP) to monitor staff credentials. This system was optimal to move forward with since it replaced duplicative efforts and is a very comprehensive system with multiple options for tasks within Human Resources. In the initial hiring process, credentials for staff are reviewed to ensure that candidates have appropriate credentials and/or are enrolled in an appropriate program that meets Head Start requirements. Candidates provide most recent transcripts.

MHM evaluated the organization's current recognition/awards practices to consider updates, changes, or additions that might be beneficial. At the beginning of this evaluation, MHM reached out to our employee population with a survey to capture feedback. The survey asked employees how they prefer to be recognized. After survey data was compiled and reviewed, organizational needs and budget were considered, to have a baseline to justify any related expenses involved with administering the program, and any costs associated with prizes/awards for employees who will be recognized.

An on-boarding process was created to supplement new employee orientation and includes classroom-based training for new teachers. The process was created by collecting feedback from Program Directors regarding center-based orientation and training needed for new teaching staff. Human Resources added standard orientation procedures into the comprehensive process.

File audits are done on staff files to ensure all necessary paperwork is completed and updated as needed. These audits are done at separate times throughout the year by both senior management team members and Human Resources staff. When audits are conducted, they look to make sure a background check, TB, medical examination, annual performance evaluation, and professional development plans are completed and in staff files.

### Strengths:

- Data collected shows that Human Resources is staying in compliance with the Performance Standards regarding the hiring of qualified personnel
- Monitoring process helps Human Resources prepare for the Head Start review and State Licensing reviews
- There are recognition programs in place for tenure and educational achievements
- A budget item exists for these employee recognition activities
- Human Resources has a very clear orientation for all new staff to MHM on the first day of employment
- New employee orientation helps to improve role effectiveness enabling new hires to know what to expect
- The change to ADP provides a comprehensive system that accounts for payroll processing and tracking credentials

### Fiscal Integrity

### A-133 Audit

MHM annual A-133 Audit was conducted to ensure fiscal accountability and appropriate internal controls. Auditors reviewed financials and related materials as well as interviewing the MHM President and CEO, Controller, and the Board of Directors Vice Chair for Finance. All records requested were readily available and organized. Checks and balances within accounting for transactions allow for a strong financial operation.

### Strengths:

- No findings—fully in compliance
- Financially viable organization
- Written accounting policies and procedures are updated annually

### **Child Development and Education**

### **Teaching Strategies GOLD (TSG)**

Teaching Strategies GOLD is an assessment system that helps teachers be intentional in their teaching by accurately pinpointing where children are in their development and learning. It's a teacher-friendly, easy-to-understand approach to observation, documentation, portfolio-building, and reporting--the essential components of a high-quality assessment system.

MHM has fully implemented the TSG for all preschool children in the program. Education staff are trained in using the assessment. Teachers document observations, take videos or photos, and collect data on children to input into the TSG instrument online. Teachers also continue be trained in authentic assessment which will make it easier to monitor, review and evaluate.

### Strengths:

- Staff are familiar with TSG
- There were opportunities to work individually with teachers
- Program Directors were familiar with TSG and able to assist teaching staff

### Referral For Observation (RFO)

MHM evaluated the effectiveness of the Referral for Observation process. With the new Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) process, teachers have had to collect more data about the interventions they use to assist a child in a classroom prior to a referral being made.

### Strengths:

- RFO process offers several options to support children and families
- Timely evaluation and identified from Local Education Agency (LEA)
- Parent education and involvement throughout process
- Clearly defined written RFO process for referring Head Start children with special needs

### Playground and Health and Safety Checklists

MHM maintenance team conducts weekly inspections to assess centers for safety and preparedness. This ensures that the program complies with all relevant federal, state, and local requirements regarding facilities. We are in the process of revising the Playground and Health & Safety Checklists to ensure that they are standardized throughout the program.

### Strengths:

All centers have classroom checklist in the classroom binders

### **Active Supervision**

MHM teachers are responsible for making sure that no child is left unsupervised and use active supervision in classrooms and playgrounds. This additional monitoring tool will remind staff to prioritize children's safety by providing continuous supervision. Everyone shares responsibility for keeping children safe.

### Strengths:

- All staff want what is best for the children and this reflects in how they care for our children
- Another tool for staff to use when they are with the children to ensure that all children are safe

### **Family and Community Engagement**

### **Child Files**

Audits of children's files at all centers are conducted three times per year to ensure that all required documents are complete and kept in an organized manner. Any findings on the file reviews will be given to Family Community Advocates (FCA) or Program Directors. The staff are responsible for gathering any missing information. A copy of the report and findings of file reviews will be maintained by the Family and Community Partnership Coordinator and the Director of Education.

### Strengths:

- Comprehensive and detailed checklist of required documents is in place
- Files are well organized and easy to find documentation

### **Parent Interactions**

All Family Community Advocates (FCA) were trained on the Strengthening Families framework in January 2015. Each FCA set a goal with the Strengthening Families coach to implement a change in their centers that would promote one of the five protective factors. In conjunction with this program, the MHM Head Start program strengthens families through Family Partnership Agreements, making referrals to meet the needs of individual families, providing parent trainings on topics based on interest surveys, and planning events to increase the involvement of fathers in the lives of their children. As a result, parents have greater skills to become engaged as their child's first teacher.

### Strengths:

- Families feel that they have strong relationships with the FCAs
- Goals and progress are tracked accurately in database
- FCAs submit weekly updates to Family and Community Partnerships Coordinator about FPA progress with families

### **Health Information and Transitions**

During transitions within the program, MHM ensures that pertinent health information is shared with the appropriate staff when a child transitions into another classroom or center.

MHM's Resource Nurse provides appropriate medication training to new classroom teachers or as needed to staff.

### Strengths:

- Confidential folders are in all classrooms
- MHM's comprehensive database ensures reliable and accurate reporting

### Parent Engagement

### **Parent Education**

Numerous opportunities are provided for parents to be involved in the program at a variety of times that work with their schedules.

MHM Board of Directors\Development Committee with support from staff conducted a survey of parents to determine their reasons for selecting MHM and their level of satisfaction with services received. Each year the survey is reviewed and changed if necessary.

### Strengths:

- The Board of Directors is highly engaged
- Number of families surveyed-194 surveys received
- 83% of fathers/male role models are involved in their child's education
- 99% of respondents feel welcome when they enter the school (one had no opinion)
- 97% of respondents would recommend MHM to other families
- 98% of respondents like the Montessori method of teaching (2% neutral)
- 96% of respondents feel that the quality of teachers working in the centers is high
- 97% of respondents believe their child is making education/developmental progress at MHM

- 93% of respondents felt that the locations of the schools and the hours of operation are convenient for parents
- 90% of respondents feel that family services resources provided by the program are helpful (seven had no opinion)

**Date:** January 8, 2016

Area(s) of Focus: Teacher Credentials

Participants: Nancy DeBaere

Process: Updated teacher credentials are sent to Human Resources quarterly. HR adds information to ADP Human Resources Information System under Staff Development.

### Strengths:

- Data collected is used for mid-year and year PIR
- Tracking the mandated teacher credentials
- Data collected shows if HR is staying in compliance with the Performance Standards regarding personnel files and meeting the deadline for documentation
- Monitoring process helps HR prepare for the Head Start review and State Licensing reviews

# Challenges:

Getting documents from supervisors in a timely manner.

Action Item	Strategy	Responsible Person	Timeframe	Follow-up
Complete quarterly update of teacher credentials	Create an Outlook calendar tickler item to remind HR to email program directors for updated credentials.	Nancy DeBaere	February, 2016	Quarterly tickler was created in January 2016. An email to program directors for quarterly update will go out March 31, 2016 for the 1st quarter of 2016.

**Date:** January 8, 2016

Area(s) of Focus: Human Resources: Personnel File Audit Results

Participants: Nancy DeBaere

Process: File audits are done at separate times quarterly by the HR Generalist. Track backgrounds checks, TB, medical exams, evaluations, and professional development plans via spreadsheets.

### Strengths:

Data collected is used for mid-year and year PIR

Data collected shows if HR is staying in compliance with the Performance Standards regarding the hiring of qualified personnel

Monitoring process helps HR prepare for the Head Start review and State Licensing reviews

### Challenges:

Finding qualified candidates in a timely manner

Action Item	Strategy	Responsible Person	Timeframe	Follow-up
Complete file audits of Edna Oliver, Lowry, Rude Park, Sun Valley and Westwood centers.	Review employee files from these sites, document any missing data, follow up with employee supervisors	Nancy DeBaere	February, 2016	Completed file audits for centers before licensing visits in Fall 2015. Completed audits for selected staff for licensing reviews. All file documentation was up to date.
				Will schedule time to

	complete file audit for all
	employees not covered in
	 licensing by end of
	February, 2016.

Date: January 8, 2016

Area(s) of Focus: Evaluate Hiring Process

Participants: Nancy DeBaere

Process: Update hiring processes to reflect new procedures in place.

### Strengths:

Data collected is used for mid-year and year PIR

Data collected shows if Human Resources is staying in compliance with the Performance Standards regarding the hiring of

qualified personnel

Monitoring process helps HR prepare for the Head Start review and State Licensing reviews

### Challenges:

Finding qualified candidates in a timely manner.

Action Item	Strategy	Responsible Person	Timeframe	Follow-up
Update hiring procedures	Create comprehensive document outlining the procedures for recruitment and onboarding of qualified Head Start staff.	Nancy DeBaere	February, 2016	Make sure that all persons are following the hiring process to ensure the recruitment of qualified Head Start Staff.

Date: December 18, 2015

Area(s) of Focus: Management Systems: Onboard Staff Orientation

Participants: Joan Holtz, Lisa Grant, Nancy DeBaere

Process: Review and roll out the process for new teachers.

### Strengths:

Clear on-boarding process for all new staff on the first day of employment.

# Challenges:

 On-boarding process at the sites is not consistent and there has not been a consistent method to bring new teaching staff on board.

Action Item	Strategy	Responsible Person	Timeframe	Follow-up
Learn about the strategies used by Program Directors and other organizations regarding onboarding processes.	Compile strategies and evaluate appropriate	Joan Holtz, Lisa Grant	November/ December of 2015	Reviewed information and highlighted most compelling strategies
Finalize on-boarding process for new staff members.	Using the information that was collected from Program Directors and other agencies to create a new checklist.	Joan Holtz, Lisa Grant, Mimi Howard, Professional	December - February 2015-2016	Evaluate on-boarding process and adapt as needed

Learning Center	Director,	Program	Directors, Nancy	DeBaere	
Get feedback from Program	Directors and Human Resources				

Date: December 18, 2015

Area(s) of Focus: Management Systems; Human Resources

Participants: Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers Staff

Process: Review process for program staff recognition/rewards.

### Strengths:

Mile High Montessori has a staff recognition program, "The Leading Light" Award that a few employees have used to nominate a fellow staff member for going above and beyond. The award has been given four times.

### Challenges:

- It has been difficult to use this program consistently
- There were two times when only one staff member was recommended for this award
  - It has been difficult to keep the momentum moving

Determine if the employee Survey all staff regarding recognition program recognition program including employee recognition program and Human March 2016 identify components for feedback and if it should Resources continue.	Action Item	Strategy	Responsible			
	stermine if the employee cognition program including Leading Light Award is fective	Survey all staff regarding employee recognition program for feedback and if it should continue.	Leadership Team and Human Resources	February- March 2016	Analyze the survey results to identify components for employee recognition program	

**Date:** January 5, 2016

Area(s) of Focus: Program Design and Management: Fiscal

Participants: Pamela Harris, Lolita Ray, Debra Houdelette, Board of Directors

### Process:

The annual A-133 Audit was conducted to ensure fiscal accountability and appropriate internal controls. Auditors reviewed financials and related materials as well as interviewing the MHM President and CEO and the Board of Directors Vice Chair for Finance.

# Strengths:

- No findings—fully in compliance
- Financially viable organization
- Daniels Fund multi-year grant
- Partnership with Denver Public Schools for Colorado Preschool Program, ECARES and Mill Levy slots

### Challenges:

- Large percentage of funding comes from year to year governmental grants
- Usage of the CCCAP/TANF CHATS system

Action Item	Strategy	Responsible Person	Timeframe	Follow-up
Present audit to MHM Policy Committee Representatives	Review audit results	Lolita Ray,	November 2015	Completed November 18, 2015
		Debra Houdelette		
Present audit to all MHM employees.	Email to all employees	Debra Houdelette	January 2016	February 1, 2016
Present audit to MHM Finance/Executive Committee	Review audit results	Auditors – EKS&H	November 2015	Completed November 12, 2015

Date: October 27, 2015

Area(s) of Focus: Revising Playground Checklist

Participants: Joan Holtz and Lisa Grant

Process: Collected samples of Playground Checklist including current and past checklist.

### Strengths:

Maintenance and classroom staff monitor playground to ensure safety for children and staff

# Challenges:

Standardized checklist will create consistency in monitoring for all staff.

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Action Item	Su alcego	Person		
Collected several samples of	To find a checklist that works best	Joan Holtz	End of	November 2015
Playoround Checklists	for the program and meets all the		October	completion of a new
	requirements		2015	checklist
Implement finalized Playoround	Train maintenance and education	Joan Holtz,	March 2016	March 2016   Continue to monitor
Chacklist	staff on checklist.	Program		implementation of
		Directors		checklist

Date: December 18, 2015

Area(s) of Focus: Child Development and Education

Participants: Joan Holtz, Lisa Grant, Program Directors

Process: Revise and standardize a classroom health and safety checklist.

### Strengths:

All centers have a classroom checklist in the classroom binders.

# Challenges:

Inconsistent use of classroom binders across centers

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Action Item	Strategy	Responsible Person		
Collect various classroom safety checklists.	By collecting the different checklists it is hoped that we can find one that works consistently across the board for all classrooms.	Joan Holtz, Lisa Grant, Program Directors	The work started in October and still continues.	In January 2016 a health and safety classroom checklist will be selected.
Review classroom notebooks to determine how we want to use the notebooks and what need to be in the notebooks.	<ol> <li>Program Directors have looked at their sites notebooks and brought them to a PD meeting for review.</li> <li>The Director of Education has also reviewed the notebooks at Edna Oliver to see what information is kept in the notebooks and why.</li> </ol>	Joan Holtz, Lisa Grant, Program Directors	The work started in October and still continues.	December meeting to discuss the Classroom Binders (was cancelled due to snow storm – reschedule for January)

Date: December 18, 2015

Area(s) of Focus: Audit Education Section in the Children's Files

Participants: Joan Holtz

### **Process:**

Audit education section of children's file.

### Strengths:

The files are well organized and it was easy to find the documentation.

# Challenges:

- Ensuring that the information is filed correctly in children's files Filing is done in a timely manner.

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Follow-up	The Education File Checklist was used in November and December to audit children's files.	All files were audited, except P 3-4 and P 5-6 at Westwood these will be completed in January.	The last of the file audits need to be completed and share with the Program Directors.
Timeframe	November 2015	November, December 2016	December 2015
Responsible Person	Joan Holtz	Joan Holtz	Joan Holtz
Strategy	The <i>Education File Checklist</i> was created in November.	Auditing all the children's files in all the centers.	Shared results of audit with Program Directors.
Action Item	Create Education File Checklist for auditing children's files.	Actual monitoring of the education section of the children's' files.	Program Directors to ensure children's files are complete.

The Education File Checklist will be used to audit the files and the results will be shared with the Program Directors.	The last of the file audits need to be completed and share with the program directors.	The Education File Checklist will be used to audit the files and the results will be shared with the Program Directors.	The last of the file audits need to be completed and share with the program directors.
February 2016	February 2016	April 2016	April 2016
Joan Holtz	Joan Holtz	Joan Holtz	Joan Holtz
The second audit of the education section using the original <i>Education File Checklist</i> of the children's files will happen in late winter.	The actual results of the audit are to be shared with the Program Directors during a Program Director meeting.	The third audit of the education section using the original Education File Checklist of the children's files will happen in spring of 2016.	The actual results of the audit are to be shared with the Program Directors during a Program Director's meeting with the expectation and a date of when all missing information should be included in the file.
A second audit of the children's files should be completed.	The results of the file audits to be shared with the Program Directors.	A third audit of the children's files should be completed.	The results of the file audits to be shared with the Program Directors.

Date: December 18, 2015

Area(s) of Focus: Child Development and Education

Participants: Joan Holtz, Lisa Grant, Kathy Baker, Jessica Scherden, Stacy Cook-LaPointe

### Process:

To ensure/increase supervision among teaching staff during transitions.

### Strengths:

Staff use Child Supervision Roster.

# Challenges:

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Action Item	Strategy	Hesponsible Person		
Create a new Active Supervision process	Using the Early Learning and Knowledge Center, create a procedure for Active Supervision	Joan Holtz, Lisa Grant	October 2015	Presenting the new procedure to Program Directors in November 2015
Create the new stop signs and have them laminated.	With the help of the new Marketing & Communication Coordinator a new sign was created to remind staff to count their children during transition	Lisa Grant	November 2015	The new signs were distributed to all staff during late November and December staff meetings.
Educate all staff on the new Active Supervision procedure.	The Education Director and/or the Director of Curriculum and Instruction presented the new Active Supervision process to all staff at a staff meeting.	Joan Holtz, Lisa Grant	November and December 2015	All staff were trained on the new process and the stop signs were hung up on exit doors.

Date: December 18, 2015

Area(s) of Focus: Child Development and Education

Participants: Joan Holtz, Lisa Grant

Process: Update the Education Program Work plan to ensure alignment with School Readiness Plan

### Strengths:

• MHM has been in operation for many years now and has developed a well-organized Education Work Plan.

# Challenges:

Action Item	Strategy	Responsible Person	Timeframe	Follow-up
Update the Education Work Plan The work properties include the of changes	olan will be updated to most recent information s.	Joan Holtz, Lisa Grant	January 2016	
Update the School Readiness plan.	The School Readiness plan will be updated with the most recent information available from Early Learning and Knowledge Center web site and with information from Denver Great Kids.	Joan Holtz, Lisa Grant	November/ December of 2015	Policy Committee approved December 15, 2015

**Date:** December 18, 2015

Area(s) of Focus: Child Development and Education

Participants: Joan Holtz, Lisa Grant, Program Directors

Process: Create a monitoring tool to review/evaluate Teaching Strategies GOLD (TSG) input and development

### Strengths:

- As a program we have been utilizing TSG for many years so we have teachers that excel in this area
- Teachers are willing to assist other teachers in their understanding of how we can implement TSG effectively throughout our programming

### Challenges:

There is a broad range of ability throughout the teaching staff that make it difficult for staff with their observations. Some of this is due to their ability with technology and some teachers struggle with determining appropriate documentation.

Action Item	Strategy	Responsible Person	Timeframe	Follow-up
Develop a procedure around observation expectations.	Using the TSG website and culling through information from CDE, develop a new procedure around expectations for observations	Joan Holtz, Lisa Grant	November 2015	The new procedure was developed and then will be shared with Program Directors.
Share the procedure with Program Directors.	During a Program Director meeting in November the new procedure to be shared with the Program Directors.	Joan Holtz, Lisa Grant	November 2015	The Program Directors will share the new procedure with the teaching staff.
TS Gold will be monitored between check points to ensure that the procedure is being implemented.	The Director of Curriculum and Instruction will pull TS GOLD reports in December, January, February, April and May to monitor	Joan Holtz, Lisa Grant. Program Directors	December, January, February, April and	Program Directors will use the reports to monitor staff with TS GOLD observations.

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that observations are in the TS GOLD system. This information will be share with the Director of Education and the Program	Directors.

Date: October 22, 2015

Area(s) of Focus: Evaluate effectiveness of Referral for Observation (RFO) process

Participants: Casey Badger

Process: Evaluate current RFO process.

# Strengths:

Clearly defined written RFO process for referring Head Start children with special needs.

Parent education & involvement throughout process.

RFO process offers several options to support children and families.

Timely evaluation and identified from Local Education Agency (LEA).

# Challenges:

Training staff on process

Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) and Response to Intervention (RTI) implementation 2015-2016 school year.

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Tollow-IID	- [	TBD	PDI 1x per year Collaboration meetings 12x per year.
Timestra	Imerane	Ongoing	January 29,2016
	Responsible Person	<u> </u>	Casey Badger in collaboration with Education team
	Strategy	on RFO as loyee	Data collection Training from LEA, Grantee, Delegate Disabilities Vendor
	Action Item	Ensure Program Directors are trained and able to support teaching staff with referral process.	RTI and MTSS training

Date: December 3, 2015

Area(s) of Focus: Family and Community Engagement - Child Files

Participants: Family and Community Partnerships Coordinator, Family and Community Advocates (FCA), Enrollment Coordinator

Process: Reviewed results from fall file audits as well as information from DGKHS ERSEA monitoring.

### Strengths:

Procedures for file audits are currently in place

Files are carefully reviewed at the time of enrollment

Fall file audit was completed at all centers in September and October

### Challenges:

Need greater consistency with documentation

March 2016	
Family and Community Partnerships Coordinator,	FCAs
Sit down meetings with FCAs to discuss audit results and ensure understanding	
Share audit results with FCAs so Sit down that they can make needed discuss a corrections	

Date: December 3, 2015

Area(s) of Focus: Family and Community Engagement

Participants: Family and Community Partnerships Coordinator, Head Start Director, Family and Community Advocates, Enrollment

Coordinator

Process: Update program work plan to ensure alignment with Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework (PFCE)

### Strengths:

- Receiving continuing training on PFCE framework
  - Previous work plans available for reference
- Flexibility and creativity within the family partnerships team

### Challenges:

- Ensuring that data collected is measurable and can be connected to Program Impact Areas
- Tracking parent outcomes

Strategy  Person  Review each of the performance standards for family partnerships and community partnerships accomplished by each task accomplete updated work plans with Pertnerships  Submit to PC for approval  Review each of the performance Family and Coordinator Community Partnerships  Complete updated work plans with Community Partnerships  Coordinator Coordinator Director			Doggenous	Timeframe	Follow-up
Review each of the performance standards for family partnerships and community partnerships and community partnerships and community partnerships and complete which of the family engagement outcomes is accomplished by each task Complete updated work plans with PFCE outcomes included Submit to PC for approval Head Start Director	Action Item	Strategy	Responsible Person		
Submit to PC for approval  Submit to PC for approval  Complete updated work plans with Community Community Partnerships Coordinator  Head Start  Director	Review PFCE framework and previous work plans to determine what is already aligned and what changes need to be made	Review each of the performance standards for family partnerships and community partnerships and notate which of the family engagement outcomes is	Family and Community Partnerships Coordinator	December 2015 – January 2016	
Head Start Director	Update tasks and measures/tools in the work plans as needed and submit to Policy Committee for Approval	Complete updated work plans with PFCE outcomes included Submit to PC for approval	Family and Community Partnerships Coordinator	Feb 2016 – March 2016	
			Head Start Director		

	May 2016		
Policy Committee	Family and Community Partnerships Coordinator	FCAs	Head Start
	Review updates with FCAs to ensure understanding		
	Adopt work plans for family and community partnerships throughout the school year		

Date: December 3, 2015

Area(s) of Focus: Family Partnership Agreements

Participants: Family and Community Partnerships Coordinator, Family and Community Advocates, Parents

Because the family partnership process should be primarily family focused, it is important to understand how parents experience this Process: Reviewed contact notes for Head Start families in database as well as notes from Family Partnership Agreements (FPA). process.

### Strengths:

- FCAs make an effort to start the family partnership process with all families as soon as possible after enrollment
  - Families feel that they have strong relationships with the FCAs
    - Goals and progress are tracked well in database
- FCAs submit weekly updates to Family and Community Partnerships Coordinator about FPA progress with families

# Challenges:

- Sizes of caseloads can make it difficult to have more in-depth interactions
  - Often parents are in a hurry to get in and out of the center

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	-	Family and Community Partnerships Coordinator	
process, how the parent reels about the relationship and interactions with the FCA, resources and referrals given, and how the FCAs celebrate the cultural backgrounds of the	Idillies	Review the interview responses with a particular focus on how they relate to compliance with Head Start performance	פומווממומס
		Interview responses will be reviewed to determine strengths and areas of need for FCAs during the family partnership	Drocess

Date: November 2, 2015

Area(s) of Focus: Health

Participants: Health Team, Program Directors, FCAs, Teachers,

Process: Ensure that health information is shared between appropriate staff as children make transitions

### Strengths:

Comprehensive database and confidential folders in classrooms

# Challenges:

Classrooms have multiple staff members that supervise children

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Action Item	Strategy	Responsible Person		
First week of the month, the Health Team/Nurse will email PD for a list of children scheduled for transition the	Review the transition list for children with health concerns	Health Team, Program Directors	Monthly	
following month.  If needed, copy any pertinent health information or Health Care Action Plans	Provide the transition classroom with the Health Care Action Plans and discuss any concerns	Health Team/Teacher	Monthly	
Advise the Nurse Consultant of the classroom transitions that include children with	Resources Nurse will provide appropriate training to the new classroom teachers, if needed.	RN, Teachers	As needed	
Health Care Action Plans Email FCAs in April for list of children that will transition to kindergarten in the fall.	Head Start nurse will provide parents of children with Health Care Action Plans a copy of the plan for their records.	Health Team	April 2016	



### School Readiness Plan 2015-2016

### **School Readiness Philosophy**

Teaching and learning at Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers (MHM) is inspired by the work of Maria Montessori. The Montessori approach fosters social competency, a habit of concentration, initiative and persistence, pride in the physical environment, and a life-long joy of learning; all qualities which research shows lead to proven school success and responsible and engaged citizens. MHM blends these elements of Montessori's approach with other high quality and effective early childhood education practices so that every child will have the experiences and support they need to be successful in school.

Montessori believed that the child is at the center of the learning process and that through interactions with teachers, other children, and the materials in the classroom, they develop self-confidence, independence, and concentration; all important for school readiness. In our program we believe:

- Children are self-directed learners who can think and make discoveries for themselves
- Children have blocks of time to work at their own pace so that learning is meaningful and attention is uninterrupted
- Children can learn from each other as well as from teachers and therefore classrooms are made up of children of different levels of development
- Teachers carefully observe children to prepare the classroom and plan experiences that help children develop interests, skills, and knowledge
- Teachers build children's language and literacy skills through rich conversations and interactions
- Classrooms are well-ordered, safe, and prepared for children to learn independently
- Classrooms are divided into learning centers containing many interesting materials that teach language, math, science, geography, and build self-help, physical, and sensory skills
- Families share information about their children and their values and culture with teachers
- Families support children's learning

### **School Readiness Goals**

In order to position itself in direct alignment with Denver Great Kids Head Start, MHM has identified the following school readiness goals.

- Social and Emotional Development
  - Children display developmental growth in their social-emotional skills, demonstrated by meaningful relationships with peers and adults and an increase in independent problem-solving skills.
- Approaches to Learning
  - > Children exhibit an increasing ability to engage his/her environment by seeking out new information, asking questions, and exploring interests.
- Physical Development and Health
  - > Children display an increased understanding of health and wellness habits, as well as an individual progression of physical abilities and skills.
- Language and Literacy Acquisition
  - > Children display growth in the acquisition of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.
- Cognitive Development and General Knowledge
  - > Utilizing pre-existing knowledge of the physical and social world, children demonstrate growth in higher order thinking such as reasoning and cognitive problem solving.

Each school readiness goal requires the foundational support of the families' knowledge, skill building, and engagement in their child's development across all domains.

### **Supporting Activities**

MHM's School Readiness Philosophy views the child at the center of a microsystem; where measuring school success requires activity and growth within each of the other components within the system, including the family, teachers/leaders, the physical environment and materials, the daily experience, and the community. In order to ensure the continued emphasis on our school readiness goals during the program year, MHM will implement a range of activities and programs in support of these goals. Each item on the chart below directly aligns with DGKHS School Readiness Goals, HSCDELF, and Colorado P-12 Academic Standards.

Area of Focus	School Readiness Goal	Program/Activity	Mid-Year Accomplishments	Data/Measurement	
Social and Emotional Development	Children display developmental growth in their social-emotional skills, demonstrated by meaningful relationships with peers and adults and an increase in independent problem-solving skills.	<ul> <li>Pyramid Plus Training for all teaching staff</li> <li>Collaboration meetings</li> <li>Nurturing Parenting Skills</li> <li>Positive Parenting Solutions</li> <li>5 by 5</li> </ul>	10 parents have completed the Positive Parenting Solutions course at the Westwood location     4 Family & Community Advocates will attend the Nurturing Parenting Skills Facilitator training this Spring     2 Education Coaches have renewed their CLASS Certification for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschool     2 Education Coaches completed trainer certification for Pyramid Plus	<ul> <li>ESI-R</li> <li>DECA</li> <li>TSG</li> <li>CLASS Observations</li> </ul>	
Approaches to Learning	Children exhibit an increasing ability to engage his/her environment by seeking out new information, asking questions, and exploring interests.	• 5 by 5	5 by 5 cards were distributed to all families and employees	• TSG	
Physical Development and Health  Children display an increased understanding of health and wellness habits, as well as an individual progression of physical abilities and skills.		<ul> <li>Culture of Wellness</li> <li>Cooking Matters</li> <li>Daily outdoor play</li> </ul>	6-week Culture of     Wellness class     completed at Lowry     with 27 parent     participants     6 week Cooking     Matters classes are     scheduled to occur at     the Westwood and     Lowry locations this     Spring	TSG Heart print reports	
Language and Literacy Acquisition	Children display growth in the acquisition of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.	<ul> <li>Library Program</li> <li>Ready to Read/Dialogic Reading</li> <li>Literacy Sheets</li> <li>Lending Library</li> </ul>	3 Dialogic Reading     Parent trainings have     been completed at the     Rude Park, Sun Valley,     and Lowry locations	• TSG	

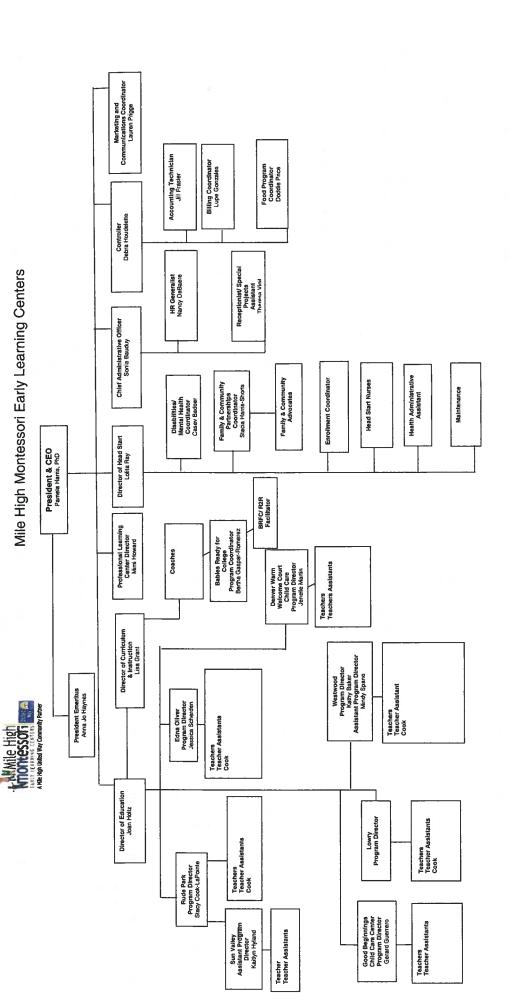
			<ul> <li>Program-wide, families have contributed over 2957 hours of time reading to their children via the Literacy Program</li> </ul>	
Cognitive Development and General Knowledge	Utilizing pre-existing knowledge of the physical and social world, children demonstrate growth in higher order thinking such as reasoning and cognitive problem solving.	<ul><li>Erikson Math</li><li>5 by 5</li></ul>	<ul> <li>All teachers completed training in the use of Teaching Strategies Gold in July 2015.</li> </ul>	• TSG

### Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers 2016-2017 Program Options

### **Program Options**

Center Location	Number of Slots	Number of Classrooms	Option Configuration (Option, days and months of operation)
Edna Oliver Montessori ELC 2851 Tremont Place Denver CO, 80205	37	3	(2) Extended-day (10.5 hour), (1) Full-day hybrid class (7 hours)
Sun Valley ELC 990 Alcott Street Denver CO, 80204	16	1	(1) Full-day hybrid class (7 hours)
Rude Park Montessori ELC 1275 Decatur Street Denver CO, 80204	10	1	(1) Extended-day (10.5 hour)
Lowry Montessori ELC 957 Ulster Way Denver CO, 80230	101	7	(2) Extended-day (10.5 hour), (1) Full-day (7 hour), (4) Part-day (3.5 hour)
Westwood Montessori ELC 1000 South Lowell Blvd. Denver CO, 80219	86	6	(2) Extended-day (10.5 hour), (4) Part-day (3.5 hour)
Warren Village 1323 Gilpin Street Denver CO, 80218	16	2	(2) Extended-day (10.5 hour)
Northeast Montessori ELC 3503 Marion Street Denver, CO 80205	3	2	(2) Part-day (3.5)

Part day – 136 days Full day – 166 days Extended day – 185 days



December 2015

### Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers 2016-2017 Head Start Grant Budget Narrative

The total amount requested for grant funds for Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers (MHM) from Denver's Great Kids Head Start is **\$2,103,401.05**:

• \$1,675,013.84 Program Operations

\$ 7,707.00 Training/Technical Assistance

• \$ 420,680.21 Non Federal Share

Included in this request are a total of 269 Head Start slots; 253 to be served through MHM centers and 16 to be served through a partnership with Warren Village, Inc.

### Personnel

### \$1,345,579.91 Personnel

The proposed MHM Head Start budget is 80% staff salaries (\$1,345,579.91), with 89% (\$1,194,897.51) of staff salaries being direct program costs.

Staff are allocated to the Head Start program based on a variety of factors. MHM has a capacity of 407 children, which include 40 infants, 72 toddlers and 295 preschoolers. Out of the 295 preschooler slots, 253 (86%) will be Head Start. Due to Head Start budget constraints, MHM allocates between 0% - 90% of administrative staff salaries to the Head Start budget. Preschool teaching staff are allocated between 50% - 90% to Head Start, depending on classroom program options. MHM will adhere to all Head Start salary caps.

### **Fringe Benefits**

\$286,089.20

The proposed MHM Head Start budget is 17% (\$286,089.20) for fringe benefits and employer taxes. The proposed budget consists of the following: employer Social Security Medicare tax in the amount of \$91,566, Worker's Compensation Insurance in the amount of \$14,400, health insurance premiums in the amount of \$122,400, life and disability insurance in the amount of \$5,400, employer 401K match in the amount of \$52,323.20 for a total of \$286,089.20.

Travel \$0

Except for funds in the Training and Staff Development line item, there are no Out-of-Town Travel costs planned in the Head Start budget.

### **Equipment Purchases**

\$0

There are no equipment purchases of \$5,000 or more planned in the Head Start budget.

### Supplies

\$0

There are no supply purchases planned in the Head Start budget. Supplies are being funded through other funding sources and donations.

### **Contracts**

\$40,000

MHM is partnering with Warren Village for 16 Head Start slots.

Warren Village will provide educational instruction with appropriately credentialed staff as well as intensive case management. MHM will provide training and technical assistance associated

with Head Start, child assessment and nutrition education, supplementary family services and Head Start monitoring and reporting.

### Construction and Renovations \$0

No renovations or construction activities are supported by the Head Start budget.

Other \$3,344.74

The proposed MHM Head Start budget for grant year 2016/2017 contains the following:

ESL classes for parents \$344.74

MHM will provide support to parents to access ESL classes.

Family and children literacy materials \$1,000

MHM will provide literacy materials for parents and children.

Volunteer expense \$2,000

Materials and supplies for Policy Committee meetings are included in volunteer expenses.

All other costs are budgeted in the MHM operating budget.

### **Unusual Situation or Special Programming**

No unusual situations or special programming is supported by the Head Start budget.

### Cash and Other Resources Used to Support the Project in Addition to the Federal Funds Requested and the Required Non-Federal Match

Other resources used to support our Head Start program include the Child Care Block Grant (CCCAP and TANF), the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Denver Preschool Program (DPP) and Colorado Preschool Program (CPP).

### **Shared Staff, Facilities and Equipment**

MHM operates its Head Start program in conjunction with early care and education programming for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Therefore, facilities, staff, supplies and equipment, and administrative support are shared among all programs. Costs not covered in the Head Start budget are expensed in the MHM operating budget.

### **Legal Fees and Attorney Costs**

Legal fees are budgeted in the MHM general operating budget for legal consultation regarding personnel issues and policies, and consultation regarding OCR and ADA issues. There are not any legal fees budgeted in the Head Start budget.

### Training and Staff Development \$7,707 (T/TA PA 20)

The dollars are budgeted to be used by parents and staff, to support parents and staff attendance at Head Start Conferences (including cost of the conference, travel, lodging and per diem expenses) and other conferences as deemed valuable to program quality improvement. In addition, the funds will be used for college classes for staff, including books and other professional development opportunities.

### **Non-Federal Resources**

### \$420,680.21

Participation in the Head Start program requires that Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers (MHM) contribute 25% of its total Head Start grant amount in non-federal in-kind donations. The in-kind donations can come from many sources including family literacy sheets, classroom volunteers, field trip chaperones, parent volunteers, policy council meetings or other Head Start required meetings or non-federal funds that are used to supplement Head Start funding. The in-kind donations can also come from supplies and services donated directly to the MHM program as long as the goods or services that are being donated would have been purchased by the agency for the benefit of the Head Start program. Building depreciation and other occupancy costs can also be considered in-kind as long the agency does not use federal funding to pay for the space being donated.

Non-federal resources may include the following:

- Classroom and field trip volunteering
- Family literacy sheets
- Translation services
- Painting and maintenance of the facilities
- Cleaning and maintenance of the grounds
- Building depreciation
- Occupancy costs
- Donated supplies, including the flowers donated by King Soopers
- Foundation grants used to support the Head Start program
- Board of Directors' volunteer time to attend meetings
- Parents and community members' time to attend Policy Committee meetings
- Administrative assistance
- Services
- Mile High United Way contributions
- Denver Preschool Program income
- Colorado Preschool Program income

This is the estimated detail for the 2016/2017 grant year.

Description	Amount	Budget Category
<ul> <li>Classroom and field trip volunteering</li> <li>Family literacy sheets</li> <li>Administrative assistance</li> </ul>	\$97,090	Teacher Aides - \$13.87/hr for 7,000 hours
<ul> <li>Translation services</li> <li>Board of Directors' volunteer time to attend meetings</li> <li>Parents and community members' time to attend Policy Committee meetings</li> </ul>	\$5,000.00	Translation services - \$500 Board of Directors - \$3,600 Policy Committee - \$900
Denver Preschool Program	\$130,000.00	Contractual - These funds will be used to purchase classroom supplies, occupancy costs, personnel costs and other general operating expenses.
Colorado Preschool Program	\$94,590.21	Contractual – These funds will be used to purchase classroom supplies, occupancy

### Exhibit B

		costs, personnel costs and other general operating expenses.
Building depreciation	\$75,000.00	Other – Rent
Fringe benefits	\$19,000.00	Fringe benefits
TOTAL	\$420,680.21	

Volunteers can be parents or members of the community. The volunteer wage rate is calculated based upon the service the volunteer is providing. For example, if the volunteer is helping in the classroom, the wage rate for Teacher Assistants (current average \$13.87) is used; the Policy Committee member's rate is calculated at the salary of the Head Start Director (current average \$35.10); and the rate used for volunteers painting a classroom is the average wage rate (current average \$19.71) of our maintenance department staff. The fringe benefit rate used for in-kind calculations is the same as the Agency rate for Head Start employees.

Completion of the volunteer time sheets is the responsibility of the Program Directors and the Family Resources Assistants. Each Head Start classroom has a monthly volunteer time sheet that is filled out and signed by each volunteer. Other types of approved documentation for inkind donations include "Family Literacy" forms and "Vouchers for Non Federal Share In-kind Contribution" forms. At the end of each month/week, the Program Directors or the Family Resources Assistants review the forms for accuracy and then gives the forms to the Family Resources Coordinator. The Family Resources Coordinator reviews them for completeness, reasonableness and propriety and then gives them to the Receptionist.

The Receptionist is responsible for calculating the dollar value of the volunteers' time. The forms are then given to the Controller who is responsible for compiling all the in-kind donations by center and then reporting the information to the Denver Great Kids Head Start city office.

Non-federal resources include donated rent (the City and County's annual depreciation amount prorated based on Head Start FTE). Four early learning centers are leased from the City: Westwood, Edna Oliver, Northeast and Lowry. Other properties are leased through the Denver Housing Authority—Sun Valley, and Denver Lions Club—Rude Park and the administrative office is owned by MHM.

Head Start also receives a portion of MHM's occupancy costs as an in-kind donation. The portion is determined by the number of FTE Head Start children to the program capacity.

In addition, MHM uses Denver Preschool Program and Colorado Preschool Program revenue as part of the in-kind donation. Denver Preschool Program revenue is received on all kindergarten bound preschoolers, with about 98% of those preschoolers also receiving Head Start services. Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) revenue can be received on infants, toddlers and preschool children. MHM will be receiving 162 CPP slots at the rate of \$345 per slot per month for September 2016 through May 2017.



### Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers 2016-2017 Head Start Program Calendar

8:00 am-11:30 am/12:30 pm-4:00 pm/Monday-Thursday Part-day

September 6, 2016-May 25, 2017

8:30 am-4:00 pm/Monday-Friday Full-day

September 6, 2016-May 26, 2017

7:15 am-5:45 pm/Monday-Friday **Extended-day** 

October 3, 2016-June 23, 2017

### Closures/Holidays:

2016

Summer Break July 4 - July 8 September 5 Labor Day

**Professional Development** October 28

Thanksgiving November 24 & 25

Professional Development December 16

Christmas Holiday December 26 Winter Break December 26- January 6

2017

New Year's Day January 2

Martin Luther King Jr. Day January 16 **Professional Development** February 3 Professional Development February 20 Professional Development Week March 27-31 Professional Development April 28

Memorial Day May 29

9:00 am-4:30 pm Warren Village

October 3, 2016-June 23, 2017

### Closures/Holidays:

2016

Professional Development June 10 Independence Day July 4 Professional Development July 8 Professional Development August 12

September 5 Labor Day

**Professional Development** September 9 Professional Development October 14 Professional Development November 11

Thanksgiving November 24 & 25 Winter Break December 23-25 Christmas Holiday December 26

2017

New Year's Day January 2

Professional Development February 12 Professional Development March 10 Professional Development April 14 **Professional Development** May 12

Memorial Day

May 30 Professional Development June 9 **Professional Development** July 14

### **Exhibit D**

### Denver Great Kids Head Start Program Year 20 Report Schedule

	Report Name and Description	Due Date		
	Policy Council Delegate Report; Form to be provided by Grantee Family Services Director	5th day of every month. If the 5th day is a holiday or weekend, report shall be due the Friday prior		
	Program Information Report (PIR); Annual ACF Report	August 15, 2016		
es	Abbreviated PIR;	December 15, 2016 and March 15, 2017		
Ši	Head Start data for Management Information System; Fields required but			
Family Services	not limited to the following: -Delegate Agency and Center -Enrollment Date -First day of service -Program Option	5th day of every month by close of Business. If the 5th day is a holiday or weekend, report shall be due the Friday prior		
	-Monthly Attendance/Monthly Enrollment			
	-Enrollment			
	Variance Report; includes spending categories of federal and non federal			
	shares, annual budget, budget and expenses for the month reported, dollar	Last business day of each month for the		
	and percent variances and corresponding year to date information include	previous month		
	pay rolls, general ledgers, invoices over \$1,000.00 charged to Head Start.	previous month		
	USDA Reimbursement Report; Report of reimbursement from USDA for	Last Business day of October , January, April		
	Head Start Children only.	and July		
	USDA / CACFP Compliance Review Report	Within 30 days of receipt		
=	Administrative and Development Costs; Report by category of all	Last Business day of October , January, April		
JCië	administrative and development costs.	and July		
Financial	Program Budget PY 19; GABI upload of Program Year 19 budget.	February 9, 2017		
证	Single Audit Report; Single Audit Report including management letter and	Within four months of end of the prior fiscal		
	corrective actions if applicable	budget period		
	Inventory Report with Certification of Physical Inventory; Listing of	a da goop a vea		
	equipment purchased with Head Start funds with a certification of physical	July 31, 2016		
	inventory signed by the Head Start Director.	July 31, 2010		
	Certificate of Insurance; Accord Insurance form designating appropriate			
		May 30, 2016		
	insurance coverage.			
	Budget Projection; Month by month spending forecast by designated	July 31, 2016		
	categories.			
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rate	Monitoring Reports/Plans; Action plans outlining strengths,	2		
mir ileg	recommendations and sections needed for improvement	Ongoing		
Grantor Admin Reports for Delegate Agencies	Mid Year PIR & questions; Tracks progress on key Head Start Metrics	2 times a year; December 15th and March 15th		
ant ts f Age	Head Start Annual Report; Head Start requirement	Due in December		
Gra	Policy Council Minutes: Approved Policy Council minutes in English and			
Re	Spanish	Last business day of month following meeting		
	Teacher Qualifications Report; Report Education Levels of Teaching Staff.			
e O		December 15 & March 15		
Education	Child Assessments; Child outcomes information submitted to TS GOLD must			
duc	be submitted for <b>all</b> children.			
ũ		October 31, 2016, February 22, 2017 and June 28, 2017		

### **Exhibit D**

### Denver Great Kids Head Start Program Year 20 Report Schedule

	Self Assessment; Self Assessment Plan, findings, analysis and action plans	
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rts 1	Policy Committee/Council Members Rosters; Policy Committee/Council	
ōdi	monthly minutes	When replacements, upon elections
Admin Reports for Grantee	Policy Committee/Council Minutes; Approved Policy Committee/Council	Last business day of the month following
mir	monthly minutes	meeting
	Delegate Grant Application; For funding purposes	January 30, 2016
Delegate	Final Grant Application, Budget, and GABI; Constitutes basis of funding	
leg	request	April 1, 2017
De	Personnel; Report of all Head Start staff and percentage/amount	Last business day of October, January, April
	salary/fringe, most recent performance evaluation date.	and July
	<u>Criminal Records Check:</u> Report on criminal records check dates for all	
	Head Start staff.	September 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017

	<u>Classroom Contact Hours</u> ; Tracks level of services to Head Start Children	
Special		monthly; end of month
y Sı	Abbreviated PIR; Health/Dental Screenings and follow up and Staff and	
genc	Parent Training Report; Head Start requirement to track health metrics for	
⋖	PIR and for staff training efforts	
endor		
Vendo Repor		monthly; end of month



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March 22, 2016

Mile High Montessori ELC Debra Houdelette 1780 Marion Street Denver, CO 80218

Re: Commercial Package Insurance Intention to Renew Coverage

Dear Debra,

It is the intentions of CCIG Insurance-Benefits to renew the insurance policies for Mile High Montessori for the upcoming renewal term as listed below:

Philadelphia Insurance – Package

Includes: Professional Liability, Automobile and Sexual Abuse/Molestation

Current Policy # PHPK1196629

Current Policy Term - June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Philadelphia Insurance - Umbrella

Current Policy # PHUB505153

Current Policy Term – June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2016

AIG - Student Accident

Current Policy #SRG0009144591

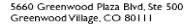
Current Policy Term – July 16, 2015 to July 16, 2016

Please contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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It is the intentions of CCIG Insurance-Benefits to renew the insurance policies for Mile High Montessori for the upcoming renewal term as listed below:

Philadelphia Insurance - Package

Includes: Professional Liability and Sexual Abuse/Molestation

Current Policy # PHPK1196629

Current Policy Term - June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Philadelphia Insurance – Umbrella

Current Policy # PHUB505153

Current Policy Term - June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2016

AIG - Student Accident

Current Policy #SRG0009144591

Current Policy Term - July 16, 2015 to July 16, 2016

Please contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Robins Account Manager 720-212-2026 JulieR@thinkccig.com



### CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

MILEH-0

OP ID: JU

DATE(MM/DD/YYYY) 03/22/2016

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER CCIG Insurance - Benefits Suite 500 5660 Greenwood Plaza Blvd. Greenwood Village, CO 80111 Cherry Creek Insurance Group			CONTACT Julie A Robins				
			PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 303-799-0110 FAX (A/C, No): 3		799-0156		
			E-MAIL ADDRESS: JulieR@thinkccig.com				
			INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVER	NAIC#			
			INSURER A: Pinnacol Assurance				
INSURED	Mile High Montessori ELC 1780 Marion Street Denver, CO 80218	INSURER B: Philadelphia Insurance Company					
			INSURER C:				
			INSURER D:				
				INSURER E:			
				INSURER F:			

COVERAGES CERTIFICATE NUMBER: REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR		TYPE OF INSURANCE		SUBR	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMIT	S
В	Х	COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY						EACH OCCURRENCE	\$ 1,000,000
		CLAIMS-MADE X OCCUR	Х		PHPK1196629	06/30/2015	06/30/2016	DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence)	\$ 1,000,000
В	Χ	Sexual Abuse						MED EXP (Any one person)	\$ 20,000
								PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	\$ 1,000,000
	GEN	I'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:						GENERAL AGGREGATE	\$ 3,000,000
		POLICY PRO- JECT LOC						PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG	\$ 3,000,000
		OTHER:						Emp Ben.	\$ 1,000,000
	AUT	OMOBILE LIABILITY						COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)	\$ 1,000,000
В		ANY AUTO	Х		PHPK1196629	06/30/2015	06/30/2016	BODILY INJURY (Per person)	\$
		ALLOWNED X SCHEDULED AUTOS						BODILY INJURY (Per accident)	\$
	Χ	HIRED AUTOS X NON-OWNED AUTOS						PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)	\$
		13.55							\$
	Х	UMBRELLA LIAB X OCCUR						EACH OCCURRENCE	\$ 5,000,000
В		EXCESS LIAB CLAIMS-MADE			PHUB505153	06/30/2015	06/30/2016	AGGREGATE	\$
		DED X RETENTION \$ 10000							\$
		KERS COMPENSATION						PER OTH- STATUTE ER	
Α	ANY	EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE			0875922	01/01/2016	01/01/2017	E.L. EACH ACCIDENT	\$ 500,000
	(Man	CER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? datory in NH)	N/A					E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE	\$ 500,000
	If yes	i, describe under CRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below						E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	\$ 500,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
The City and County of Denver, its elected and appointed officials,
employees and volunteers are additional insured with respects to the
Commerical General Liability and Business Auto Policies.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER	CANCELLATION
CENTIFICATE HOLDEN	CANCELLATION

City and County of Denver Denver Great Kids Head Start 201 W Colfax Ave Dept 1101 Denver, CO 80202 SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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### MHM Early Learning Centers Directory

Edna Oliver Montessori Early Learning Center

2851 Tremont Place, Denver, CO 80205

Phone: 303.295.2011

Director: Jessica Scherden

FRA: Aimee Atwater
Hours: 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**Lowry Montessori Early Learning Center** 

1957 Ulster Way, Denver, CO 80230 Phone: 303.340.1296 or 303.364.3407

**Director: Open** 

**FRA: Monique Thompson** 

FRA: Frida Garcia

Hours: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Rude Park Montessori Early Learning Center

1275 Decatur St., Denver, CO 80204

Phone: 303.629.6785

**Director: Stacy Cook-LaPointe** 

FRA: Emily Clements
Hours: 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Northeast Montessori Early Learning Center

3503 Marion St., Denver, CO 80205

Phone: 303.295.2509

Director: Open

FCA: Aimee Atwater

Hours: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sun Valley Montessori Early Learning Center

990 Alcott Way, Denver, CO 80204

Phone: 303.534.5121

**Director: Stacy Cook-LaPointe** 

FRA: Emily Clements
Hours: 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Westwood Montessori Early Learning Center

980 South Lowell Blvd., Denver, CO 80219

Phone: 303.922.1123

Director: Kathy Baker

Asst. Program Director: Mindy Spano

FRA: Glenda Holeman FRA: Rebecca Newland Hours: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Warren Village

1323 Gilpin St., Denver, CO 80218

Phone: 303.321.2345

**Director: Maggie Rittenhouse** 

**FRA: Aimee Atwater** 

Hours: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Updated: 2/16/2016

Exhibit G

Sec. 20-76. - Payment of prevailing wages.

- (a) Required. Every worker, mechanic or other laborer employed by any contractor or subcontractor in the work of drayage or of construction, alteration, improvement, repair, maintenance or demolition of any public building or public work by or in behalf of the city, or for any agency of the city, or financed in whole or in part by the city, or any agency of the city, or engaged in the work of a doorkeeper, caretaker, cleaner, window washer, porter, keeper, janitor, or in similar custodial or janitorial work in connection with the operation of any such public building or the prosecution of any such public work by or in behalf of the city, or for any agency of the city, or financed in whole or in part by the city, or any agency of the city, shall be paid not less than the wages prevailing for the same class and kind of work in the Denver metropolitan area as determined by the career service board under subsection (c). The Denver metropolitan area shall be determined by the career service board. This section shall not apply to any participant in a youth employment program certified by the city where the participant is employed in non-construction work, including the work of materials furnishing, servicing and maintenance of any public building or public work and the work of landscaping that is not performed in connection with the construction or renovation of a public building.
- (b) Contract specifications. The specifications for every contract in excess of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to which the city or any of its agencies is a party which requires the performance of work involving drayage or involving construction, alteration, improvements, repairs, maintenance or demolition of any public building or public work, or which requires the performance of the work of a doorkeeper, caretaker, cleaner, window washer, porter, keeper, janitor, or similar custodial or janitorial work in connection with the operation of any such public building or the prosecution of any such public work, shall contain a provision stating that the minimum wages to be paid for every class of laborer, mechanic and worker shall be not less than the scale of wages from time to time determined to be the prevailing wages under subsection (c). Every contract based upon these specifications shall contain a stipulation that the contractor or subcontractor shall pay mechanics, laborers and workers employed directly upon the site of the work the full amounts accrued at time of payment, computed at wage rates not less than those stated or referenced in the specifications, and any addenda thereto, on the actual date of bid opening, or in effect on the date of grant of permit for performance of such work under D.R.M.C. section 49-171 et seq., or on the date of the written purchase order for contracts let by informal procedure under D.R.M.C. section 20-63(b), regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor or subcontractor and such laborers, mechanics and workers. Increases in prevailing wages subsequent to the date of the contract for a period not to exceed one (1) year shall not be mandatory on either the contractor or subcontractors. Future increases in prevailing wages on contracts whose period of performance exceeds one (1) year shall be mandatory for the contractor and subcontractors only on the yearly anniversary date of the contract. However, as to contracts in effect as of March 1, 2011, future increases in supplemental wage rates for the heavy construction, highway construction and building construction trades approved and published by the career service board shall not become mandatory on the contractor or subcontractors until the second anniversary of the date of publication of the increased supplemental wage rates by the board. Except as provided below, in no event shall any increases in prevailing wages over the amounts thereof as stated in such specifications result in any increased liability on the part of the city, and the possibility and risk of any such increase is assumed by all contractors entering into any such contract with the city. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the city may determine and may expressly provide in the context of specific service agreements that

the city will reimburse the contractor at the increased prevailing wage rate(s). Decreases in prevailing wages subsequent to the date of the contract for a period not to exceed one (1) year shall not be permitted. Decreases in prevailing wages on contracts whose period of performance exceed one (1) year shall not be effective except on the yearly anniversary date of the contract.

- (c) Determination of prevailing wages.
  - (1) The city council hereby declares that it is in the best interests of the city to have a uniform determination of the prevailing wages to be paid to the various classes of laborers, mechanics and workers which will be required in the performance of work covered by this section.
  - (2) The city council hereby finds and concludes that the federal government, in implementing the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. § 276a to 276a-5), possesses and exercises a superior capability with superior resources to ascertain the basic rate of pay, overtime, and other benefits which accurately represent the current prevailing rate of wages for work covered by that federal law. The career service board shall determine that the prevailing wages applicable to the various classes of laborers, mechanic, and workers covered by this section and the Davis-Bacon Act correspond to the prevailing wage determinations made pursuant to that federal law as the same may be amended from time to time. The board shall undertake to keep and maintain copies of prevailing wage determinations made pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. § 276a to 276a-5) and any amendments to that federal law. The board shall also keep and maintain such other information as shall come to its attention concerning wages paid in the Denver metropolitan area. If the board has reason to believe that a prevailing wage determination made pursuant to that federal law is substantially different from wages paid in the Denver metropolitan area based upon other information, it shall so inform the city council for their consideration and action by ordinance. The provisions of this section shall supersede any differing provisions of that federal law, except when that federal law is applicable independent of this section.
  - (3) It shall be the duty of the career service board to determine, after hearing, the prevailing wages for the various classes of laborers, mechanics, and workers which will be required in the performance of work covered by this section but not be covered by the Davis-Bacon Act, which determinations shall be made at least annually, and as frequently as may be considered necessary by the career service board in order that the determination which is currently in effect shall accurately represent the current prevailing rates of wages. Prior to making such determination, the career service board shall give reasonable public notice of the time and place of the hearing concerning such proposed determination and shall afford to all interested parties the right to appear before it and to present evidence. "Prevailing wages" shall mean, for each class of work covered by this section, but not covered by the Davis-Bacon Act, the rate of pay and the overtime and other benefits granted to such full-time workers in the Denver metropolitan area. The rates shall be determined using the same method as used for those classes which are covered by the Davis-Bacon Act. Should this method cause a reduction in compensation of any class of workers, the career service board will review the appropriateness of using this methodology and may recommend to city council a different method for establishing prevailing wage rates.

If there is insufficient data available in the Denver metropolitan area to determine the rate of pay and the overtime and other benefits or should comparable classes of work not be performed within the Denver metropolitan area for each class of work covered by this section and not covered by the Davis-Bacon Act, the career service board shall refer to the Service Contract Labor Act of 1965, as amended (41 U.S.C. § 351 et seq.)

to determine the rate of pay and the overtime and other benefits.

- (d) Mandatory contract provisions; enforcement.
  - (1) Every contract covered by this section shall contain a provision requiring the contractor and every subcontractor under such contract to pay every worker, mechanic and laborer employed under such contract not less than the scale of wages as provided for under subsections (b) and (c).
  - (2) Such contract shall further require the contractor and subcontractors to pay all construction workers, mechanics and other laborers at least once a week the full amounts of wages accrued at the time of payment, computed at wage rates not less than those stated in the specifications; except that the contractor and subcontractors shall make such payments to janitorial or custodial workers, and oil and gas employees and contractors, at least biweekly.
  - (3) Every such contract shall further provide that the contractor shall post in a prominent and easily accessible place at the site of the work the scale of wages to be paid by the contractor and all subcontractors working under the contractor.
  - (4) The contract shall further provide that if the contractor or any subcontractor shall fail to pay such wages as are required by the contract, the manager of finance shall not approve a warrant or demand for payment to the contractor until the contractor furnishes the auditor evidence satisfactory to the auditor that such wages so required by the contract have been paid. Nothing herein shall preclude the manager of finance from approving a partial warrant or demand for payment to the contractor to the extent the auditor has been furnished evidence satisfactory to the auditor that one or more subcontractors has paid such wages required by the contract, even if the contractor has not furnished evidence that all of the subcontractors have paid wages as required by the contract. Any contractor or subcontractor may utilize the following procedure in order to satisfy the requirements of this section:
    - a. The contractor or subcontractor may submit to the auditor, for each worker, mechanic or other laborer to whom such wages are due, a check, as required by the auditor. Such check shall be payable to that worker, mechanic or other laborer, or to the City and County of Denver so it is negotiable by either of those parties. Each such check shall be in an amount representing the difference between the accrued wages required to be paid to that worker, mechanic or other laborer by the contract and the wages actually paid by the contractor or subcontractor.
    - b. If any check submitted pursuant to paragraph (4)a. of this subsection cannot be delivered to the worker, mechanic or other laborer within a reasonable period of time as determined by the auditor, then it shall be negotiated by the city and the proceeds deposited in the auditor's unclaimed prevailing wages special trust fund. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to lessen the responsibility of the contractor or subcontractor to attempt to locate and pay any worker, mechanic or other laborer to whom wages are due.
    - c. Any valid, verified claim for prevailing wages that is actually received by the city through negotiation of any check submitted pursuant to paragraph (4)a. of this subsection must be made prior to two (2) years after the date of the last underpayment by the contractor or any subcontractor to the worker, mechanic or other laborer to whom such wages were due. After such date, the city shall no longer be liable for payment. The city, as trustee, shall pay such claimant only the amount of the check that is actually negotiated, regardless of any dispute as to any additional amount of wages owing to the worker, mechanic or other laborer.

- No interest shall be paid by the city on any funds received or disbursed pursuant to this subsection.
- d. On the last working day of each month, the amount of any claim for which the city is no longer liable shall be credited to the general fund, except as otherwise required by law.
- e. The auditor shall maintain a list of all unclaimed, city-negotiated prevailing wage checks for which the city is liable. Such list shall be updated monthly and shall be available for inspection at the office of the auditor.
- (5) Every such contract shall further provide that the contractor shall furnish to the auditor each pay period during which work is in progress under the contract a true and correct copy of the payroll records of all workers, laborers and mechanics employed under the contract, either by the contractor or subcontractors. Such payroll records shall include information showing the number of hours worked by each worker, laborer or mechanic employed under the contract, the hourly pay of such worker, laborer or mechanic, any deductions made from pay, and the net amount of pay received by each worker, laborer or mechanic for the period covered by the payroll.
- (6) It shall further be provided in such contract that the copy of the payroll record shall be accompanied by a sworn statement of the contractor that the copy is a true and correct copy of the payroll records of all mechanics, laborers or other workers working under the contract, either for the contractor or subcontractors, that payments were made to the workers, laborers and mechanics as set forth in the payroll records, that no deductions were made other than those set forth in such records, and that all workers, mechanics and other laborers employed on work under the contract, either by the contractor or by any subcontractor, have been paid the prevailing wages as set forth in the contract specifications.
- (7) Every such contract shall further provide that if any laborer, worker or mechanic employed by the contractor or any subcontractor under the contract has been or is being paid a rate of wages less than the rate of wages required by the contract to be paid as aforesaid, the city may, by written notice to the contractor, suspend or terminate the contractor's right to proceed with the work, or such part of the work as to which there has been a failure to pay the required wages, and in the event of termination, may prosecute the work to completion by contract or otherwise, and the contractor and any sureties shall be liable to the city for any excess costs occasioned the city thereby.
- (e) Penalties. Any contractor or subcontractor subject to the requirements of this section shall as a penalty pay to the City and County of Denver an amount as set forth below for each week, or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the applicable prevailing wage rates.
  - (1) The amount of the penalty shall be determined by the auditor based on consideration of both of the following:
    - a. Whether the failure of the contractor or subcontractor to pay the correct wage rate was a good faith mistake and, if so, the error was corrected within thirty (30) days of the date brought to the attention of the contractor or subcontractor.
    - b. Whether the contractor or subcontractor has a prior record of failing to meet its prevailing wage obligations.
  - (2) The penalty shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each week, or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the prevailing wage rate, unless the failure of the contractor or subcontractor to pay the correct rate of prevailing wages was a good faith mistake and, if so, the error was corrected within thirty (30) days of the date brought to the attention of the contractor or subcontractor.
  - (3) The penalty shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for each week, or portion thereof, for

- each worker paid less than the prevailing wage rate, if the contractor or subcontractor has been assessed a penalty, but not more than two (2) other penalties, within the previous three (3) years for failing to meet its prevailing wage obligations on a separate contract, unless those penalties were subsequently withdrawn or overturned.
- (4) The penalty shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each week, or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the prevailing wage rate, if the contractor or subcontractor has been assessed three (3) or more other penalties within the previous three (3) years for failing to meet its prevailing wage obligations on separate contracts, unless those penalties were subsequently withdrawn or overturned.
- (5) The determination of the auditor as to the imposition and amount of the penalty shall be reviewable as follows:
  - a. Any person who disputes any determination made by or on behalf of the city pursuant to the authority of the auditor, which determination adversely affects such person, may petition the auditor for a hearing concerning such determination no later than thirty (30) days after having been notified of any such determination. Compliance with the provisions of this subsection shall be a jurisdictional prerequisite to any action brought under the provisions of this section, and failure of compliance shall forever bar any such action.
  - b. The auditor shall designate as a hearing officer a person retained by the city for that purpose.
  - C. The petition for a hearing shall be in writing, and the facts and figures submitted shall be submitted under oath or affirmation either in writing or orally at a hearing scheduled by the hearing officer. The hearing, if any, shall take place in the city, and notice thereof and the proceedings shall otherwise be in accordance with rules and regulations issued by the auditor. The petitioner shall bear the burden of proof, and the standard of proof shall conform with that in civil, nonjury cases in state district court.
  - d. Thereupon, the hearing officer shall make a final determination. Such final determination shall be considered a final order and may be reviewed under Rule 106(a)(4) of the state rules of civil procedure by the petitioner or by the city. A request for reconsideration of the determination may be made if filed with the hearing officer within fifteen (15) days of the date of determination, in which case the hearing officer shall review the record of the proceedings, and the determination shall be considered a final order upon the date the hearing officer rules on the request for reconsideration. The nonprevailing party shall be responsible for and shall pay the costs of the hearing, including the costs of the hearing officer and the hearing reporter.
  - e. The district court of the second judicial district of the State of Colorado shall have original jurisdiction in proceedings to review all questions of law and fact determined by the hearing officer by order or writ under Rule 106(a)(4) of the state rules of civil procedure.
  - f. Failure to pay outstanding penalties that are not pending appeal and are owed to the city pursuant to this section shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of any license issued by the city until fully paid.

 $\begin{array}{l} (\text{Code }1950, \S\S\ 161.1A, 161.1B, 161.1C, 161.1D; \text{Ord. No. }582-85, \S\ 2, 10-28-85; \text{Ord. No. }212-89, \S\ 1, 4-17-89; \text{Ord. No. }979-95, \S\ 1, 11-27-95; \text{Ord. No. }546-96, \S\ 1, 7-1-96; \text{Ord. No. }624-97, \S\ 1, 9-22-97; \text{Ord. No. }277-00, \S\ 1, 4-3-00; \text{Ord. No. }84-02, \S\ 1, 1-28-02; \text{Ord. No. }656-06, \S\ 1, 10-9-06; \text{Ord. No. }679-06, \S\ 1, 10-16-06; \text{Ord. No. }423-09, \S\ 1, 8-3-09; \text{Ord. No. }285-10, \S\ 1, 5-24-10; \text{Ord. No. }161-12, \S\S\ 1, 2, 3-19-12; \text{Ord. No. }387-12, \S\ 1, 7-30-12) \end{array}$