

AN ORDINANCE **99349**

ESTABLISHING A HEAD START COMMISSION AS THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE SAN ANTONIO/BEXAR COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM; ESTABLISHING A HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL AND ESTABLISHING THE PARENT/CHILD INCORPORATED HEAD START POLICY COMMITTEE AS THE INTERIM HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL; APPROVING A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO AN ON-SITE MONITORING REVIEW CONDUCTED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)- ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (ACF) OF SAID PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF SAID CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN TO THE HHS-ACF; APPROVING A REVISED PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE UPON PASSAGE BY EIGHT (8) AFFIRMATIVE VOTES.

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WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 98768, passed and approved on January 29, 2004, authorized the acceptance of a continuation grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the Head Start – Early Child Care program in the amount of \$45,104,728 for a twelve month period beginning February 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds provide a wide range of education and social services to impoverished pre-school children and their families including educational, health, mental health and disability services provided at 87 child development centers throughout San Antonio and Bexar County to children ranging from three to five years of age; and

WHEREAS, the City presently subcontracts with Parent/Child, Incorporated to operate the Head Start program and desires to continue the Head Start program utilizing the current subcontractor; and

WHEREAS, the HHS – Administration for Children and Families (ACF) conducted a special on-site monitoring review of the Head Start program and issued a report citing a deficiency in the area of Program Design and Management; and

WHEREAS, in response to the monitoring report of the Head Start program the City is required to implement a corrective action plan; and

WHEREAS, this plan includes the establishment of an eleven member Head Start Commission whose members shall be appointed by City Council at a later date; and

WHEREAS, the City's corrective action plan must be submitted to the HHS-ACF by June 15, 2004 in order for the City's Head Start Program to remain in compliance with federal regulations and for the City to continue operating the program; and

WHEREAS, because child care services through the Head Start program would not otherwise be provided if this ordinance were not made immediately effective, for the preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared such that the City Council deems it necessary that this ordinance become effective at once, upon passage with at least eight (8) affirmative votes; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. A Head Start Commission comprised of eleven members, authorized to act as the governing body for the Head Start program for San Antonio and Bexar County, is hereby established. Membership of said Commission shall consist of one member appointed by each Council member and one member appointed by the Mayor.

SECTION 2. A Head Start Policy Council for the Head Start program for San Antonio and Bexar County, is hereby established. The current Parent/Child Incorporated (PCI) Head Start Policy Committee is hereby established as the interim Head Start Policy Council, until such time as a new Head Start Policy Council is seated, as determined by the Head Start Commission.

SECTION 3. The corrective action plan, in response to the monitoring report issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) - Administration for Children and Families (ACF) for the Head Start program, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as Attachment I, is approved. The City Manager or her designee, or the Director of Community Initiatives is authorized to submit said corrective action plan to the HHS-ACF in connection therewith.

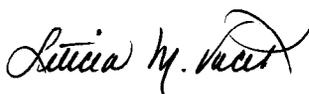
SECTION 4. The revised personnel complement, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as Attachment II is approved.

SECTION 5. The financial allocations in this ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, may correct the allocations to specific Index Codes and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. Pursuant to and for the purpose of complying with Article II, Section 15 of the City's Charter, this ordinance is hereby passed as an emergency measure and shall become effective immediately, upon passage by eight (8) or more affirmative votes for the preservation of public peace, property, health or safety; otherwise, this ordinance shall become effective on June 20, 2004.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of June 2004.


M A Y O R
EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
City Attorney