

Texas Rising Star 4-year Review State Workgroup Conference Call #6 Notes
Thursday, October 24, 2019
11:30 AM – 12:15PM

TWC provided the Workgroup with some updates:

- The in-person meeting is coming up on October 29, 2019.
- Additional calls as needed will be:
 - Monday, November 18, 2019.
 - Monday, December 2, 2019.
 - Friday, December 13, 2019.
- December 17, 2019 (10:00am 2:00 pm) In-person meeting
 - Review Final Recommendations

October 20, 2019 meeting preparation:

The goal for this meeting is to provide the Workgroup with information and resources for discussion to reach consensus on some of the outstanding considerations. Topics for the meeting are child care licensing and QRIS, director qualifications, and assessor/rater staffing and reliability. TWC requested for Gail Kelso, State Technical Assistance Specialist for Region VI, and Char Goodreau from the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance, to facilitate discussion on these topics and how they relate to practices within QRIS across the states. They will provide key examples and allow for discussion by the Workgroup.

The meeting timeline for each topic will be 45 minutes per topic; set up topic, topic presentation and examples, questions/discussion, and reaching consensus. Time will be adjusted if needed.

Strengthening TRS Implementation Study- Final Report

CLI has provided the final report to include appendices and the executive summary. Printed copies will be available at the meeting. If at any time the Workgroup has questions about the report, please reach out to TWC.

Ratio Considerations Discussion

The Workgroup discussed the following considerations that are still pending.

- Change the ratio/group size scoring methodology.
 - The study recommends and most stakeholder input agreed to change the methodology to look at children in attendance vs enrolled when scoring this measure.
 - Original consensus still stands to change methodology to attendance observed.
- Change the ratio/group sizes.
 - TWC walked through how to read the Texas Rising Star scoring chart for ratio/ group sizes.
 - Child Care Licensing stated that for Fiscal year 2019, there were a little over 1,300 ratio citations for subsidy providers. This subcategory is one of the lowest cited for.
 - The Workgroup suggested to reduce the group size for 2-year old's and 3-year old's, but could not reach consensus on specific group size.
 - The Workgroup requested more information and to discuss further.

Update: Category/Measures

Per request of the Workgroup, TWC is researching and drafting considerations for the rephrased and/or remove measures noted by the study for categories 3 and 4

- Category 3 – specific to lesson planning and respecting diversity (language, differing abilities and culture)
- Category 4 – specific to nutrition policies and procedures, menu review and breastfeeding

TWC hopes to have these draft measures to the Workgroup for review and discussion after the in-person meeting.

Next steps:

Reminder the next in-person meeting is Tuesday, October 29, 2019.

- The workgroup will receive an email about meeting details.