

# Texas Rising Star 4-Year Review State Workgroup Conference Call # 11

Monday, 01/13/2020

11:30 am- 12:00 pm

## Agenda Overview

The Workgroup reviewed the documents that will assist in relaying the proposed revisions to the public, updates made to the proposed revisions and the upcoming public stakeholder meetings.

## Overview of Recommendations Documents

### Data Summary

- Minor revisions were made upon review.
- Document will be provided as reference of discussion and decisions made by the Workgroup since May 2019.
- The Workgroup had no questions about the document.

### Overview of Recommendations

- Document is still in editing process and will be provided at all public stakeholder meetings.
- This document will be shared at Commission meeting for approval to publish for public comment.
- Updated the document regarding the higher reimbursement revision to be a recommendation to study and gather analysis on how best to address the discrepancy in rates. This analysis is aimed for completion this fiscal year and the desire is to accomplish equal access to higher quality of care.
- Updated the document regarding impact of licensing deficiencies to rephrase recommendation to be broad, allowing for option feedback. The desire is to find the balance of impact versus quality services.

### Draft Proposed Measures document

- This document was updated based on additional child care licensing information specific to the alignment of current Texas Rising Star measures to child care licensing standards.

## Outstanding Topics

Clarification on the recommendation for 1-star Texas Rising Star was discussed regarding timeframe allowance for an early learning program to remain 1-star. Within the recommendations is for the Commission to develop long-range goals to move programs to higher levels. The timeline is not set but TWC acknowledges that there will need to be additional discussion, analysis and feedback needed.

The Workgroup had no additional outstanding topics to discuss.

## Public Stakeholder Meetings

The workgroup was provided with the dates, times and locations of the upcoming stakeholder meetings. This information, along with coordinating documents, will be placed on the Texas Rising Star Workgroup webpage, shared within the Child Care and Early Learning newsletter, and provided to the local Boards. The Workgroup is welcomed to share this information with any interested parties.

Public stakeholder meetings will not be in the Texas Register and will be an informal meeting focused on group discussion lasting approximately one and a half hours. These meetings are hosted by the Boards but facilitated by TWC staff.

Supporting documents will be provided, including a pre-recorded webinar that can be shared as needed/desired. This webinar will not dive into the details of the changes but provide an overview of the recommended revisions. Additional documents will be provided for reference as well.

### Next Steps

The Workgroup requested a debriefing and final call after all public stakeholder meetings have occurred. TWC will send out a doodle poll to determine the best date.