

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Workforce Solutions Alamo 100 N. Santa Rosa St., Suite 120, Boardroom San Antonio, TX 78207 September 20, 2024 10:30 AM

#### **AGENDA**

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Presenter: Leslie Cantu, Committee Chair

#### II. ROLL CALL AND QUORUM

DETERMINATION Presenter: Leslie Cantu,

Committee Chair

#### III. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF

INTEREST Presenter: Leslie Cantu, Committee

Chair

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Presenter: Leslie Cantu, Committee Chair

#### V. CONSENT AGENDA (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Presenter: Leslie Cantu, Committee Chair

- a. Meeting Minutes July 19, 2024
- b. United Way-AQP Data Dashboard
- c. Alamo CCS Provider Type and Capacity
- d. Entry Level Designation & Efforts Towards Increasing and Accessing Quality
- e. TX3C Systems
- f. Child Care Quality Contract
- g. Partner Updates-Early Matters, United Way, Texas A&M, Pre-K for SA
- h. Youth Program Briefing and Performance
- i. Career Exploration Youth Events
- j. ACE Race 2025
- k. Facility Updates-Port SA, O'Connor, Bandera, Mobile Unit
- 1. AEL Presentation-Alamo Colleges, Alamo Colleges Business & Industry Solutions Team, and Active Projects
- m. Quality Assurance Update-TWC Monitoring
- n. TWC Performance-Upcoming Target Changes
- o. Performance, Programs, and Operational Updates
- p. A Closer Look: WIOA Dislocated Worker Program
- q. Update on Services Provided by County
- r. Expenditure Analysis with Training Providers
- s. Financials
- t. Client Expenditure Analysis
- u. County by County Expenditure Analysis
- v. New Funding

## VI. EARLY CARE & EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Early Care & Education Committee Chair

- a. Childcare Performance Briefing
- b. Child Care Services: In Care/Waitlist
- c. Texas Rising Star Assessment Update
- d. Alamo Quality Centers

# VII. YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Presenter: Anthony Magaro, Youth Committee Chair

a. TX FAME Presentations

# VIII. STRATEGIC COMMITTEE REPORT (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Presenter: Eric Cooper, Strategic Committee Chair

- a. WSA 2025 Local Plan Development Update
- b. Alamo Workforce Consortium Update
- c. Policies on Use of Work Experience and Other Business Services

## IX. OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Presenter: Dr. Sammi Morrill, Oversight Committee Chair

- a. Procurement
- b. Information Technology

## X. AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Presenter: Mary Batch, Audit & Finance Committee Chair

- a. Partners for Reentry Opportunities in Workforce Development Request for Proposals
- b. Fiber Consolidation
- c. Ready To Work Analysis and Update

#### XI. CEO REPORT

Presenter: Adrian Lopez, CEO

- a. Child Care Rural Visits Calendar
- b. TX FAME Hub MOU
- c. Childcare Activities
- d. Career Colleges and Schools of Texas
- e. Marketing Media

#### XII. CHAIR REPORT

Presenter: Leslie Cantu, Committee Chair

#### XIII. NEXT MEETING: November 22, 2024

#### XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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- c. Pending or Contemplated Litigation;
- d. Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters Involving Senior Executive Staff and Employees of Workforce Solutions Alamo; and
- e. Government Code §551.089 Discussions Regarding Security Devices or Audits.

#### XV. ADJOURNMENT

Presenter: Leslie Cantu, Committee Chair



### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

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**Board of Directors:** Leslie Cantu (Chair), Mary Batch (Vice Chair), Yousef Kassim, Esmeralda Perez, Anthony Magaro, Jerry Graeber, Lowell Keig, Lisa Navarro Gonzales, Eric Cooper, Elizabeth Lutz, Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Charles Camarillo, Dr. Sammi Morrill, Kelli Rhodes, Allison Greer Francis, JR Trevino, Yvonne Addison

Partners: Mike Ramsey

Contractors: Brenda Garcia, Jason Rodriguez, Manuel Ugues, Ramsey Olivarez, Roberto Corral, Sylvia Perez

WSA Counsel: Frank Burney

WSA Staff: Adrian Lopez, Teresa Chavez, Angela Bush, Eric Vryn, Adrian Perez, Gabriela Navarro Garcia, Jessica Villarreal, Victoria Rodriguez, James Keith, Chuck Agwuegbo, Kristen Rodriguez, Dr. Ricardo Ramirez, Rebecca Espino Balencia, Trema Cote, Alfred Salazar Jr., Erica Spencer

Guests: Gabriela Horbach, Stefanie Moore, Mike Wilson

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## I. CALL TO ORDER

Presenter: Leslie Cantu, Committee Chair

At 10:02 am, Chair Leslie Cantu called the meeting to order.

## II. ROLL CALL AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

Presenter: Leslie Cantu, Committee Chair

At 10:02 am, Chair Leslie Cantu called the meeting to order. The roll was called, and a quorum was not present. After a Quorum Call, a quorum was established at 10:35am.

## III. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Presenter: Leslie Cantu, Committee Chair

None.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Presenter: Leslie Cantu, Committee Chair

None.

## V. CONSENT AGENDA (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Presenter: Leslie Cantu, Committee Chair

Upon motion by Director Anthony Magaro and seconded by Director Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda. Director Lowell Keig abstained from procurement items:

Pr.	ocui ement items.
a.	Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2024 (Memo & PPT)
b.	Director's Office   Department of Human Services, City of San Antonio (PPT)
c.	Identifying Measurable Activities That Steer Results to Established Goals (Memo & PPT)Pg.17
d.	Producing Effective Monitoring of Metrics (Memo & PPT)
e.	Discuss Launch of the Youth Model and Events Targeted for all Elements (Memo & PPT) Pg.17
f.	Enhancement of the Practitioner Perspective (Memo & PPT)
g.	Rural & Urban Youth Success Stories (PPT)
h.	Quality Assurance Update (Memo & PT)Pg.20
i.	Monitoring Outcomes and Technical Assistance (Memo & PT)
j.	TWC Performance Recap (Memo & PPT)
k.	Procurement, Information Technology, and Ready to Work (Memo & PPT)Pg.30
1.	CEO Report (PPT)
m.	Contract Renewal M & O Adult Program Services (Memo & PPT)Pg. 33
n.	Contract Renewal M & O Youth Program Services (Memo & PPT)Pg. 37
ο.	Financials (Memo & PPT)
p.	Ready to Work Analysis and Update (Memo & PPT)Pg.44
q.	Childcare Performance Briefing (Memo & PPT)Pg.46
r.	Childcare Services: In Care/Waitlist (Memo & PPT)

	S.	Childcare Rural Visits Calendar (Memo & PPT)
VI.	Pres a. b. c. Chai Mode	UTH COMMITTEE REPORT (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION) enter: Anthony Magaro, Youth Committee Chair Youth Program Briefing and Performance (Memo & PPT)
VII.	Pres a. Direct enrol Navig dema	ERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION) enter: Dr. Sammi Morrill, Oversight Committee Chair Performance, Programs, and Operational Updates (Memo & PPT)
VIII.	Press a. 6 b. 6 c. 6 d. 1 e. 1	OIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION) enter: Mary Batch, Audit & Finance Committee Chair Contract Renewal Childcare Management Services (Memo & PPT)
	(ii)	contract with COSA for Child Care Management Services was unanimously approved (Director Lowell Keig abstaining);  CFO Consulting Contract Amendment for additional \$90,000 through Oct. 31, 2024, while a search for CFO continues.  Upon motion by Director Dr. Sammi Morrill and seconded by Director Lisa Navarro Gonzales, the Contract Amendment was unanimously approved by the Board (Director

Cloud Phone Migration and Implementation RFP was reviewed with a recommendation to contract with Barcom Technology for \$742,896 for a three (3) year term with two (2) one (1)

Lowell Keig abstaining);

year options.

(iii)

Upon motion by Director Lisa Navarro Gonzales and seconded by Director Allison Greer Francis, the contract was unanimously approved by the Board (Director Lowell Keig abstaining);

(iv) FY25 Budget: Controller Gabiela Navarro Garcia and CEO Adrian Lopez reviewed the Performance Accomplishments: 63,000 visitors; 9,000 registered job seekers; superior childcare performance; and (Ready to Work: (3577 in training and 992 completed). They also presented FY 25 Budget of \$181,987,860, with personnel costs increasing by 8% (includes COLA, merit, and incentive pays), increases to temporary services, and a reduction in facilities costs related to completed finish-out at facilities. Service Delivery initially is budgeted for a decrease of 8% but will increase due to future TWC funding. Eighty-two percent of funding will be allocated to urban area projects and the balance to rural projects, thereby meeting the C of 6 fair and equitable resource allocation.

Upon motion by Director Eric Cooper and seconded by Director Ana De Hoyos O'Connor, the Board unanimously approved the FY25 budget;

(v) Child Care Quality RFP recommendation (6 proposals) was presented to the Board for a one (1) year contract with four (4) one (1) year annual renewals to City of San Antonio (COSA)in annual amount of \$4M.

Upon motion by Director Eric Cooper and seconded by Ana De Hoyos O'Connor, the Board unanimously approved the award of the contract to COSA to provide child care quality services (Director Lowell Keig abstaining).

IX. EARLY CARE & EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Early Care & Education Committee Chair

- a. Texas Rising Star Assessment Update (Memo & PPT).......pg.95
- b. Alamo Quality Centers (Memo & PPT).......pg.101
- c. Alamo CCS Provider Type and Capacity (Memo & PPT)......Pg.101
- d. Entry Level Designation & Efforts Towards Increasing and Accessing Quality (Memo & PPT)Pg.101
- e. Childcare Policies (Memo & PPT)......pg.109

Jessica Villarreal, Child Care Director, reported on Rising Star program, listing of type and number of centers, and new TWC regulations. Revisions to Child Care Policies were reviewed to reflect rescission of policies no longer required by TWC (Chapter 809).

Upon motion by Director Mary Batch and seconded by Director Eric Cooper, the Board unanimously approved the policy revisions.

X. STRATEGIC COMMITTEE REPORT – (MEETING WAS POSTPONED TILL AUGUST 30, 2024) Chair Eric Cooper reviewed the previous committee meeting with procurement updates, facilities, and mobile unit. He also reported on the Local Plan and noted a new Plan will be considered in 2025.

## XI. CEO REPORT

Presenter: Adrian Lopez, CEO

- a. Implications to House Resolution 6655
- b. Department of Labor Grant Application

c. Child Care Apprenticeship Grant (PPT)

CEO Adrian Lopez reported on monitoring of HR 6655 and its Senate counterpart.

Legislation may include "redesignation" of workforce areas across USA and reduced funding. Primary concern is impact on "Youth Services." The Committee of Six/Area Judges will be briefed on these legislative developments.

Mr. Lopez also discussed a DOL grant application in the amount of \$2,000,000 for Alamo Quality Pathway. He commented on the success of Child Care programs.

He also asked Dr. Morrill to report on the ACCD program and award for training partnership with WSA. Finally, he informed the Board on WSA's response to a HUB RFP (noting recusal by Chair Leslie Cantu and Vice-Chair Mary Batch).

- d. Media, Marketing, and Communications Update (PPT)
  - i. Wins
  - ii. Social Media
  - iii. 2023 Impact Report

Director of Public & Government Relations, James Keith, reported on Facebook/media outreach, frequent column in local papers on WSA programs, and National Intern Day (July 25).

#### XII. CHAIR REPORT

Presenter: Leslie Cantu, Committee Chair

- a. BOD Attendance and Demographics
- b. Board Appointment of Place 26 Childcare Representative

Chair Cantu reported on replacement of Child Care Representative Director (Place 27) by Committee of Six.

XIII. NEXT MEETING: September 20, 2024

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An Executive Session was not held.

#### XV. ADJOURNMENT

Presenter: Leslie Cantu, Committee Chair

There being no further business, a motion was made by Director Eric Cooper and seconded by Director Ana DeHoyos O'Connor that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.



To: Early Care & Education Committee

From: Adrian Lopez, CEO

Presented By: Jessica Villarreal, Director of Child Care

**Date:** August 23, 2024

Subject: Childcare Performance Briefing

#### Summary:

This is a briefing to the Early Care & Education Committee on childcare performance for FY2024.

WSA works with our childcare contractor as they monitor and process enrollments. WSA maintains ongoing communication with the childcare contractor on TWC's performance goal range of meeting performance at 95 – 105% and to remain within the allocated budget.

For FY2024 TWC has set Alamo's target units of care at 12,378.

Alamo began the FY in October reflecting 11,227 and with the new budget and target allocations, WSA received an increase of 951 units of care. As a result, childcare staff resumed ramping up enrollments, recently, TWC provided boards additional funding to place children in care, without any change to target.

#### Analysis:

- WSA's unofficial YTD average for July shows average enrollments of 12, 549 or 101.38%, which reflects that Alamo has been successful in returning to the meets performance (MP) range. Our Child Care Services team continues to actively enroll to maintain performance range while remaining within the allocated childcare budget.
- As of 8/16/24, WSA has successfully placed 15,035 children in care, servicing 8,624 families.
- As of 8/16/24, Alamo has 5,185 children on the waitlist, reflecting 3,237 families

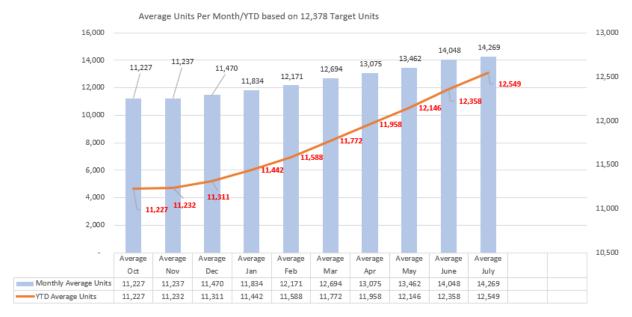
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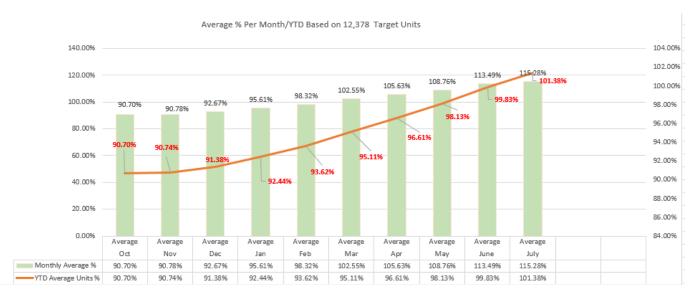


awaiting scholarship.

- Child Care Services team is actively enrolling.
- The breakdown according to age group on waitlist is as follows: 1226 Infants, 1304 Toddlers, 1317 Preschool, and 1298 School Age.

## Information collected: 08/13/2024







	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
	Average									
Monthly Averag	90.70%	90.78%	92.67%	95.61%	98.32%	102.55%	105.63%	108.76%	113.49%	115.28%
YTD Average Uni	90.70%	90.74%	91.38%	92.44%	93.62%	95.11%	96.61%	98.13%	99.83%	101.38%

	Oct	Nov	December	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	August	September
	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average
Choices	208	237	227	222	222	230	223	225	218	225		
Low Income	10,312	10,269	10,465	10,803	11,158	11,668	12,049	12,408	12,979	13,150		
Former DFPS	568	591	634	650	632	622	630	652	661	698		
Homeless	140	140	144	159	158	175	174	178	190	196		
Monthly Average	11,227	11,237	11,470	11,834	12,171	12,694	13,075	13,462	14,048	14,269	-	-
Monthly % Aver	90.70%	90.78%	92.67%	95.61%	98.32%	102.55%	105.63%	108.76%	113.49%	115.28%	0.00%	0.00%
YTD Average Uni	11,227	11,232	11,311	11,442	11,588	11,772	11,958	12,146	12,358	12,549		
YTD % Average	90.70%	90.74%	91.38%	92.44%	93.62%	95.11%	96.61%	98.13%	99.83%	101.38%		
TWC Target	12,378	12,378	12,378	12,378	12,378	12,378	12,378	12,378	12,378	12,378		

## 08/16/2024

County	Families in Care	Children in Care	Families on Waitlist	Children on Waitlist
Atascosa	219	414	90	148
Bandera	40	66	17	30
Bexar	7015	12354	2667	4269
Comal	308	464	105	162
Frio	72	132	25	45
Gillespie	51	68	13	16
Guadalupe	396	680	146	234
Karnes	21	32	6	8
Kendall	66	105	28	41
Kerr	170	270	47	67
McMullen	0	0	0	0
Medina	163	275	65	114
Wilson	103	175	28	51
Totals	8624	15035	3237	5185



## As of 08/16/2024

Age Group	Total on the Waitlist
Infant	1266
Toddler	1304
Preschool	1317
School Age	1298
Totals	5185

At a previous committee meeting, the question was asked: How much would it cost to place the children, currently on the waitlist, in care, in the Alamo area. The following information was collected to show the estimated cost based on county to place the children in care.

Total Amount Needed to Cover Children in Waitlist by Month and County

Totatyunou		May-24					Jun-24				
County	Avg.	Monthly Cost	# Children in Waitlist	Tota	al Amount Needed	-	Avg. Monthly Cost	# Children in Waitlist	Total	Amount Needed	
Atascosa	\$	682.41	110	\$	75,065.10	\$	640.20	118	\$	75,543.60	
Bandera	\$	678.96	26	\$	17,652.96	\$	621.60	26	\$	16,161.60	
Bexar	\$	814.66	3669	\$	2,988,987.54	\$	748.00	3781	\$	2,828,188.00	
Comal	\$	820.41	133	\$	109,114.53	\$	751.40	146	\$	109,704.40	
Frio	\$	835.59	33	\$	27,574.47	\$	754.60	39	\$	29,429.40	
Gillespie	\$	781.77	26	\$	20,326.02	\$	680.40	27	\$	18,370.80	
Guadalupe	\$	785.91	191	\$	150,108.81	\$	732.00	204	\$	149,328.00	
Karnes	\$	623.76	10	\$	6,237.60	\$	545.80	16	\$	8,732.80	
Kendall	\$	812.59	37	\$	30,065.83	\$	762.60	47	\$	35,842.20	
Kerr	\$	713.23	55	\$	39,227.65	\$	647.00	56	\$	36,232.00	
Medina	\$	797.87	64	\$	51,063.68	\$	731.40	81	\$	59,243.40	
Wilson	\$	653.66	52	\$	33,990.32	\$	638.20	53	\$	33,824.60	

<sup>\*</sup> Amounts for current month are based on prior month's average rate per county multiplied by billable days in month. Totals are estimated & not intended to be exact cost amount. Multiple factors can affect the amounts, some variations could be attributed to children dropping, additional children in care, summer care, center certification status/enhanced rates, number of days in particular month, etc.

#### Fiscal Impact:

- Each fiscal year beginning in October, TWC distributes funding and places an annual performance target for each board.
- TWC provides boards with a performance status methodology that is based on the annual target and budget, outlining percentage ranges for 3 performance measures:
  - o Meets Performance (MP), Exceeds Performance (+P), and Below Performance



(-P)

CCDF Performance Status Methodology
Year-to-Date numbers to calculate performance
MP = 95%-105%
+P = 105% or above
-P = <94.99

- Boards who exceed the budgeted amount for enrollments may have negative impact on future funding.
- As a result, WSA closely monitors and carefully balances both the enrollment target as well as the budget allocated to placing children in care to provide childcare to as many families as possible while remaining in good standing with TWC.

Recommendation: N/A

**Next Steps:** Continue to enroll and monitor performance goals and budget allocations for FY 2024, to maximize enrollments while remaining within program budget.





**To:** Early Care & Education Committee

From: Adrian Lopez, CEO

Presented by: Jessica Villarreal, Director of Child Care

**Date:** August 16, 2024

Subject: Entry Level Designation & Efforts Towards Increasing and

**Accessing Quality** 

#### **Summary:**

House Bill (HB) 2607, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2021), amended Texas Government Code §2308.3155 to require that all regulated providers of TWC-funded CCS participate in the Texas Rising Star program. HB 2607 also required the creation of a new Entry Level Designation and a maximum length of time that a childcare program may participate at the Entry Level Designation.

Additionally, HB 2607 required TWC to develop a process that allows a childcare program to request a waiver to extend the length of time, which may not exceed 36 months, that the childcare program may participate at the Entry Level Designation.

Prior to the enactment of HB 2607, the TWC's three-member Commission (Commission) approved the amendment of TWC Chapter 809 Child Care Services rules in January 2021 to adopt a Pre-Star Designation and a requirement that all regulated CCS childcare providers achieve that designation. This provision has been superseded by the new Entry Level Designation.

On September 13, 2022, the Commission approved amendments to Chapter 809 to implement the §2308.3155 requirement, removing the Pre-Star Designation and replacing it with the legislatively mandated Entry Level Designation. The amended rules regarding the Entry Level Designation became effective October 3, 2022.

With this new requirement, WSA continues to be in attendance during community meetings, participate in discussions, and provide opportunities to learn about the needs of the early childcare community. WSA continues to invite Early Learning Programs to the WSA Quality Cohorts that provide guidance and assistance to programs interested in obtaining TRS certification and additionally provide opportunities for programs to learn about other agencies and organizations that are available to assist in enhancing and elevating their program. WSA continues to oversee





and manage the quality budget to ensure that Early Learning Programs have the tools and resources needed to build and maintain quality. WSA continues to reach out to rural communities to better understand childcare needs and to provide services and link communities with resources available. WSA has been working closely with United Way of San Antonio and ESC Region 20 to create a more efficient and seamless process for mentoring and coaching centers towards quality and continues to collaborate and share information on centers designated as Entry Level to aid mentors and coaches in our Board areas and be able to view the landscape on the number of centers that exist that are eligible and in need of outreach to begin the path towards quality.

#### Analysis:

- Entry Level Eligibility and Timelines
  - Boards must be aware that TWC Chapter 809 Child Care Services rule §809.131(d) establishes a maximum time of 24 months that a CCS provider may remain at the Entry Level Designation. The CCS provider must achieve Texas Rising Star certification of at least the two-star level within the 24-month period.

Entry Level Designation Timeline—New CCS Providers

Deadline	Action
CCS Agreement Start Date	The provider meets Entry Level designation.
12 Months	Boards must screen providers for initial Texas Rising Star certification.
18 Months	If the provider is not meeting Texas Rising Star certification, no new family referrals may be made.
23 Months	If the provider has not met Texas Rising Star certification requirements, notify enrolled families of potential loss of the provider's CCS eligibility.
24 Months	The provider must achieve Texas Rising Star certification to continue to serve as a CCS provider.

At the beginning of October 2022, WSA had 573 active CCS agreements, 10 of those agreements were for Providers offering Relative Care, (which are exempt from working towards Texas Rising Star Certification). WSA had 135 Texas Rising Star centers who had already been certified, leaving a remainder of 342 centers who were designated Entry level with a deadline of September 30, 2024 (24 – months) to gain Texas Rising Star Certification. Through the ongoing efforts of the Texas Rising Star mentors and the Alamo Quality pathway creation, that aligned mentors and coaches in working with Child Care centers, 129 centers have received Texas Rising Star certification, 95 centers have submitted applications for assessment and are currently awaiting





Scheduling by the CAE assessor team, 207 centers had a 24-month waiver requested and dependent on the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), may be provided up to 36 months to apply. This information is forthcoming. Of these 207 centers, 95 centers have applied and 112 have not yet submitted. WSA tentatively is forecasting that 5-centers (2 Bexar County Licensed Child Care Centers & 3 Rural Child Care Centers) may remain ineligible for certification by September 30, 2024. This number is subject to change if mentors can determine centers fall under the criteria established to submit a waiver.

The following chart outlines the number of Providers who submitted waiver requests and the reasons the request were made:

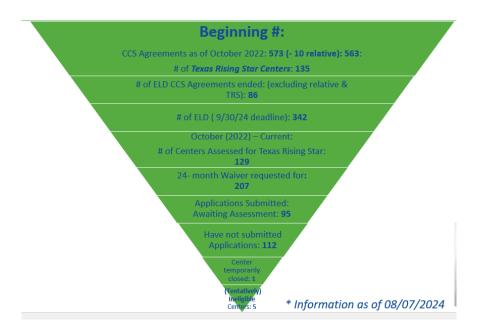
Number of Providers	Number of Criteria Met
108	Met 1 criteria
94	Met 2 criteria
9	Met 3 criteria
5	Not eligible

Number of Providers	Criteria		
23	Beyond their Control		
83	Infants		
2	Non-Traditional Hours		
2	Desert/Beyond Control		
25	Desert/Infants		
58	Infants/Beyond Control		
6	Non-Traditional Hours/Beyond Control		
3	Special Needs/Beyond Control		
9	Beyond Control/Desert/Infant		
5	Not eligible		

WSA tentatively is forecasting that 5-centers may remain ineligible for certification by September 30, 2024.





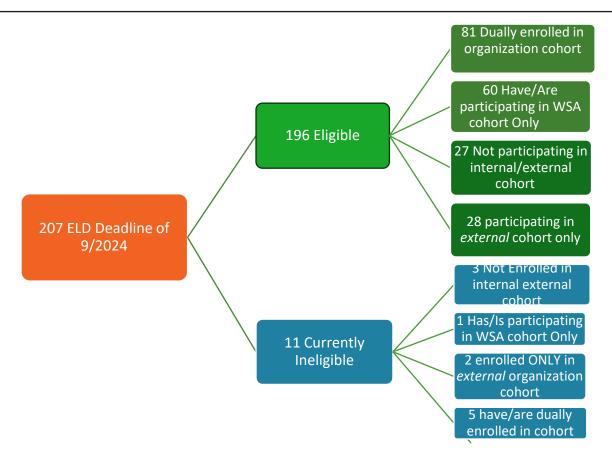


For Entry Level Designation, our board currently has:

#### 140 Bexar & 67 Rural

- 183 Centers (124 Bexar/67 Rural)
- 24 Homes (16 Bexar/8 Rural)
- 196 Centers are Eligible to proceed towards certification, of these
  - o 81 are dually enrolled in an organization cohort
  - o 60 have/are participating in a WSA cohort only
  - o 27 are not participating in an internal/external cohort
  - o 28 are participating in an external cohort only
- Of the 11 Centers currently ineligible
  - o 3 Are not enrolled in an internal/external cohort
  - 1 has/is participating in a WSA cohort only
  - o 2 Are enrolled in only an external cohort
  - o 5 have/are dually enrolled in a cohort





WSA continues to collaborate with community partners to create an efficient and robust pathway for centers and homes to attain TRS certification and begin the pathway towards quality.

The cohort, in addition to providing guidance and overviews of the requirements of TRS, has been designed to connect these participants to resources and programs that are available to aid centers on their quest to expand and elevate quality. Examples of the organizations and programs who, in the past, have been invited to share information with the cohort are: TWC who has presented on their Pre-K Partnerships program, Texas Association for the Education of Young Children (TXAEYC) who has presented on the Teach program, Child Care Regulations (CCR) who has presented on common licensing deficiencies noted by representatives during observations of centers, Children's Learning Institute (CLI), Texas Early Childhood Professional Development System (TECPDS), Civitas/Curantis/Avance on business coaching opportunities and Texas School Ready (TSR). WSA understands that by inviting presenters that offer resources that can





assist in elevating the quality of care a child receives, we are helping to create more opportunities for Early Learning Centers who are already on the pathway to TRS certification, see "beyond the stars", and recognize that there are many opportunities available to continue to enhance and build quality.

Since August 2022, WSA has partnered with United Way of San Antonio to host a joint Provider Council. Providers who serve on the council were selected to represent the community based on a variety of characteristics, such as location of center, National accreditation/TRS certification status, previous membership, and Center type. Currently 16 Directors/Owners serve on the Provider Council. Members meet quarterly to address system level challenges within the early childcare community and members discuss and tackle issues, pose questions, share thoughts, and provide feedback on a variety of childcare topics.

WSA has aligned the mentoring/coaching process towards quality TRS, working with United Way of San Antonio and ESC 20. Partners work together to create a more cohesive approach to mentoring and have been coordinating warm handoffs for coaches/mentors between organizations, to support the provider with a seamless experience towards TRS certification. This Alamo Quality Pathway process continues to receive positive feedback from the providers in the community who have expressed feeling a more cohesive and less confusing process as they work towards quality. TRS mentors work with Early Learning Programs to create Quality Improvement Plans (QIPs) that are designed to allow centers to create goals/expectations that they will work towards in order to achieve and maintain TRS certification. TRS mentors and WSA staff also participate in the Building Quality Meetings hosted by United Way of San Antonio that includes United Way Coaches.

WSA continues to collaborate and share information on Entry Level Designation centers to United Way, ESC 20, and Pre-K 4-SA to assist each organization with a list of centers who have and have not been outreached to or placed on the quality pathway so that each is better equipped to manage the landscape of centers still in need of support towards quality. Currently there are 216 Entry Level Designated Centers, and 206 who are eligible for TRS certification. 11 Centers are Entry Level Designated Centers who are ineligible to submit application for certification, due to Child Care regulation deficiencies.

Our TRS Business Coach continues to reach out and work with our Early Learning programs, with the focus on helping them connect and find resources and examine their business model to help centers with challenges they face due to the COVID impact as well as the staffing shortages. In addition our business coach partners with our TRS mentors for centers who are uncertain about the TRS certification journey. Through this approach, a few programs who were considering opting out of CCS and TRS have made the decision to continue providing scholarships and working towards certification.

Currently, 89 Early Learning programs have signed an agreement to work partner with our business coach. 47 Rural and 42 Bexar.





WSA's TRS business coach has connected with several entities to help explore opportunities to provide resources to centers, some of connections include:

- SAISD/Region 20 Expansion Grant
- PreK partnerships (Comal & Guadalupe)
- UIW HEB School of Business
- Catholic Charities
- Lift Fund
- UTSA Small Business Development Center

In addition, WSA's business coach is:

- Continuing to collaborate with Alamo Colleges District skills for Small Business
  - Directors and Assistant Directors are being provided (scholarships), to attend courses on Overview of Change Management, Teamwork and Team Building, Employee Motivation and Crucial Conversations, to enhance their Early learning programs.
- Scheduling meetings with additional local higher education entities, community organizations, and Early Learning providers.
- Developing opportunities to leverage support for Early Learning centers through community organizations as well as higher education entities.

#### **Alternatives:**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** An Entry-Level childcare program is not eligible for enhanced reimbursement rates that are available to two-, three-, and four-star certified childcare programs.

- For current CCS providers that do comply with Entry Level requirements, deadline for certification is September 2024.
- For new CCS providers (those who signed the agreement after October 3, 2022), the end date is 24 months from the start date (when the CCS Provider Agreement was signed).

#### Recommendation:

WSA continues to follow TWC guidance and is providing TRS mentoring and cohort opportunities to Early Learning Programs designated as Entry Level. In addition, WSA continues to explore opportunities to reach this community goal and are collaborating with other partners/organizations to expand our efforts.

#### **Next Steps:**

 WSA continues to monitor that all CCS providers located within the Board's local workforce development area (workforce area) meet the minimum qualifications and basic.





requirements for Entry Level Designation described in §809.131(b), specifically, that the provider:

- o is not on a corrective or adverse action plan with Child Care Regulation (CCR); and
- does not exceed the minimum points threshold for high- and medium-high weighted CCR deficiencies, per the Texas Rising Star Guidelines.
- WSA continues to ensure that all CCS providers located within the Board's workforce area designated as Entry Level are screened for initial Texas Rising Star certification.
- CCR compliance, per the Texas Rising Star Guidelines, by the end of the first 12 months in order to determine eligibility to begin the initial Texas Rising Star certification assessment process.
- WSA will ensure that any CCS provider designated as Entry Level that did not meet the
  initial certification screening requirements for Texas Rising Star, per the Texas Rising Star
  Guidelines, by the 18th month of the 24-month designation time frame does **not** continue
  to receive new CCS family referrals during this period, unless the provider is located in a
  childcare desert or serves an underserved population and is approved by TWC to accept
  new family referrals.
- WSA will note: Referrals may be made for siblings of children who are currently enrolled in the program during this period.
- WSA is providing all Entry Level Designated CCS providers located within the Board's workforce area with mentoring services, per the Texas Rising Star Guidelines.
- WSA continues to ensure TWC compliance with the following deadlines and timeline for new CCS providers designated as Entry Level.
- WSA has been aware that CCS providers, who held an active agreement as of October 3, 2022, were administratively designated as Entry Level, effective October 3, 2022, and were eligible to continue to serve as a CCS provider.

WSA will continue to partner and collaborate with agencies and organizations to provide support and resources to Early Learning Programs and families throughout the Alamo Board and continues to explore additional ways, that through partnerships, we can support Early Learning Programs on the path towards quality and reduce duplication of services.

WSA continues to work on aligning the quality budget with both the quality cohort and certification process to ensure that centers receive the necessary support, resources, and materials that will help to elevate and maintain the quality of their centers.





## **BCY 24 Quality Initiatives**

Please note not all activities are complete, WSA has until the end of September to complete

1st Annual Alamo Quality Pathway Conference at ESC Region 20							
Audience	Date	Attendance					
Texas Rising Star	Saturday, July 13, 2024	143 out of 286 registered					
Directors/Asst. Directors &		Representing about 70					
Admin		centers					

Attendees earned up to 6 hours of professional development in the following competencies:

- Business and Operations Management
- Human Resource Leadership and Development
- Maintaining a Healthy & Safe Environment
- Implementing a Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum & Environment
- Establishing & Maintaining an Effective Organization
- Instituting Family & Community Centered Programming

#### **Training Topics:**

- Marketing That Works for Small Business Budgets
- Playing it Safe Risk Management
- Safety Detectives
- Supporting Early Language Development in Infant & Toddlers
- Rooted in Resilience: Leading with Heart
- Elevating Classroom Environment Leveraging the Continuous Quality
   Improvement Cycle with Systematic & Intentional Processes
- How to Improve Staffing & Retention During & Beyond a Crisis
- Most Citied Deficiencies for 2023
- Texas Rising Star Standards Maintaining Quality Certification
- Alamo Quality Pathway Data Dashboard
- Parents as Partners
- Find The Fire Within

#### Trainers:

- Child Care Regulations
- CLI- Infant Toddler Specialist Network
- Kaplan Learning Co
- Lakeshore
- TRS Mentors
- ESC Region 20
- Kristin Miller- eTeachingMe
- Keith Scott- KAS Consulting
- Liza Gomez- UWSA
- Melissa Williamson- At The Heart of Teaching & Learning
- Stephanie Scheller- Grow Disrupt
- Ana O'Connor- Dehoyos

Food and beverages were provided and door prizes. Door Prizes- WSA awarded Lakeshore Play, Learn & Grow Kit 0-12 months to 67 attendees. A value of \$270 per kit.









TRS Badges Pilot	Award badges to Texas Rising	Phase I
	Star providers that achieve	10 Badges
	the requirements for	181 TRS Providers
	receiving a badge.	Phase II
		September

Supporting Health & Safety Standards (except PD)				
Activity	Description	Amount		
Pediatric/CPR First Aid	September	September		

Evaluation & Assessment				
Activity	Description	Amount		
Child Assessment Tools- ASQ-	Children's assessments to	\$21,900		
SE & ASQ- 3	support children's			
	developmental skills.	54 ELDs awarded		
	Curriculum aligns with			
	Category 3.			

Supporting National Accreditation			
Activity	Description	Amount	
Accreditation Fees	September	September	

Other Activities					
Activity	Description	Amount			
TRS Provider Staff Retention	Quarterly bonuses to 46	\$775,700			
Bonuses	Texas Rising Star providers.	Q3- \$381,000			
		Q4- \$394,700			
		About 750 staff			
TRS Certification Incentive-	Award child care staff an	\$122,400			
Provider Staff	incentive upon successful				
	initial certification. Award	341 child care staff			
	amounts are 2- star \$75, 3-				
	star \$150 and 4-star \$300.				
Teacher Appreciation					
Incentive					





their child care capacity and designation as of 7.1.2024 to assist with staff retention. Award for all CCS providers.	If all providers submitted their MOA as of 8.6.24, 499 submissions out of 590 and this would impact about 5,925 early childhood professionals Bexar-\$488,400 (466) Atascosa-\$9,200 (12) Bandera-\$3,000 (3) Comal-\$24,000 (23) Frio-\$3,800 (7) Gillespie-\$3,200 (5) Guadalupe-\$37,000 (35) Karnes-\$800 (2) Kendall-\$9,600 (9)
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	Frio- \$3,800 (7)
	Gillespie- \$3,200 (5)
	Guadalupe- \$37,000 (35)
	Karnes- \$800 (2)
	Kendall- \$9,600 (9)
	Kerr- \$8,000 (8)
	Medina- \$7,600 (8)
	Wilson- \$8,600 (12)
	McMullen- no centers with
	active agreement
	83 Homes- \$24,800
	507 Centers- \$577,800



**To:** Early Care and Education

From: Adrian Lopez, CEO

**Presented By:** Kristen Rodriguez, Procurement and Contracts Specialist

**Date:** August 23, 2024

Subject: Childcare Quality Contract Update

**Summary:** This is an update to the Early Care & Education Committee regarding the awarding of the Childcare Quality Request for Proposal to The City of San Antonio.

Analysis: Upon completion of the procurement process the Board of Directors was presented with a proposal to award a contract to the City of San Antonio (COSA) for the purchase of Child Care Quality (CCQ) Improvement Services not to exceed the amount of \$4,000,000.00 unless a signed amendment by all parties is authorized. The contract term will be effective October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, with the option to renew for up to four (4) one-year periods upon written mutual consent of Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) and COSA.

WSA Procurement and Contract Management (PCM), in collaboration with the WSA Child Care Services Team, are currently negotiating to execute this contract for Child Care Quality (CCQ) Improvement Services.

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To: Youth Committee

From: Adrian Lopez, CEO

Presented By: Sandra Rodriguez, Youth Program Specialist

Date: September 13, 2024

**Subject:** Youth Program Briefing and Performance

**Summary:** Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) continues to work with the Youth Contractor, SERCO, as they monitor and process enrollments. WSA maintains ongoing communication with the youth contractor on TWC's performance goal range of meeting performance: 95-105% and to remain withing the allocated budget.

At the beginning of each contract year, WSA negotiates Participant Planning Summaries (PPS) with the youth contractor. The PPS includes quarterly and yearly targeted enrollment numbers of eligible youth program participants. Targeted enrollment goals aim at serving the largest number of eligible program participants based on budget allocations of staffing (capacity), direct service allocations (funding for participants) and localized needs (demand). PPS targets include any carry-over from the previous year and shall be confirmed by both the Board and contractor.

**Analysis:** WIOA establishes performance accountability indicators and performance reporting requirements to assess the effectiveness of States and local areas in achieving positive outcomes for individuals served by the workforce development system's six core programs, to include Youth. WSA Board Contracted Measures consists of Q2 and Q4 Post-Exit.

SERCO leadership team has assigned dedicated youth staff who will re-engage participants to obtain outcomes information and supportive documentation needed. SERCO staff will continue with efforts to obtain positive outcomes to move performance from Not Meeting to Meeting. SERCO leadership will provide bi-weekly measure status updates to WSA staff.

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## Participant Planning Summary (PPS) from October 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024:

	NEW					
PPS WIOA YOUTH 2023-2024	Q1 OCT- DEC'23	Q2 JAN- MAR'24	Q3 APR- JUN'24	Q4 JUL- SEP'24	YEAR END GOAL	YEAR END GOAL %
Urban Participants Planned	76	153	77		306	
Actual New Enrollments	45	54	102	43	244	80%
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Rural Participants Planned	23	44	21		88	
Actual New Enrollments	28	40	35	7	110	125%
Work Experience Career Opportunities Planned		182	92		365	
Actual	32	69	111	76	288	79%
Education/Training Planned	10	19	10		39	
Actual	16	6	3	1	26	67%
Supportive Services Planned	80	160	79		319	
Actual	233	257	405	133	1028	322%

## June and July Key Activities:

Due to the significant need for youth workforce investment activities in the region, and the high concentrations of WIOA youth target populations, WSA's focus is on (1) fostering partnerships with youth serving agencies in the region to ensure the availability of services, (2) strengthening the service delivery system (3) supplementing community services with WIOA resources, and (4) working to fill service gaps.

WSA's Youth Program collaborates with sector-based employers, strategic community-based organizations, faith- based organizations, public entities, and other agencies to maximize resources and avoid duplication of services. While not all inclusive, here we showcase some of the youth initiatives performed in June and July that are driving real solutions for a sustainable future.



COUNTY	ACTIVITY NAME	ACTIVITY OUTCOME
Wilson	FISD Summer Resource Fair	35-40 in attendance
Gillespie	Connecting the Vine	25 in attendance
Gillespie	Doughnut (Donut) Lassie Day	Salvation Army/HEB partnership
Bandera	Bandera Job Fair	30 in attendance
Bexar	Kinetic Kids Expo	150 in attendance
		86 youth enrolled in YES and work
Bexar	George Gervin Enrollments	experience opportunities
		20 in attendance engaged with
Gillespie	Lunch & Learn Workforce Solutions	employers
Bexar	CIS Back to School Bash	75-80 students in attendance

#### Alternatives: N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** Planned participant summaries are flexible and may be revised (e.g., adjusting to expenditures based on customer services and needs). The Contractor must submit revision requests in advance (before a target period begins, e.g., before a quarter starts) and in writing to WSA.

Recommendation: Continue to use WIOA Youth Workforce Reports at the Board level an if deficiencies are identified, youth contractor shall submit to WSA an Exception Report to address the deficiency(ies). To positively impact performance, Contractor shall make reasonable and documented attempts to locate/contact and collect employment and/or school enrollment/completion information (as appropriate) for all participants who are in the denominator but not in the numerator.

**Next Steps:** WSA and the youth contractor will continue to monitor performance and work to ensure that enrollment remains at a level that does not negatively impact performance and that the youth contractor continues to exceed all performance measures.



**To:** Youth Committee

From: Adrian Lopez, CEO

Presented By: Sandra Rodriguez, Youth Program Specialist

Date: September 13, 2024

**Subject:** Career Exploration Youth Events

**Summary:** To provide the Youth Committee with an update on the PY24 Youth Career Exploration events and special initiatives.

Section 5.5 in the Workforce Commission Initiatives (WCI) Grant Statement of Work requires that WSA (Workforce Solutions Alamo) utilize TANF grant funds distributed to the workforce area to support the Agency's Jobs Y'all events for middle school, high school, and postsecondary students. The events should invite employers to participate in a relevant way to help students explore career opportunities in their industries. Student participation should encourage exploration of career opportunities including understanding pathways to indemand careers, networking, internships, and other applied learning opportunities. Parents should also be invited to attend with their children to discuss their special role in career exploration. Events shall be held using the branding of Jobs Y'all and may include Board-specific branding. Boards have the ability to locally determine dates.

For FY2024, WSA will continue to shift from one large event to several smaller, industry focused events, in addition to the cohosting of youth events to reach a higher number of students and leverage resources. This will support the engagement of youth at different locations, including both rural and urban areas, and the targeting of a variety of industries and youth sub-populations. In addition, it will provide youth opportunities to attend multiple events over the course of the year and provide a greater variety of career exploration, resources, and employer interactions.

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Analysis: Texas Interns Unite! is an initiative connected to the Texas Internship Challenge, a statewide campaign that challenges employers to increase and promote internships for students in Texas. Through the Texas Interns Unite! initiative, TWC and partners host a series of virtual and in-person events aimed at connecting prospective interns with employers and offering career development tips. Texas Interns Unite! events allow interns the opportunity to build relationships and strengthen industry connections.

For 2024, Commissioner Esparza's office requested to host this year's event with Workforce Solutions Alamo! This was an in-person internship conference for Texas employers, high school students, college students, and University students focused on internship opportunities and work-based learning. Per TWC, this was such a successful event and were thrilled to have partnered with WSA and Greater SA. The event provided professional development opportunities that will help students boost their resume and launch their future career!

WSA is planning to continue this initiative next year, in collaboration with our partners.

## <u>July - Texas Interns Unite Recap</u>

- July 25, 2024, at St. Phillip's College Martin Luther King Campus
- 8:30a.m. 2:30p.m.
- 42 Employers in attendance
- 14 Employer Mock Interviewers
- 150 youth in attendance

The 4<sup>th</sup> and final Jobs Y'All Career Pathways Event of the program year will be held Thursday, September 26, 2024, at the Alamo Colleges' Southside Education and Training Center.

#### September - Urban Event: Alamo Colleges District

- Collaborating with Alamo Colleges District and Methodist Healthcare System and Southside ISD
- Preliminary Planning and Walk-through completed
- Industry Focus: Healthcare
- Middle-school students will be provided with:
  - A tour of the Education & Training Center and networking
  - o Opportunities with employers
  - Speakers from various healthcare industry roles
  - Jobs Y'All bags and lunch to be provided



Alternatives: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

**Recommendation:** To continue to partner with other youth-serving organizations and schools, leverage resources, maximize efforts for increased youth attendance, and overall reach the highest number of youth and expose them to Workforce Solutions Alamo, the YES! Program, and most importantly, career pathways.

**Next Steps:** Continue with the planning of the upcoming youth events and discuss what the partnership with partner agencies consists of for next program year's events.



To: Youth Committee

From: Adrian Lopez, CEO

Presented By: Sandra Rodriguez, Youth Program Specialist

Date: September 13, 2024

Subject: ACE Race 2025

Summary: To provide the Youth Committee with an update on the 2025 Ace Race.

Analysis: The Alamo City Electrathon is a National Sanctioned Electrathon Event with Electrathon America; the ACE Race is not just a competition- it's an educational experience with a life-lasting impact and investment in developing our future workforce. This invitational event is open to students from academic institutions with a STEAM/CTE curriculum, underlining the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) education in today's world.

For the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Ace Race, WSA is pleased to announce its sponsorship, once again, for (3) Bolt-Together Electrathon Racer Kits for the 2025 Alamo City Electrathon (ACE) Race. The Electrathon Racer Kits will be provided to three selected school districts and will provide more students the opportunity to participate in the 2025 Ace Race and help gain marketable skills for WSA's targeted industries.

Applications are now open, and school districts have been notified of the Request for Applications that closes on September 13, 2024.

To date, five schools representing five rural counties have applied.

All applications will be scored by non-WSA employees, using a rubric and score card and selected schools will be notified on Friday, October 18, 2024.

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Alternatives: N/A

Fiscal Impact: Requisition in progress

Recommendation: N/A

Next Steps: Selection of external partners to score applicants once RFA has closed and

notify selected schools for top three scorers.



To: Strategic Committee

**From:** Adrian Lopez, CEO

**Presented By:** Kristen Rodriguez, Procurement and Contracts Specialist

**Date:** August 30, 2024

**Subject:** Facility Update: Port San Antonio

**Summary**: On August 18, 2023, the Board of Directors of Workforce Solutions Alamo authorized the negotiation of a contract amendment to the lease with The Port Authority of San Antonio for a revised Tenant Improvement Allowance (TI) of up to \$2,213,750 under the terms of the agreement for the facility located at 638 Davy Crockett, San Antonio, Texas. This supports **Texas Talent and Economic Growth—Goal 2, Service Optimizers**, in our Strategic Plan

**Update:** Construction has been completed, and minor punch work will be finished by August 23, 2024. In anticipation of the projected move-in date, WSA staff is coordinating with the appropriate contractors, partners, and vendors to ensure a smooth transition. The outstanding tasks involve permitting and installing signage and internal graphics. Staff will begin to move in on August 26, 2024, and are expected to be fully staffed by September 1, 2024. A Soft Opening is scheduled for mid-September.

Analysis: The Board of Directors approved a lease for the relocation and renovation of a new facility at Port San Antonio on September 17, 2021. The finalized plan was previously forwarded to the Architect and Contractor to initiate build-out renovation, with an anticipated completion date of Spring 2024. The lease agreement provides for the rental of a 17,500-square-foot space, including repairs and maintenance, with an initial term of ten years and two (2) five-year options to renew.

Alternatives: None.

**Fiscal Impact:** The revised base rent for the Port San Antonio facility is \$28,364.58 monthly, increasing by 2.5% annually beginning 12 months from the lease commencement date. The

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moving expense budget for this relocation is \$700,000 to support furniture, equipment, upgraded technology, and relocation expenses.

In August 2023, the WSA Board of Directors authorized a contract amendment to the Tenant Improvement Allowance (TI) of \$638,750 to cover the deficit caused by VRS's decision not to colocate with WSA and fluctuations in material costs. Additionally, TWC contributed \$250,000 to assist with the build-out expenses.

**Recommendation:** There is no further recommendation currently.

**Next Steps:** Board staff will continue to coordinate with the appropriate contractors, partners, and vendors to ensure completion of the remaining build-out items and prepare for relocation.



To: Strategic Committee

**From:** Adrian Lopez, CEO

**Presented By:** Kristen Rodriguez, Procurement & Contracts Specialist

**Date:** August 30, 2024

**Subject:** Facility Update: O'Connor Lease

**Summary:** On August 18, 2023, the Board of Directors of Workforce Solutions Alamo awarded a contract to R/E Business Center, LLC. for the lease of a facility located at 11711 IH 35N, San Antonio, Texas. The estimated annual rent for the 23,880 square foot facility, including maintenance, taxes, and insurance (NNN), is \$740,280. The contract allows for an annual rent escalation percentage not to exceed 5% and a Tenant Improvement (TI) allowance not exceeding \$1,910,400. This initiative aligns with Goal 2 of the Texas Talent and Economic Growth Strategic Plan, which focuses on Service Optimizers.

## **Construction Update:**

- Construction is currently on schedule with 90% completion.
- Tasks in progress include millwork of cabinets, partition installation, and final clean-up.
- Board Staff currently coordinating with contractor for fiber optic runs.
- Furniture is scheduled to be delivered, and installation is set to begin on August 26, 2024.
- A projected soft opening is set for late or early October, with the Grand Opening to be determined.

Analysis: The Board of Directors approved a lease for the relocation and renovation of a new facility at O'Connor in October 2023; WSA executed a lease with the landlord to provide a complete build-out, including Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS). The current Walzem lease expired on December 31, 2023, and is on a month-to-month basis until the completion of the new location. According to TWCs –Financial Manual for Grants Contracting, FMGC §J.6.1, and Uniform Guidance, UG, the initial step in the planning process requires a review of existing facilities that meet our current requirements. WSA's business needs include but are not limited to

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general location (customer populations, local businesses, area crime statistics), access to public transportation, current parking space required, access to the ground floor, ability to build out, and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

**Fiscal Impact:** The estimated base rent for the facility is \$61,690 monthly, which includes 25% of shared costs that VRS will contribute for their 5,000 sq ft. space. The annual estimated rent amount is \$740,280 for 23,880 SQFT, with an annual rent escalation not exceeding 5%. It also includes a Tenant Improvement (TI) allowance not exceeding \$1,910,400.

**Recommendation:** This update does not propose any recommendations.

Alternatives: None

**Next Steps:** Board staff will continue to coordinate internally and externally on all final build-out requirements and prepare for furniture to be delivered and installed.



**To:** Strategic Committee

**From:** Adrian Lopez, CEO

**Presented By:** Kristen Rodriguez, Procurement and Contracts Specialist

**Date:** August 30, 2024

**Subject:** Facility Update: New Facility Lease for Bandera Workforce Center

## **Summary**:

The Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) Board of Directors is being updated on the proposal to award a contract for a facility lease at 4173 Highway 16, Bandera, TX. WSA was unable to negotiate a facility lease for a Workforce Center at the recommended property address due to the sale of facility.

## **Analysis:**

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#### **Alternatives:**

None. No properties met the requirements based on the first market research and CMA analysis performed by the Board staff and broker.

## **Fiscal Impact:**

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No board action is required at this time. WSA Procurement and Contracts Management will continue working on locating a new facility.

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**Attachments:** None



To: Strategic Committee

From: Adrian Lopez, CEO

Presented By: Kristen Rodriguez, Procurement and Contracts Specialist

**Date:** August 30, 2024

**Subject:** Facility Update: Mobile Workforce Unit

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Attachments: None



To: Oversight Committee

From: Adrian Lopez, Chief Executive Officer

Presented by: Ricardo Ramirez, Director of Quality Assurance

Date: September 6, 2024

Subject: Quality Assurance Update – TWC Monitoring

**SUMMARY:** Quality Assurance briefing on monitoring activities for the WSA Board of Directors. The item does not require Board action.

## **TWC Monitoring**

Annual Monitoring: TWC has initiated its Annual Monitoring. The audit includes the following:

- 1. TWC's Initial Document Request Package (DRP): 08/12/2024;
  - a. WSA's DRP Submission: 09/02/2024;
- 2. TWC's Sample Request: around 10/02/2024;
- 3. TWC's On-site and Virtual Testing: starting 10/07/24 (for two weeks);
- 4. TWC's Exit Conference and Report: 10/18/24;
- 5. TWC's Final 'Embargo' Reports: around 02/2025 (based on last year's issuance);
  - a. WSA's Corrective Action Plan: due five days from receipt of embargo reports to address any potential findings;
- 6. TWC's Final Report: shortly after #5.a;
- 7. TWC Audit Resolution: for any potential findings.

## **Other Monitoring Activities**

None at the time.

## WSA External Program Monitoring (Ms. Christine Nguyen, CPA)

- WIOA Adult— C2 GPS: 100% complete with a 96.19% overall accuracy rate and two attributes for continuous quality improvement:
  - o Documenting potential non-WIOA sources for training costs (64.71%).
  - o Service-related data entry (86.67%).
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  - o Documenting income/expenses for the duration of the training period (89.47%).
  - o Documenting potential non-WIOA sources for training costs (84.21%).
  - o Reporting MSG performance outcomes (89.47%).
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  - o Documenting and reporting employment outcomes (77.78%).
- SNAP E&T C2 GPS: 100% complete with a 93.26% overall accuracy rate and four attributes for continuous quality improvement:
  - o Documenting reconsiderations (57.14%).
  - o Initiating penalties (81.25%).
  - Staff contact with HHSC on non-imposed penalties (60.0%).

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- o Service-related data entry (86.67%).
- *Non-Custodial Parent Choices (NCP) C2 GPS:* 82% complete.
- *WIOA Youth SERCO:* 54% complete.
- *TANF/Choices C2 GPS:* 2% complete.

## **WSA Internal QA Program Monitoring**

- Personally Identifiable Information (PII) Walkthroughs: 100% complete with a 96.8% accuracy rate with two items for continuous quality improvement:
  - o Computer screens remained unlocked at unattended workstations (87.5%).
  - O Unprotected PII on staff's desk and unlocked drawers or overhead cabinets (75.0%). The items involved four (23.5%) of the 17 Center locations we tested.
- *Priority of Service Walkthroughs:* 100% complete with an overall accuracy rate of 90.9%, including 87.1% for Veterans and 98.3% for Foster Youth, and two items for continuous quality improvement:
  - Maintaining current copies of priority of service procedures at the point of entry (35.3%).
  - o Process ensuring the certification of veterans, federal-qualified spouses, or state-qualified spouses (82.4%).

The items involved 12 (or 70.6%) of the 17 Center locations we tested.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

QA implements informal testing of attributes that score less than the 90% accuracy rate threshold. These informal reviews document and help assess the progress of continuous improvement efforts, and we report the outcomes internally and to Center staff.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** WSA's External Program Monitoring contract with Ms. Christine Nguyen, CPA: \$225,000.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:** To help ensure that local employment and training activities, including one-stop delivery systems and workforce development services, appropriately use, manage, and invest funds as required and in ways that maximize performance outcomes (WIOA Sec. 107(d)(8); WIOA Sec. 134(2)(B)(iv); WIOA Sec. 183; WIOA Sec. 185(c)(3); WIOA Sec. 121(3); WIOA Sec. 129(b)(1)(e); TWC's Board Oversight Capacity evaluation, Texas Labor Code §302.048, TWC Rule §Title 40, Part 20, Chapter 802, Integrity of the Texas Workforce System, particularly §802.61; WD 29-15, Chg. 1; TWC Agency-Board Agreements and Grant Contracts).

**ATTACHMENTS:** Next page



## Estimated Timeline – External Program Monitoring Activities 2023-2024

Initial Estimated	Timeline			Actual Timeline						
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Estimated Timeline: 2023-2024	263	11/6/2023	11/6/2024	153	153	Duration	12/18/2023		67%	Comments
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COSA - CC QIA	46	1/8/2024	3/11/2024	36	34	-10	2/8/2024	3/28/2024	100%	COSA CCS review. Extended finish date in
										receipt of COSA's HR information.
										Adjusted schedule to allow for the City's
CONSORTIUM - Ready to Work	60	2/1/2024	4/24/2024						0%	transitioning of the data system. Start date
										pending.
C2GPS - WIOA Adult & Dislocated Worker	55	3/25/2024	6/7/2024	54	51	-1	3/26/2024	6/7/2024	100%	Adjusted start date as monitors finalized the
C2OF 5 - WIOA Addit & Dislocated Worker	33	3/23/2024	0///2024	34	31	-1	3/20/2024	0///2024	10076	COSA QIA review.
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C2OF 5 - SNAF	43	3/1/2024	//2/2024	40	43	3	3/13/2024	//1//2024	10076	TWC's transitioning of the data system.
C2GPS - NCP	49	6/3/2024	8/8/2024				6/4/2024		82%	Adjusted start date due to extenuating
C2GF 5 - NCF	49	0/3/2024	0/0/2024				0/4/2024			circumstances.
SERCO - WIOA Youth	40	7/8/2024	8/30/2024				7/8/2024		51%	
C2GPS - TANF/Choices	47	9/3/2024	11/6/2024						0%	

Avg Duration or Effort (days) → 47

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Multi-tasking (% days overlapping projects) → 29.7%

-14.5%

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## **Modification Notes**

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SERCO - WIOA Youth	40	7/8/2024	8/30/2024				7/8/2024			Adjusted Finish date to 09/30/2024 due to extenuating circumstances. Exit held 09/03/2024.	
C2GPS - TANF/Choices	47	9/3/2024	11/6/2024	-		-	9/3/2024	-	2%	Initiated review.	

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To: Board Directors

From: Adrian Lopez, Chief Executive Officer

Presented by: Dr. Ricardo Ramirez, Director of Quality Assurance

Date: July 8, 2024

Subject: TWC Performance – Upcoming Target Changes

**SUMMARY:** This Memorandum presents changes in TWC-contracted performance targets for the upcoming PY 2024-2024.

## Context

As part of that process, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) recently updated their methodology to improve the accuracy of the targets, which will be effective starting 10/01/2024.

**Comparisons of New Targets** 

	PAMS	Actual	PY24	
	PY24	Outcomes	NEW	DOL
Measure	Predicted	PY22	Targets	Targets
Adult EmpQ2	74.20%	72.60%	74.20%	75.90%
DW EmpQ2	78.40%	81.90%	78.40%	75.60%
Youth Emp/EnrQ2	71.80%	69.40%	73.20%	73.70%
Adult Median	\$7,145	\$6,155	\$7,150	\$8,648
DW Median	\$10,250	\$10,469	\$10,250	\$10,886
Youth Median	\$3,376	\$4,488	\$3,900	\$4,900
Adult MSG	43.20%	70.00%	69.70%	72.10%
DW MSG	43.40%	75.50%	75.00%	79.50%
Youth MSG	49.60%	80.80%	64.30%	63.50%
Adult EmpQ4	72.50%	73.20%	72.70%	76.40%
DW EmpQ4	80.50%	82.90%	80.50%	77.90%
Youth Emp/EnrQ4	71.40%	73.90%	74.60%	75.20%
Adult Credential	75.90%	74.60%	75.90%	72.90%
DW Credential	81.40%	77.80%	81.40%	80.30%
Youth Credential	55.60%	56.80%	56.10%	53.60%

a) Compared to this year's targets, 11 increase, three decrease, and one
remains the same

b) WSA would not be meeting five based on March's performance

d) Nine are greater than what the models predicted for the Alamo

	w/Current	w/Actual		
w/Existing	March MPR	Outcomes	w/	
Targets	Outcomes	PY22	Predicted*	
			0.00/	
2.27%	87.57%	1.7%	0.0%	
-1.52%	92.94%	-3.5%	0.0%	
6.79%	101.08%	2.4%	1.4%	
\$1,150.00	86.39%	\$990.58	\$4.62	
\$50.00	103.08%	-\$218.97	-\$0.03	
\$0.00	111.91%	-\$1,111.96	\$523.96	
-2.92%	113.31%	-26.8%	26.5%	
-3.30%	89.60%	-32.1%	31.6%	
15.81%	117.59%	-31.2%	14.7%	
2.63%	97.70%	-0.7%	0.1%	
3.02%	96.91%	-2.4%	0.0%	
8.44%	95.76%	-2.5%	3.1%	
9.09%	68.90%	1.3%	0.0%	
3.55%	82.75%	3.7%	0.0%	
18.50%	130.12%	-1.2%	0.5%	
<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>	
red shows	red shows	red shows	red shows	
% increase	measures we	new target	actual	
of new vs	would not be	> actual	> predicted	
current	meeting	outcomes in		
targets	w/March	PY22		
	MPR			

<sup>\*</sup> TWC applies a min/max target based on the seventh lowest and highest reported performance for all Boards for PY22.

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c) Five targets are greater than the end-of-year outcomes for PY22



## Methodology

TWC introduced random forest models to predict the targets using local customer data, economic information from Texas LMI's LAUS and QCEW reports, the U.S. Census, and grants awarded to areas experiencing economic or natural disasters.

TWC plans on updating the targets throughout the year by re-running the models using updated, more current data as they become available, and the updated targets become automatically incorporated into our contracts.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:** TWC requires Boards to Meet or Exceed TWC-contracted performance measures as contracted to service providers, and applies sanctions when Boards fail to meet the targets. Board Staff performs internal analyses of the measures and their outcomes and works closely with the contractors to attain the goals. This includes presenting outcomes and 'exception' reports to the Board on an ongoing basis.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** WSA contracts include TWC-performance goals as part of subrecipient profit. TWC may sanction Boards that fail to Meet performance. TWC Sanctions (or letters fo 'Intent' to Sanction) may limit the Board's eligibility for TWC Annual Awards (monetary or other), and different types of sanctions carry additional penalties. WSA also often reports performance outcomes when applying for grants, which can negatively impact successful bidding.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:** Offering state-of-the-art workforce development services to prepare talent to meet local labor demands, primarily for targeted industries and occupations.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None



To: Oversight Committee

From: Teresa Chavez, COO

**Presented By:** Victoria Rodriguez, Director of Workforce Services

Date: September 6, 2024

**Subject:** Performance, Programs, and Operational Updates

Performance: On October seventh through four teenth, TWC will begin their annual monitoring of the Alamo board. Prior to monitoring, TWC provides a list of items the board must submit to conduct the monitoring. Among the document requests is to provide any documentation of technical assistance plans the board has conducted with the contractors. Alamo has completed this request and provided a technical assistance tracker that included program attributes that scored below 90%. The most common attributes were found in program intake, service tracking, MSG and Credentials and employment outcomes. These instances were recorded in more than one program or more than one time. The Board formulated a technical assistance plan and tracker to continuously improve these instances in coordination with the contract staff.

Summer Earn and Learn: Summer Earn and Learn offers paid, on-the-job, workplace readiness training, work experience, and transferable skills learning opportunities for students with unique abilities. Currently SEAL has 360 participants registered to participate. 425 secured positions. WSA hosted three SEAL Meet and Greets on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at our DataPoint location and May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at South Flores and New Braunfels location, this event was for the participants to complete their onboarding. Lastly, the wage has increased from \$10.50 to \$12.50 per hour. The program has concluded on August 30<sup>th</sup> finishing with 160 individuals completing their 5-week paid work experience.

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To: Oversight Committee

From: Teresa Chavez, COO

**Presented By:** Victoria Rodriguez, Director of Workforce Services

Date: September 6, 2024

**Subject:** A Closer Look: WIOA Dislocated Worker Program

**Summary:** Our nation's workforce development system plays a crucial role in supporting workers seeking to acquire in-demand skills and employers aiming to compete in a competitive market. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), passed with bipartisan support, modernized the public workforce system to better align with the 21st century economy and address the needs of job seekers, workers, and employers. The WIOA Final Rules implement reforms that impact over a dozen programs, collectively receiving \$10 billion annually in training and education funding and serving approximately 20 million Americans each year.

We propose initiating a series to delve into individual programs offered by Workforce Solutions Alamo. We will commence with the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act - Dislocated Worker (WIOA DW) program, a formula-funded initiative administered by the Department of Labor and a component of the broader WIOA.

The WIOA DW program targets eight specific categories of individuals, primarily encompassing those who have lost their jobs, are ineligible for unemployment benefits, or are facing challenges in securing employment.

The ultimate goal of this program is to strengthen the U.S. workforce development system. This involves expanding access to employment, education, and training opportunities, aligning various systems for a coherent approach, ensuring program quality through a focus on relevant skills, optimizing service delivery, promoting prosperity for both workers and employers, and ultimately enhancing the overall quality and competitiveness of our workforce.

**Recommendation:** Continue to educate the public on the possibilities and intricacies of the workforce programs available.

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**To:** Strategic Committee

From: Teresa Chavez, COO

**Presented By:** Victoria Rodriguez, Director of Workforce Services

**Date:** August 30, 2024

**Subject:** Update on Services Provided in Each County

**Summary:** This item is to provide information on services provided in each county. WSA operates sixteen centers and one mobile unit. The one-stop service delivery model utilized in centers streamlines services, empowering individuals, universal access, increased accountability, a strong role for Boards and the private sector, and state and local flexibility. The four principles of Texas' vision are: limited and efficient state government, local control, personal responsibility, and support for strong families. Our centers collocate with senior employment services, adult education literacy partners, vocational rehabilitation services, and veteran employment services. Although, WSA does not have an American Job Center in each county, WSA believes in finding systematic ways to help clients remove barriers through partner collaborations, key public & private stakeholders at the grassroots and community-based level to support Sector-Based Partnerships in the Alamo region.

#### Partnership Model:

#### Objectives:

- •Locally Driven: Local partners understand what we do and how to maximize the services of WSA while maximizing their services through leveraging the partnership.
- •Sustainable: Regardless of staff changes, leadership changes, budget changes, landscape chances the partnership will remain in tack. We are accountable, flexible and responsive with a consistent reinforcing focus.
- <u>Continuously Improving:</u> We seek feedback and set intervals to discuss and plan for improvement.

**Memorandum of Understandings:** WSA makes efforts to partner with organizations that serve individuals with a barrier to employment and priority of service populations including mental health agencies, housing authorities, libraries, substance abuse agencies & other nonprofits.

WIOA law has identified the following populations as targeted under adult priority of service:

- public assistance recipients,
- low-income adults; and/or

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• individuals who are basic skills deficient.

WSA has identified the following populations as targeted populations with barriers to employment:

- Displaced Homemakers
- Low-income individuals;
- Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians;
- Individuals with disabilities, including youth who are individuals with disabilities;
- Older individuals (55 or over);
- Ex-offenders;
- Homeless individuals or homeless children and youth;
- Individuals who are English language learners, individuals who have low levels of literacy, and individuals facing substantial cultural barriers;
- Individuals within two years of exhausting lifetime eligibility under part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act;
- Single parents (including single pregnant women);
- Long-term unemployed individuals
- Veterans
- Eligible migrant Seasonal Farm Worker
- Current/ Former Foster Youth
- Families in need of childcare and childcare providers

Alternatives: No alternatives currently exist.

**Recommendation:** No Recommendations at this time.

**Next Steps:** Continue pursuing strategic community partnerships and integrating services to serve customers in a holistic fashion.



To: Audit and Finance Committee

From: Brandee Perez, CFO

Presented by: Gabriela Navarro Garcia, Controller

Date: September 6, 2024

Regarding: Financial Report – June 30, 2024

**SUMMARY:** Financial reports through June 30, 2024, have been prepared for the fiscal year October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024; the straight-line expenditure benchmark is 75% of the budget. The board regularly analyzes Corporate and Facility Budgets in addition to the Grant Summary Report to monitor budgets against actual expenditures.

## **CORPORATE BUDGET:**

Department	% Expensed	Comments
Personnel	63.04%	This is an acceptable variance. Staff training and development will take place within the following months. We are expecting to begin early registration for TWC conference.
Board Facility	65.51%	The WSA Board facility budget is acceptable and within the budget.
Equipment	44.62%	The most significant budget surplus is the cloud-based infrastructure and replacement of computers exceeding helpful life.
General Office Expense	32.59%	The primary budget surplus is due to timing differences, marketing, and the insurance contingency.
Professional Services	44.27%	This variance consists in a timing difference in monitoring expenditures, expected to increase by the end of the fiscal year. Legal and professional services related to temporary staffing are utilized as needed to support the agency.
Board Training & Development	56.51%	This is an acceptable variance within this budget category. We are expecting to begin early registration for TWC conference.
<b>Total Expense</b>	56.25%	

Corporate expenditure represents 56.25% of the annual budget, demonstrating a budget surplus of approximately 18.75% of the approved budget.

## FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET:

Department	% Expensed	Comments
Overall	57.43%	The facility expenditures represent 57.43% of the approved budget, reflecting a 17.57% straight-line budget surplus. The Mobile Workforce Center Unit and Port of San Antonio are significant contributors to this variance.

## **ACTIVE GRANTS ONLY (TWC):**

Grant	End date	Budget	%	Comments
			Expense	
24WOR Rapid Response	06/30/2024	\$84,607	90.81%	The board has been awarded \$25,000 of additional funds to continue Rapid Response services through the end of the contract. We are expected to return approximately \$7,000 after final closeouts.
24CCQ – Child Care Quality	10/31/2024	\$6,249,935	51.68%	Expecting to utilize all funds for childcare quality and will continue to keep track of mentor and assessors' expenditures.
24REA- Reemployment Services	09/30/2024	\$920,073	79.92%	Expecting to fully expend by the end of the contract.
24WOS – Military Family Support	12/31/2024	\$221,896	67.44%	Expenditures are on track but will continue to forecast for the remaining six months to fully expend by end of contract.
24CCP	12/31/2024	\$7,649,314	81.34%	The board has been awarded \$1.5M additional funding from TWC to extend the service through the end of the contract.
24WOZ Upskills & Training	07/31/2024	\$170,471	15.75%	This is a six-month initiative that targets training in high-demand occupations. Enrollment numbers have been met but there was a challenge with support service expenditures. We are expecting to return an estimate of \$98,000.
24REO – PROWD Grant	09/30/2027	\$1,174,500	2.41%	This is a multi-year initiative for reentry opportunities. We are in the procurement

				process and expecting to start RFP process in September.
23VR1 - SEAL	09/30/2024	\$900,000	32.96%	This is a summer program, and expenditures will be reflected in the following month.

## **ACTIVE GRANTS ONLY (NON-TWC):**

Grant	End date	Budget	% Expense	Comments
SAF22	12/31/2024	\$100,000	64.14%	Grant was extended from 11/30/23 to
Workforce				12/31/24. We are expecting to expend by
Academy				the end of the contract.
CAP22	12/31/2024	\$37,500	50.66%	This grant is used for capacity building,
Capacity				focusing on staff performance,
Building				technology management, and strategic
				planning.
TOY24	09/30/2024	\$16,100	0%	Funds were used to provide incentives to
Toyotetsu				RTW participants with job placements.
				Grant has been extended through
				September 30,2024.
				We are expecting to fully expend the
				grant.
22RTW	5/31/2025	\$30,192,462	69.78%	This variance is primarily a timing
				difference. Expenditures will continue to
				be realized in the following months as
				enrollment and activities increase.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Financial Statements – June 30, 2024

## **Workforce Solutions Alamo** Corporate Expenditure Report Board Fiscal Year October 01, 2023-September 30, 2024 Report Period: 10/01/23 - 6/30/2024

		•							75.00	%	
	_	Annual Budget	Aı	mendment # 1		Amended Budget #1		YTD Expenses	% Expensed		Balance
PERSONNEL	Ī										
Salaries/Wages	\$	4,359,985	\$	-	\$	4,359,985	\$	2,885,105	66.17%	\$	1,474,880
Fringe Benefits		1,153,947		-		1,153,947		711,006	61.62%		442,941
Staff Travel		160,045		-		160,045		59,835	37.39%		100,210
Staff Training & Development		193,250		-		193,250		42,743	22.12%		150,507
PERSONNEL SUBTOTAL:	\$		\$	-	\$	5,867,227	\$	3,698,689	63.04%	\$	2,168,538
BOARD FACILITY	Ī										
Rent	\$	461,665		_	\$	461,665	\$	332,188	71.95%	\$	129,477
Storage	\$	30,000			\$	30,000			29.94%	\$	21,019
Maintenance and Repair	-	35,000			*	35,000	*	3,831	10.95%	-	31,169
FACILITY SUBTOTAL:	\$	526,665	\$	-	\$		\$	345,000	65.51%	\$	181,665
EQUIPMENT/RELATED COSTS	ī										
Equipment Purchases	\$	87,800		_	\$	87,800	\$	31,836	36.26%	\$	55,964
Equipment Rental	Ψ	15,000		_	Ψ	15,000	Ψ	11,365	75.77%	Ψ	3,635
Repair & Maintenance		-				-		-	0.00%		-
Software Licenses & Maintenance		175,194		_		175,194		80,841	46.14%		94,353
EQUIPMENT/RELATED COSTS SUBTOTAL:	\$	277,994	\$	-	\$	277,994	\$	124,042	44.62%	\$	153,952
GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSES	ī										
Communications	\$	47,300			\$	47,300	¢	35,015	74.03%	\$	12,285
Advertising	Φ	10,000			Ф	10,000	Ф	28	0.28%	φ	9,972
Insurances		300,000				300,000		61,432	20.48%		238,568
Office Supplies		23,700		_		23,700		6,142	25.92%		17,558
Postage/Shipping/Other		7,500		_		7,500		3,254	43.39%		4,246
Printing, Binding & Reproduction		20,000				20,000		3,870	19.35%		16,130
Publications & Subscriptions		13,200				13,200		4,013	30.40%		9,187
Dues		25,000				25,000		8,856	35.42%		16,144
Marketing (External)		120,000		50,000		170,000		47,782	28.11%		122,218
Miscellaneous Costs		25,000		30,000		25,000		1,880	7.52%		23,120
Non Federal		50,000		50,000		100,000		69,457	69.46%		30,543
GENERAL OFFICE EXP SUBTOTAL:	\$	641,700	\$	100,000	\$	741,700	\$	241,729	32.59%	\$	499,971
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	I										
	l o	125 000			ф	125 000	Ф	52.500	42.000/	Ф	72.500
Legal Services-Corporate	\$	125,000		-	\$	125,000	Ф	52,500	42.00%	\$	72,500
Legal Services-Other		75,000		-		75,000		27,035	36.05%		47,965
Audit		75,000		-		75,000		64,018	85.36%		10,983
Monitoring (Contractor)		500,000		-		500,000		196,070	39.21%		303,930
Professional Services		1,172,110		10.000		1,172,110		516,820	44.09%		655,290
Payroll Fees  PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SUBTOTAL:	_	40,000	•	10,000	er.	50,000	•	27,671	55.34% <b>44.27%</b>	•	22,329 <b>1,112,997</b>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SUBTOTAL:		1,987,110	\$	10,000	\$	1,997,110	\$	884,113	44.27%	\$	1,112,997
BOARD EXPENSES	i										
Board Member Travel	\$	5,000		-	\$	5,000	\$	10,281	205.62%	\$	(5,281)
Board Member Training/Development		25,000		_		25,000		8,400	33.60%		16,600
Board Meetings & Misc. Costs		15,000				15,000		6,750	45.00%		8,250
BOARD EXPENSES SUBTOTAL:	\$	45,000	\$	-	\$	45,000	\$	25,431	56.51%	\$	19,569
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	9,345,696	\$	110,000	\$	9,455,696	\$	5,319,003	56.25%	\$	4,136,693
SUMMARY: Personnel	¢	5,867,227		_	\$	5,867,227	¢	3,698,689	63.04%	\$	2,168,538
	Ф			-	Ф		Þ			Þ	
Board Facility  Foreign ant/Related Coats		526,665		-		526,665		345,000	65.51%		181,665
Equipment/Related Costs		277,994		100 000		277,994		124,042	44.62%		153,952
General Office Expenses		641,700		100,000		741,700		241,729	32.59%		499,971
Professional Services Board Expenses		1,987,110 45,000		10,000		1,997,110 45,000		884,113 25,431	44.27% 56.51%		1,112,997 19,569
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TOTAL CORPORATE EXPENSES	\$	9,345,696	\$	110,000	\$	9,455,696	\$	5,319,003	56.25%	\$	4,136,693

# **WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS ALAMO Board Fiscal Year October 01, 2023 - September 30, 2024**

Report Period: 10/01/2023-6/30/2024

## **Facilities & Infrastructure Report**

	Facilities & Infrastructure	В	udgeted Amt.	YTD Expenses	% Expensed	% Straightline Benchmark	Balance
ŀ	Workforce Facilities	\$	6,567,328.00	\$ 3,707,585.30	56.46%	75.00%	\$ 2,859,742.70
Ī	Port SA		700,000.00	331,905.59	47.42%	75.00%	368,094.41
	Mobile RV Unit		510,000.00	426,663.43	83.66%	75.00%	83,336.57
-		\$	7,777,328	\$ 4,466,154.32	57.43%	75.00%	\$ 3,311,173.68

Facilities: End of Lease Walzem 6/30/2024 Datapoint 3/31/2030 Datapoint - Child Care 3/31/2030 Marbach Relocated to Port SA 3/31/2024 Port SA 4/30/2034 S. Flores 7/31/2028 E. Houston 8/16/2030 New Braunfels 1/31/2032 Hondo 12/31/2024 1/15/2027 Seguin Kenedy 1/30/2025 Floresville 7/31/2026 Kerrville 4/30/2029 Boerne 11/30/2026 Pleasanton 1/31/2025 Pearsall 10/31/2024

12/31/2024

No Expiration

No Expiration

SA Foodbank

Bandera

Fredericksburg

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GRANT	FUND GRANT NO.		Grant Budget	Estimate YTD as 9/30/23	Balance as 9/30/23	FY24 Budget (WSA)	Exp from 10/1/23 to 6/30/24	YTD Exp 6/30/24	Balance
WIOA ADULT SERVICES	22WA1 2022WOA001	\$	947,323.00	\$ 889,535.10	\$ 57,787.90	\$ 57,787.90	\$ 58,091.26	\$ 947,626.36	\$ (303.3
WIOA ADULT SERVICES	22WA2 2022WOA001	\$	3,456,318.00	\$ 3,438,903.01	\$ 17,414.99	\$ 17,414.99	\$ 17,555.68	\$ 3,456,458.69	\$ (140.6
WIOA ADULT SERVICES	23WA1 2023WOA001	\$	1,277,859.00	\$ 675,725.52	\$ 602,133.48	\$ 602,133.48	\$ 595,053.05	\$ 1,270,778.57	\$ 7,080.4
WIOA ADULT SERVICES	23WA2 2023WOA001	\$	4,244,872.00	0		\$ 4,244,872.00	\$ 2,836,912.49	\$ 2,836,912.49	\$ 1,407,959.5
WIOA ADULT Total		\$	9,926,372.00	\$ 5,004,163.63	\$ 677,336.37	\$ 4,922,208.37	\$ 3,507,612.48	\$ 8,511,776.11	\$ 1,414,595.8
WIOA DISLOCATED WORKER	22WD1 2022WOD001	\$	1,184,451.00	\$ 579,581.80	\$ 604,869.20	\$ 604,869.20	\$ 604,984.83	\$ 1,184,566.63	\$ (115.6
WIOA DISLOCATED WORKER	22WD2 2022WOD001	\$	3,996,897.00	\$ 3,896,973.22	\$ 99,923.78	\$ 99,923.78	\$ 100,064.86	\$ 3,997,038.08	\$ (141.0
WIOA DISLOCATED WORKER	23WD1 2023WOD001	\$	1,175,801.00	\$ 26,995.58	\$ 1,148,805.42	\$ 1,148,805.42	\$ 181,456.36	\$ 208,451.94	\$ 967,349.0
WIOA DISLOCATED WORKER	23WD2 2023WOD001	\$	3,599,032.00	0	\$ -	\$ 3,599,032.00	\$ 2,155,017.84	\$ 2,155,017.84	\$ 1,444,014.
WIOA DISLOCATED Total		\$	9,956,181.00	\$ 4,503,550.60	\$ 1,853,598.40	\$ 5,452,630.40	\$ 3,041,523.89	\$ 7,545,074.49	\$ 2,411,106.5
WIOA YOUTH SERVICES	22WOY 2022WOY001	\$	4,732,035.00	\$ 4,137,856.98	\$ 594,178.02	\$ 594,178.02	\$ 594,762.24	\$ 4,732,619.22	\$ (584.2
WIOA YOUTH SERVICES	23WOY 2023WOY001	\$	5,861,245.00	\$ 273,492.33	\$ 5,587,752.67	\$ 5,587,752.67	\$ 2,732,716.89	\$ 3,006,209.22	\$ 2,855,035.7
WIOA YOUTH Total		\$	10,593,280.00	\$ 4,411,349.31	\$ 6,181,930.69	\$ 6,181,930.69	\$ 3,327,479.13	\$ 7,738,828.44	\$ 2,854,451.5
WIOA RAPID RESPONSE	23WOR 2023WOR001	\$	84,607.00	\$ 18,701.69	\$ 65,905.31	\$ 65,905.31	\$ 58,131.86	\$ 76,833.55	\$ 7,773.4
WIOA RAPID RESPONSE Total		\$	84,607.00	\$ 18,701.69	\$ 65,905.31	\$ 65,905.31	\$ 58,131.86	\$ 76,833.55	\$ 7,773.4
TEMPORARY ASST FOR NEEDY FAMILIES-TANF	23TAF 2023TAF001	\$	8,011,037.00	\$ 6,331,324.16	\$ 1,679,712.84	\$ 1,679,712.84	\$ 334,778.76	\$ 6,666,102.92	\$ 1,344,934.0
TEMPORARY ASST FOR NEEDY FAMILIES-TANF	24TAF 2024TAF001	\$	6,851,831.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,851,831.00	\$ 5,364,475.40	\$ 5,364,475.40	\$ 1,487,355.6
TANF Total		\$	14,862,868.00	\$ 6,331,324.16	\$ 1,679,712.84	\$ 8,531,543.84	\$ 5,699,254.16	\$ 12,030,578.32	\$ 2,832,289.6
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASST PRGRM - SNAP	24SNE 2024SNE001	\$	1,283,189.00	0	\$ -	\$ 1,283,189.00	\$ 1,111,976.48	\$ 1,111,976.48	\$ 171,212.5
SNAP E&T Total		\$	1,283,189.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,283,189.00	\$ 1,111,976.48	\$ 1,111,976.48	\$ 171,212.5
NON CUSTODIAL PARENT	24NCP 2024NCP001	\$	437,578.00	\$ 15,270.04	\$ 422,307.96	\$ 422,307.96	\$ 320,914.89	\$ 336,184.93	\$ 101,393.0
NON CUSTODIAL PARENT Total		\$	437,578.00	\$ 15,270.04	\$ 422,307.96	\$ 422,307.96	\$ 320,914.89	\$ 336,184.93	\$ 101,393.0
CC SRVCS FORMULA ALLOCATION-CCF	23CCF 2023CCF001	\$	87,130,697.00	\$ 83,698,107.20	\$ 3,432,589.80	\$ 3,432,589.80	\$ 3,433,094.43	\$ 87,131,201.63	\$ (504.6
CC SRVCS FORMULA ALLOCATION-CCF	24CCF 2024CCF001	\$	103,725,503.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103,725,503.00	\$ 69,588,487.74	\$ 69,588,487.74	\$ 34,137,015.2
CHILD CARE CCF Total		\$	190,856,200.00	\$ 83,698,107.20	\$ 3,432,589.80	\$ 107,158,092.80	\$ 73,021,582.17	\$ 156,719,689.37	\$ 34,136,510.6
CC DVLPMNT FUND LOCAL MATCH - CCM	23CCM 2023CCM001	\$	7,539,884.00	\$ -	\$ 7,539,884.00	\$ 7,539,884.00	\$ 7,539,884.00	\$ 7,539,884.00	\$ -
CC DVLPMNT FUND LOCAL MATCH - CCM	24CCM 2024CCM001	\$	7,584,186.00			\$ 7,584,186.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,584,186.0
CHILD CARE CCM Total		\$	15,124,070.00	\$ -	\$ 7,539,884.00	\$ 15,124,070.00	\$ 7,539,884.00	\$ 7,539,884.00	\$ 7,584,186.0
CC TEXAS DEPT FAMILY PROTECTIVE SRVCS-CCP	23CCP 2023CCP001	\$	8,115,000.00	\$ 6,118,686.69	\$ 1,996,313.31	\$ 1,996,313.31	\$ 978.34	\$ 6,119,665.03	\$ 1,995,334.9
CC TEXAS DEPT FAMILY PROTECTIVE SRVCS-CCP	24CCP 2024CCP001	\$	7,649,313.93	\$ 546,933.25	\$ 7,102,380.68	\$ 7,102,380.68	\$ 5,675,041.20	\$ 6,221,974.45	\$ 1,427,339.4
CHILD CARE CCP Total		\$	15,764,313.93	\$ 6,665,619.94	\$ 9,098,693.99	\$ 9,098,693.99	\$ 5,676,019.54	\$ 12,341,639.48	\$ 3,422,674.4
TRADE ACT SERVICES	23TRA 2023TRA001	\$	50,400.00	\$ 19,170.17	\$ 31,229.83	\$ 31,229.83	\$ 21,827.52	\$ 40,997.69	\$ 9,402.3
TRADE ACT SERVICES	24TRA 2024TRA001	\$	27,000.00	0	\$ -	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 1,478.62	\$ 1,478.62	\$ 25,521.3
TRADE ACT SERVICES Total		\$	77,400.00	\$ 19,170.17	\$ 31,229.83	\$ 58,229.83	\$ 23,306.14	\$ 42,476.31	\$ 34,923.6
WAGNER-PEYSER EMPLOYMENT SERVICES-WPA	23WPA 2023WPA001	\$	1,020,888.00	\$ 704,618.53	\$ 316,269.47	\$ 316,269.47	\$ 273,762.09	\$ 978,380.62	\$ 42,507.3
WAGNER-PEYSER EMPLOYMENT SERVICES-WPA	24WPA 2024WPA001	\$	667,896.00	0	\$ -	\$ 667,896.00	\$ 440,209.03	\$ 440,209.03	\$ 227,686.9
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES Total		\$	1,688,784.00	\$ 704,618.53	\$ 316,269.47	\$ 984,165.47	\$ 713,971.12	\$ 1,418,589.65	\$ 270,194.3
RESOURCE ADMIN GRANT	24RAG 2024RAG001	\$	11,857.00	0	\$ -	\$ 11,857.00	\$ 7,881.03	\$ 7,881.03	\$ 3,975.9
RESOURCE ADMIN GRANT Total		\$	11,857.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,857.00	\$ 7,881.03	\$ 7,881.03	\$ 3,975.9
TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION	24TVC 2024TVC001	\$	284,084.00	0	\$ -	\$ 284,084.00	\$ 192,201.39	\$ 192,201.39	\$ 91,882.6
VETERANS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE Total		s	284,084.00	\$ -	s -	\$ 284,084.00	\$ 192,201.39	\$ 192,201.39	\$ 91,882.6

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GRANT	FUND	GRANT NO.		Grant Budget	Estimate	YTD as 9/30/23	Balance as 9/30/23		FY24 Budget (WSA)	Exp from 10/1/23	to 6/30/2	4 YTD Exp 6/3	30/24	Balance	
CC QUALITY - CCQ		2023CCQ001	\$	5.820.249.00		3.278.190.33		_	2.542.058.67	•	36.576.89		5,014,767.22		805,481,78
CC QUALITY - CCQ		2024CCQ001	\$	6,249,935.30	•	., .,	\$ -		6,249,935.30		30,088.69		3,230,088.69		3,019,846.61
CCQ QUALITY Total	2.000	2021000001	\$	12,070,184.30		3,278,190.33	•		8,791,993.97		6,665.58		8,244,855.91		3,825,328.39
CHILD CARE - TRS CONTRACTED SLOTS	22CSL	2022SCSL001	\$	746.230.00		258.672.86			487,557.14		71.112.72		329.785.58		416.444.42
CHILD CARE - TRS CONTRACTED SLOTS - Total	LLUGL	20220002001	\$	746,230.00		258,672.86			487,557.14		71,112.72	•	329,785.58		416,444.42
WORKFORCE COMMISSION INITIATIVES	24WCI	2024WCI001	\$	94,250.00			\$ -		94,250.00		67,763.69		67,763.69		26,486.31
WORKFORCE COMMISSION INITIATIVES Total	211101	202 111 0.001	s	94,250.00				\$	94,250.00		67,763.69		67,763.69		26,486.31
REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES - REA	23REA	2023REA001	\$	935,000.00		819,070.82			115,929.18		16,249.28		935,320.10		(320.10)
REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES - REA		2024REA001	\$	920,073.00			\$ -		920,073.00		35,347.39		735,347.39		184,725.61
REEMPLOYMENT Total	LIIILII	202 11 (2) (00 )	\$	1,855,073.00		819,070.82	•		1,036,002.18		51,596.67		1,670,667.49		184,405.51
PARTNERS FOR REENTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN WD (PROWD)	24REO	2024REO001	\$	1,174,500.00			\$ -	\$	1,174,500.00		28,267.14		28,267.14		1,146,232.86
PARTNERS FOR REENTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN WD Total			s	1,174,500.00			s -		1,174,500.00		28,267.14		28,267.14		1,146,232.86
MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM	23WOS	2023WOS001	\$	221,896.00		128,650.35	•		93,384.56		67,056.29		195,706.64		26,189.36
MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM		2024WOS001	\$	221,896.00			\$ -		221,896.00		19,646.88		149,646.88		72,249.12
MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT Total	211100	20211100001	s	443,792.00		128,650.35	•		315,280.56		16,703.17		345,353.52		98,438.48
STUDENT HIREABLILITY NAVIIGATOR	18HN5	3024VRS056	\$	210,000.00		19,572.47			190,427.53		36.792.23		156,364.70		53,635.30
STUDENT HIREABLILITY NAVIGATOR Total	1011110	00217110000	s	210,000.00		19,572.47			190,427.53		36,792.23		156,364.70		53,635.30
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION-VR INFRA SPPRT	24COL	2024COL001	\$	535,919.54		42,490.45			493,429.09		39,549.36		432,039.81		103,879.73
VR-INFRA SUPPORT Total			\$	535.919.54		42.490.45			493,429.09		39,549.36		432.039.81		103.879.73
PAID WORK EXPERIENCE (PWE)	24PWE	3024VRS107	\$	187,500.00	•	,	\$ -		187,500.00		782.42		782.42		186,717.58
PAID WORK EXPERIENCE (PWE) Total			\$	187,500.00			s -	\$	187,500.00		782.42		782.42		186,717.58
WIOA - UPSKILLING AND TRAINING	24WOZ	2024WOZ001	\$	170,471.00			\$ -	\$	170,471.00		26,846.67		26,846.67		143,624.33
WIOA - UPSKILLS AND TRAINING Total			\$	170,471.00	\$	-	s -	\$	170,471.00	\$ 2	26,846.67	\$	26,846.67	\$	143,624.33
TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT NAVIGATOR PILOT	22WPB	2022WPB002	\$	192,946.00	\$	139,720.06	\$ 53,225.94	\$	53,225.94	\$ 2	23,650.00	\$	163,370.06	\$	29,575.94
TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT NAVIGATOR PILOT	24WPB	2024WPB001	\$	195,856.00	0		\$ -	\$	195,856.00	\$	32,061.02	\$	32,061.02	\$	163,794.98
TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT NAVIGATOR PILOT Total			\$	388,802.00	\$	139,720.06	\$ 53.225.94	\$	249,081.94	\$	55,711.02	\$	195,431.08	\$	193,370.92
MIDDLE SKILLS EMPLOYMENT SUPPLIES PILOT PROJECT	23WS2	2023WOS002	\$	116,439.00		523.44		\$	115,915.56	•	51,386.38		51,909.82		64,529.18
MIDDLE SKILLS EMPLOYMENT SUPPLIES PILOT PROJECT Total	al		\$	116,439.00	\$	523.44	\$ 115,915.56	\$	115,915.56	\$	51,386.38	\$	51,909.82	\$	64,529.18
TEACHER EXTERNSHIP	23EXT	2023EXT001	\$	200,000.00	\$	192,252.87	\$ 7,747.13	\$	7,747.13	\$	7,752.73	\$	200,005.60	\$	(5.60)
TEACHER EXTERNSHIP	23EX2	2023EXT002	\$	106,726.00	\$	41,116.75	\$ 65,609.25	\$	65,609.25		60,026.62	\$	101,143.37	\$	5,582.63
TEACHER EXTERNSHIP Total			\$	306,726.00	\$	233,369.62	\$ 73,356.38	\$	73,356.38	\$	67,779.35	\$	301,148.97	\$	5,577.03
SUMMER EARN & LEARN (SEAL)	22VR1	3022VRS045	\$	900,000.00	\$	662,278.44	\$ 237,721.56	\$	237,721.56	\$ (3	36,373.17	) \$	625,905.27	\$	274,094.73
SUMMER EARN & LEARN (SEAL)	23VR1	3022VRS045	\$	900,000.00	0		\$ -	\$	900,000.00	\$ 29	96,643.24	\$	296,643.24	\$	603,356.76
SEAL Total			\$	1,800,000.00	\$	662,278.44	\$ 237,721.56	\$	1,137,721.56	\$ 20	60,270.07	\$	922,548.51	\$	877,451.49
SAN ANTONIO AREA FOUNDATION-WORKFORCE ACADEMY	SAF22		\$	100,000.00	\$	35,266.63	\$ 64,733.37	\$	64,733.37	\$ 2	28,875.68	\$	64,142.31	\$	35,857.69
SAN ANTONIO AREA FOUNDATION-CAPACITY BUILDING	CAP22		\$	37,500.00	\$	799.00	\$ 36,701.00	\$	36,701.00	\$	18,199.64	\$	18,998.64	\$	18,501.36
SAN ANTONIO AREA FOUNDATION TOTAL			\$	137,500.00	\$	36,065.63	\$ 101,434.37	\$	101,434.37	\$	47,075.32	\$	83,140.95	\$	54,359.05
ASPEN INSTITUTE	ASP23		\$	100,000.00	\$	45,763.56	\$ 54,236.44	\$	54,236.44	\$	34,032.58	\$	79,796.14	\$	20,203.86
ASPEN INSTITUTE TOTAL			\$	100,000.00	\$	45,763.56	\$ 54,236.44	\$	54,236.44	\$	34,032.58	\$	79,796.14	\$	20,203.86
TOYOTETSU PILOT PROGRAM (RTW)	TOY24		\$	16,100.00	0		\$ -	\$	46,525.00			0		\$	16,100.00
TOYOTETSU PILOT PROGRAM TOTAL			\$	16,100.00	\$		\$ -	\$	46,525.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	16,100.00
READY TO WORK-COSA	22RTW		\$	30,192,462.00	\$	12,257,949.36	\$ 17,934,512.64	\$	17,934,512.64	\$ 8,8	11,120.63	\$	21,069,069.99	\$	9,123,392.01
READY TO WORK-COSA TOTAL			\$	30,192,462.00	\$	12,257,949.36	\$ 17,934,512.64	\$	17,934,512.64	\$ 8,8	11,120.63	\$	21,069,069.99	\$	9,123,392.01
GRAND TOTAL			\$	321,496,732.77	\$	129,294,192.66	\$ 53,792,508.81	\$	192,233,104.02	\$ 120,32	25,193.28	\$ 2	49,619,385.94	\$	71,877,346.83

GRANT		Grant End Date GRANT NO.		Grant Budget		D Exp 6/30/24	Balance		Grant Expended 6/30/24	Months Remaining
WIOA ADULT SERVICES	22WA1	6/30/2024 2022WOA001	\$	947,323.00	\$	947,626.36	\$	(303.36)	100.03%	
WIOA ADULT SERVICES	22WA2	6/30/2024 2022WOA001	\$	3,456,318.00	\$	3,456,458.69	\$	(140.69)	100.00%	
WIOA ADULT SERVICES	23WA1	6/30/2025 2023WOA001	\$	1,277,860.00	\$	1,270,778.57	\$	7,081.43	99.45%	
WIOA ADULT SERVICES	23WA2	6/30/2025 2023WOA001	\$	4,244,871.00	\$	2,836,912.49	\$	1,407,958.51	66.83%	
WIOA ADULT Total			\$	9,926,372.00	\$	8,511,776.11	\$	1,414,595.89		
WIOA DISLOCATED WORKER	22WD1	6/30/2024 2022WOD001	\$	1,184,451.00	\$	1,184,566.63	\$	(115.63)	100.01%	
WIOA DISLOCATED WORKER	22WD2	6/30/2024 2022WOD001	\$	3,996,897.00	\$	3,997,038.08	\$	(141.08)	100.00%	
WIOA DISLOCATED WORKER	23WD1	6/30/2025 2023WOD001	\$	1,175,801.00	\$	208,451.94	\$	967,349.06	17.73%	
WIOA DISLOCATED WORKER	23WD2	6/30/2025 2023WOD001	\$	3,599,032.00	\$	2,155,017.84	\$	1,444,014.16	59.88%	
WIOA DISLOCATED Total			\$	9,956,181.00	\$	7,545,074.49	\$	2,411,106.51		
WIOA YOUTH SERVICES	22WOY	6/30/2024 2022WOY001	\$	4,732,035.00	\$	4,732,619.22	\$	(584.22)	100.01%	
WIOA YOUTH SERVICES	23WOY	6/30/2025 2023WOY001	\$	5,861,245.00	\$	3,006,209.22	\$	2,855,035.78	51.29%	
WIOA YOUTH Total			\$	10,593,280.00	\$	7,738,828.44	\$	2,854,451.56		
WIOA RAPID RESPONSE	23WOR	6/30/2024 2023WOR001	\$	84,607.00	\$	76,833.55	\$	7,773.45	90.81%	
WIOA RAPID RESPONSE Total			\$	84,607.00	\$	76,833.55	\$	7,773.45		
TEMPORARY ASST FOR NEEDY FAMILIES-TANF	24TAF	10/31/2024 2024TAF001	\$	6,851,831.00	\$	5,364,475.40	\$	1,487,355.60	78.29%	
ANF Total			\$	6,851,831.00	\$	5,364,475.40	\$	1,487,355.60		
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASST PRGRM - SNAP	24SNE	9/30/2024 2024SNE001	\$	1,283,189.00	\$	1,111,976.48	\$	171,212.52	86.66%	
SNAP E&T Total			\$	1,283,189.00	\$	1,111,976.48	\$	171,212.52		
NON CUSTODIAL PARENT	24NCP	9/30/2024 2024NCP001	\$	437,578.00	\$	336,184.93	\$	101,393.07	76.83%	
NON CUSTODIAL PARENT Total			\$	437,578.00	\$	336,184.93	\$	101,393.07		
CC SRVCS FORMULA ALLOCATION-CCF	24CCF	12/31/2024 2024CCF001	\$	103,725,503.00	\$	69,588,487.74	\$	34,137,015.26	67.09%	
CHILD CARE CCF Total			\$	103,725,503.00	\$	69,588,487.74	\$	34,137,015.26		
CC DVLPMNT FUND LOCAL MATCH - CCM	24CCM	12/31/2024 2024CCM001	\$	7,584,186.00	\$	-	\$	7,584,186.00	0.00%	
CHILD CARE CCM Total			\$	7,584,186.00	\$	-	\$	7,584,186.00		
CC TEXAS DEPT FAMILY PROTECTIVE SRVCS-CCP	24CCP	12/31/2024 2024CCP001	\$	7,649,313.93	\$	6,221,974.45	\$	1,427,339.48	81.34%	
CHILD CARE CCP Total			\$	7,649,313.93		6,221,974.45		1,427,339.48		
FRADE ACT SERVICES	24TRA	9/30/2024 2024TRA001	\$	27,000.00		1,478.62		25,521.38	5.48%	
FRADE ACT SERVICES Total			\$	27,000.00		1,478.62		25,521.38		
WAGNER-PEYSER EMPLOYMENT SERVICES-WPA	24WPA	12/31/2024 2024WPA001	\$	667,896.00	•	440,209.03		227,686.97	65.91%	
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES Total	21111111	12/01/2021 202111171001	\$	667,896.00		440,209.03		227,686.97	00.0170	
RESOURCE ADMIN GRANT	24RAG	9/30/2024 2024RAG001	\$	11,857.00		7,881.03		3,975.97	66.47%	
RESOURCE ADMIN GRANT Total	241010	0/00/2024 20241 (10001	\$	11,857.00		7,881.03		3,975.97	00.4170	
EXAS VETERANS COMMISSION	24TVC	9/30/2024 2024TVC001	\$	284,084.00		192,201.39		91,882.61	67.66%	
EXAS VETERANS COMMISSION Total	24100	3/30/2024 20241 70001	\$	284,084.00		192,201.39		91,882.61	07:0070	
CC QUALITY - CCQ	24CCQ	10/31/2024 2024CCQ001	\$	6,249,935.30		3,230,088.69		3,019,846.61	51.68%	
CCQ QUALITY - CCQ	24000	10/31/2024 2024CCQ001	\$ \$	6,249,935.30		3,230,088.69		3,019,846.61	51.00%	
VORKFORCE COMMISSION INITIATIVES	24WCI	9/30/2024 2024WCl001	\$	94,250.00	•	67,763.69			71.90%	
	240001	9/30/2024 2024VVC1001						26,486.31	71.90%	
WORKFORCE COMMISSION INITIATIVES Total	04054	0/00/0004 0004DE *****	\$	94,250.00		67,763.69	•	26,486.31	70.000/	
REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES - REA	24REA	9/30/2024 2024REA001	\$	920,073.00	\$	735,347.39	\$	184,725.61	79.92%	

GRANT	FUND	Grant End Date GRANT NO.	Grant Budget	YTE	D Exp 6/30/24	Bala	ance	Grant Expended 6/30/24	Months Remaining
REEMPLOYMENT Total			\$ 920,073.00	\$	735,347.39	\$	184,725.61	-	
PARTNERS FOR REENTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN WD	24REO	9/30/2027 2024REO001	\$ 1,174,500.00	\$	28,267.14	\$	1,146,232.86	2.41%	40
PARTNERS FOR REENTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN WD	Γotal		\$ 1,174,500.00	\$	28,267.14	\$	1,146,232.86		
MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM	24WOS	12/31/2024 2024WOS001	\$ 221,896.00	\$	149,646.88	\$	72,249.12	67.44%	6
MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT Total			\$ 221,896.00	\$	149,646.88	\$	72,249.12		
STUDENT HIREABLILITY NAVIIGATOR	18HN5	8/31/2024 3024VRS056	\$ 210,000.00	\$	156,364.70	\$	53,635.30	74.46%	2
STUDENT HIREABLILITY NAVIGATOR Total			\$ 210,000.00	\$	156,364.70	\$	53,635.30		
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION-VR INFRA SPPRT	24COL	8/31/2024 2024COL001	\$ 535,919.54	\$	432,039.81	\$	103,879.73	80.62%	2
VR-INFRA SUPPORT Total			\$ 535,919.54	\$	432,039.81	\$	103,879.73		
PAID WORK EXPERIENCE (PWE)	24PWE	9/30/2025 3024VRS107	\$ 187,500.00	\$	782.42	\$	186,717.58	0.42%	15
PAID WORK EXPERIENCE (PWE) Total			\$ 187,500.00	\$	782.42	\$	186,717.58		
WIOA - UPSKILLING AND TRAINING	24WOZ	7/31/2024 2024WOZ001	\$ 170,471.00	\$	26,846.67	\$	143,624.33	15.75%	1
WIOA - UPSKILLS AND TRAINING Total			\$ 170,471.00	\$	26,846.67	\$	143,624.33		
TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT NAVIGATOR	24WPB	10/31/2025 2024WPB001	\$ 195,856.00	\$	32,061.02	\$	163,794.98	16.37%	16
TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT NAVIGATOR Total			\$ 195,856.00	\$	32,061.02	\$	163,794.98		
SUMMER EARN & LEARN (SEAL)	23VR1	9/30/2024 3021VRS073	\$ 900,000.00	\$	296,643.24	\$	603,356.76	32.96%	3
SEAL Total			\$ 900,000.00	\$	296,643.24	\$	603,356.76		
SAN ANTONIO AREA FOUNDATION-WORKFORCE AC	C/SAF22	12/31/2024	\$ 100,000.00	\$	64,142.31	\$	35,857.69	64.14%	6
SAN ANTONIO AREA FOUNDATION-CAPACITY BUILD	II CAP22	12/31/2024	\$ 37,500.00	\$	18,998.64	\$	18,501.36	50.66%	6
SAN ANTONIO AREA FOUNDATION Total			\$ 137,500.00	\$	83,140.95	\$	54,359.05		
TOYOTETSU PILOT PROGRAM (RTW)	TOY24	9/30/2024	\$ 16,100.00	0		\$	16,100.00	0.00%	3
TOYOTETSU PILOT PROGRAM TOTAL			\$ 16,100.00	\$	-	\$	16,100.00		
READY TO WORK-COSA	22RTW	3/31/2025	\$ 30,192,462.00	\$	21,069,069.99	\$	9,123,392.01	69.78%	9
READY TO WORK-COSA TOTAL			\$ 30,192,462.00	\$	21,069,069.99	\$	9,123,392.01		
GRAND TOTAL			\$ 200,289,340.77	\$	133,445,444.25	\$	66,843,896.52		



To: Audit and Finance Committee

From: Brandee Perez, CFO

Presented by: Gabriela Navarro Garcia, Controller

Date: September 6, 2024

Regarding: FY24 Budget Analysis Service Delivery

**SUMMARY:** Update and Possible Discussion on Service Delivery Expenditure by County. The preparation of the annal budget considers allocation factors, under Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 800, Chapter B, Allocations. These allocations provide guidance in allocating funds by each county within the Service Delivery Area. TWC awards contracts in aggregate amounts to the Alamo region, requiring the board to serve participants throughout the region.

Upon request of local officials, the board is analyzing a pilot initiative to track Service Delivery expenditures by County to ensure that each county is receiving a fair share of the fund's allocation by state allocation factors.

**ANALYSIS:** The board has evaluated the initial budget allocation, year to date expenditures, and year to date variance analysis for each county. As of June 30, 2024, Bexar County has a budget target of 84.05% of expenditures, against actual expenditures of 81.31%. The rural counties have target expenditures of 15.95% of the total budget against 18.69% of expenditures.

Another factor to consider when reviewing the report is Formula and Childcare Funds tend to spike in the summer months, when the youth have an increase in work experience and Childcare expenditures increase due to children being out of school. Non-Formula funds also include a large allocation from Ready to Work which we have seen an increase in tuition and training.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The board will continue to monitor expenditure by county and work collaboratively with service providers to ensure proper outreach is being conducted in all counties to make funds and services available.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

YTD County by County Expense to Budget Comparison Report

## County by County Expense Report - FY24 YTD Straight- Line Budget June 30, 2024

Counties	Formula	Funds	Child Care F	unds	Non-Formu	la Funds	Total	
	Budget	Percentage %	Budget	Percentage %	Budget	Percentage %	Budget	Percentage %
ATASCOSA	\$ 588,587.98	2.85%	\$ 2,206,044.99	2.20%	\$ 105,463.04	0.38%	2,900,096.01	1.95%
BANDERA	\$ 204,177.72	0.99%	\$ 346,486.45	0.35%	\$ 60,637.15	0.22%	611,301.32	0.41%
BEXAR	\$ 15,332,396.15	74.32%	\$ 82,670,067.29	82.56%	\$ 26,723,286.88	96.68%	124,725,750.33	84.05%
COMAL	\$ 922,247.50	4.47%	\$ 3,406,615.32	3.40%	\$ 181,844.42	0.66%	4,510,707.24	3.04%
FRIO	\$ 339,773.52	1.65%	\$ 813,676.79	0.81%	\$ 39,449.21	0.14%	1,192,899.51	0.80%
GILLESPIE	\$ 225,742.05	1.09%	\$ 358,608.58	0.36%	\$ 31,939.34	0.12%	616,289.97	0.42%
GUADALUPE	\$ 1,009,494.42	4.89%	\$ 4,797,071.65	4.79%	\$ 170,528.04	0.62%	5,977,094.11	4.03%
KARNES	\$ 268,495.81	1.30%	\$ 130,282.37	0.13%	\$ 30,167.26	0.11%	428,945.44	0.29%
KENDALL	\$ 310,506.60	1.51%	\$ 858,659.00	0.86%	\$ 49,308.84	0.18%	1,218,474.44	0.82%
KERR	\$ 310,135.94	1.50%	\$ 1,566,015.36	1.56%	\$ 82,670.81	0.30%	1,958,822.10	1.32%
MCMULLEN	\$ 371,001.29	1.80%	\$ 	0.00%	\$ 53,609.17	0.19%	424,610.45	0.29%
MEDINA	\$ 367,870.34	1.78%	\$ 1,775,986.83	1.77%	\$ 56,802.66	0.21%	2,200,659.83	1.48%
WILSON	\$ 379,137.93	1.84%	\$ 1,202,029.54	1.20%	\$ 56,324.52	0.20%	1,637,491.99	1.10%
	\$ 20,629,567.24	100.00%	\$ 100,131,544.16	100.00%	\$ 27,642,031.35	100.00%	\$ 148,403,142.75	100.00%

## County by County Expense Report - June 30, 2024

Counties	Formula	Funds	Child Care F	unds	Non-Formul	a Funds	Total	
	Expenditures	Percentage %	Expenditures	Percentage %	Expenditures	Percentage %	Expenditures	Percentage %
ATASCOSA	589,059.06	0.53%	2,109,604.50	2.27%	66,799.59	0.63%	2,765,463.15	2.50%
BANDERA	248,590.44	0.76%	321,005.29	0.34%	10,879.92	0.37%	580,475.65	0.52%
BEXAR	12,070,947.52	71.77%	75,826,934.36	82.57%	2,164,233.47	81.74%	90,062,115.35	81.31%
COMAL	1,312,938.67	9.26%	2,995,721.69	3.38%	172,702.80	5.70%	4,481,363.16	4.05%
FRIO	348,852.43	2.12%	793,028.83	0.82%	41,898.79	1.19%	1,183,780.06	1.07%
GILLESPIE	226,314.88	0.81%	359,792.21	0.38%	5,886.65	0.00%	591,993.73	0.53%
GUADALUPE	542,745.41	3.17%	4,122,151.88	4.70%	104,355.79	3.78%	4,769,253.07	4.31%
KARNES	183,336.22	1.24%	163,102.16	0.15%	1,423.69	0.34%	347,862.07	0.31%
KENDALL	291,708.92	1.76%	674,027.79	0.84%	51,609.70	1.53%	1,017,346.41	0.92%
KERR	400,417.14	2.60%	1,332,363.62	1.55%	74,979.89	2.95%	1,807,760.64	1.63%
MCMULLEN	31,066.67	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	31,066.67	0.03%
MEDINA	207,924.65	1.54%	1,679,222.51	1.85%	39,804.46	1.44%	1,926,951.62	1.74%
WILSON	276,315.30	1.93%	899,590.21	1.14%	23,800.37	0.34%	1,199,705.88	1.08%
	16,730,217.32	100.00%	91,276,545.04	100.00%	2,758,375.12	100.00%	110,765,137.48	100.00%

<sup>\*</sup>This expenditures exclude Bexar County only funds which includes: City of San Antonio, Non Custodial Parent, Military Family, Student Hireability Navigator, VRS Paid Work Experience, Training and Employment Navigator, and High Demand Job Training



**To:** Early Care & Education Committee

From: Adrian Lopez, CEO

Presented By: Jessica Villarreal, Director of Child Care

**Date:** August 23, 2024

**Subject:** Childcare Performance Briefing

## Summary:

This is a briefing to the Early Care & Education Committee on childcare performance for FY2024.

WSA works with our childcare contractor as they monitor and process enrollments. WSA maintains ongoing communication with the childcare contractor on TWC's performance goal range of meeting performance at 95 – 105% and to remain within the allocated budget.

For FY2024 TWC has set Alamo's target units of care at 12,378.

Alamo began the FY in October reflecting 11,227 and with the new budget and target allocations, WSA received an increase of 951 units of care. As a result, childcare staff resumed ramping up enrollments, recently, TWC provided boards additional funding to place children in care, without any change to target.

## **Analysis:**

- WSA's unofficial YTD average for July shows average enrollments of 12, 549 or 101.38%, which reflects that Alamo has been successful in returning to the meets performance (MP) range. Our Child Care Services team continues to actively enroll to maintain performance range while remaining within the allocated childcare budget.
- As of 8/16/24, WSA has successfully placed 15,035 children in care, servicing 8,624 families
- As of 8/16/24, Alamo has 5,185 children on the waitlist, reflecting 3,237 families

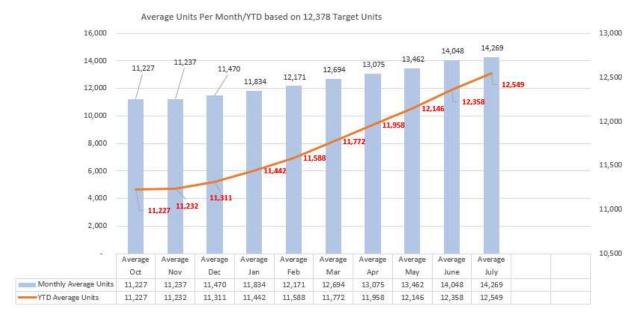
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## awaiting scholarship.

- Child Care Services team is actively enrolling.
- The breakdown according to age group on waitlist is as follows: 1226 Infants, 1304
   Toddlers, 1317 Preschool, and 1298 School Age.

## Information collected: 08/13/2024







	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
	Average									
Monthly Averag	90.70%	90.78%	92.67%	95.61%	98.32%	102.55%	105.63%	108.76%	113.49%	115.28%
YTD Average Uni	90.70%	90.74%	91.38%	92.44%	93.62%	95.11%	96.61%	98.13%	99.83%	101.38%

	Oct	Nov	December	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	August	September	
	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	Average	
Choices	208	237	227	222	222	230	223	225	218	225	- 3	2000	
Low Income	10,312	10,269	10,465	10,803	11,158	11,668	12,049	12,408	12,979	13,150			
Former DFPS	568	591	634	650	632	622	630	652	661	698	9		
Homeless	140	140	144	159	158	175	174	178	190	196			
Monthly Averag	11,227	11,237	11,470	11,834	12,171	12,694	13,075	13,462	14,048	14,269			
Monthly % Aver	90.70%	90.78%	92.67%	95.61%	98.32%	102.55%	105.63%	108.76%	113.49%	115.28%	0.00%	0.00%	
YTD Average Uni	11,227	11,232	11,311	11,442	11,588	11,772	11,958	12,146	12,358	12,549			
YTD % Average	90.70%	90.74%	91.38%	92.44%	93.62%	95.11%	96.61%	98.13%	99.83%	101.38%			
TWC Target	12,378	12,378	12,378	12,378	12,378	12,378	12,378	12,378	12,378	12,378			

## 08/16/2024

County	Families in Care	Children in Care	Families on Waitlist	Children on Waitlist
Atascosa	219	414	90	148
Bandera	40	66	17	30
Bexar	7015	12354	2667	4269
Comal	308	464	105	162
Frio	72	132	25	45
Gillespie	51	68	13	16
Guadalupe	396	680	146	234
Karnes	21	32	6	8
Kendall	66	105	28	41
Kerr	170	270	47	67
McMullen	0	0	0	0
Medina	163	275	65	114
Wilson	103	175	28	51
Totals	8624	15035	3237	5185



## As of 08/16/2024

Age Group	Total on the Waitlist
Infant	1266
Todeller	1304
Preschool	1317
School Age	1298
Totals	5125

At a previous committee meeting, the question was asked: How much would it cost to place the children, currently on the waitlist, in care, in the Alamo area. The following information was collected to show the estimated cost based on county to place the children in care.

Total Amount Needed to Cover Children in Waitlist by Month and County

County			May-24			Jun-24						
County	Avg	. Monthly Cost	# Children in Waitlist	Tot	al Amount Needed	Av	g. Monthly Cost	# Children in Waitlist	Total	Amount Needed		
Atascosa	\$	682.41	110	\$	75,065.10	\$	640.20	118	\$	75,543.60		
Bandera	\$	678.96	26	\$	17,652.96	\$	621.60	26	\$	16,161.60		
Вехаг	\$	814.66	3669	\$	2,988,987.54	\$	748.00	3781	\$	2,828,188.00		
Comal	\$	820.41	133	\$	109,114.53	\$	751.40	146	\$	109,704.40		
Frie	\$	835.59	33	\$	27,574.47	\$	754.60	39	\$	29,429.40		
Gillespie	\$	781.77	26	\$	20,326.02	\$	680.40	27	\$	18,370.80		
Guadalupe	\$	785.91	191	\$	150,108.81	\$	732.00	204	\$	149,328.00		
Karnes	\$	623.76	10	\$	6,237.60	\$	545.80	16	\$	8,732.80		
Kendall	\$	<b>8</b> 12.59	37	\$	30,065.83	\$	762.60	47	\$	35,842.20		
Kerr	\$	713.23	55	\$	39,227.65	\$	647. <mark>00</mark>	56	\$	36,232.00		
Medina	\$	797.87	64	\$	51,063.68	\$	731.40	81	\$	59,243.40		
Wilson	\$	653.66	52	\$	33,990.32	\$	638.20	53	\$	33,824.60		

<sup>\*</sup> Amounts for current month are based on prior month's average rate per county multiplied by billable days in month. Totals are estimated & not intended to be exact cost amount. Multiple factors can affect the amounts, some variations could be attributed to children dropping, additional children in care, summer care, center certification status/enhanced rates, number of days in particular month, etc.

## Fiscal Impact:

- Each fiscal year beginning in October, TWC distributes funding and places an annual performance target for each board.
- TWC provides boards with a performance status methodology that is based on the annual target and budget, outlining percentage ranges for 3 performance measures:
  - o Meets Performance (MP), Exceeds Performance (+P), and Below Performance



(-P)

CCDF Performance Status Methodology
Year-to-Date numbers to calculate performance
MP = 95%-105%
+P = 105% or above
-P = <94.99

- Boards who exceed the budgeted amount for enrollments may have negative impact on future funding.
- As a result, WSA closely monitors and carefully balances both the enrollment target as well as the budget allocated to placing children in care to provide childcare to as many families as possible while remaining in good standing with TWC.

Recommendation: N/A

**Next Steps:** Continue to enroll and monitor performance goals and budget allocations for FY 2024, to maximize enrollments while remaining within program budget.



**To:** Early Care & Education Committee

From: Adrian Lopez, CEO

**Presented By:** Jessica Villarreal, Director of Child Care

**Date:** August 23, 2024

**Subject:** Texas Rising Star Assessment Update

## Summary:

The Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC)three-member Commission (Commission) approved final rules for revisions to the Texas Rising Star program on January 5, 2021. Along with the rule changes, the Commission approved statewide protocols for implementation of the revised Texas Rising Star standards. The Commission-approved implementation protocols include a deferment of assessments and in-person visits during the time that Texas Rising Star staff members are learning about and transitioning to the revised standards.

On August 3, 2021, the Commission approved modifications to the implementation protocols, which include establishing an implementation date of September 1, 2021.

## Analysis:

Alamo has 15 mentors and 1 mentor manager actively working with our centers.

As of 08/07/2024, Alamo board reflected a total of 263 Early Learning Programs certified as Texas Rising Star. Alamo has 164 Early Learning Programs certified as 4 Star, 87 certified as 3 Star, and 12 certified as 2 Star. As of 8/16/24, the percentage of TRS Programs to *sum of* CCS programs is 43%, (46% is percentage for Bexar, and 32% percentage of Rural). TRS mentors and boards continue to participate in meetings with the Centralizing Assessment Entity to understand the new processes and responsibilities assigned to TRS mentors/assessors, boards, and the Centralizing Assessment Entity.

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The total number of providers who have agreements to provide scholarships continues to fluctuate. As of August 6th, we have 611 Centers with an active agreement to provide scholarships for children. This total includes Licensed Centers, Licensed Child Care Homes, Military, Registered Child Care Homes, and Relative Care Listed Homes. \*\*Relative Care is not included for TRS percentages/numbers\*\* These 611 centers have an overall capacity of serving 59,870 children, based on Child Care Regulations. For those centers in the rural area, the total capacity available is 12,334, and the total for Bexar County centers is 47,536.

## Data as of 08/07/2024

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Centers awaiting NEW certification	104
Number of <b>4*</b> to date	164
Number of <b>3*</b> to date	87
Number of <b>2*</b> to date	12
# Of Accredited Centers	64
# Of Non-Accredited Centers	199
# Of Military Centers: included in accredited	7
total	
# Of Initial Centers (as of Sept 2022)	255
# Of Centers Closed/Withdrew/CCR	13
Deficiencies	
# Of centers who have increased star level	40
since Sept. 2022 (When TWC allowed	
assessments to resume)	
2 STAR → 3 STAR	4
2 STAR → 4 STAR	10
3 STAR → 4 STAR	26



## Data below as of 08/05/24

Note for Programs Section Below: Includes Licensed Center, Licensed Home, Registered Home, Listed, and Military. Military does not show up on the HHSC CCL Data list – needed to add in.

Loostion	Programs	CCS Programs	TRS	Percentage TRS of
Location			Programs	CCS Programs
Bexar Early Learning Programs	837	481	222	46%
Rural Early Learning Programs	306	130	41	32%
Total	1143	611	263	43%

Provider Type	Total	Total	Rural	Rural
	Providers	Capacity	Providers	Capacity
Licensed Center	506	58875	108	12130
Licensed Child Care Home	41	491	12	144
Military	7	N/A	0	N/A
Registered Child Care Home	43	504	5	60
Relative Care Listed Home	14	N/A	5	N/A
Totals	611	59870	130	12334

## **BCY 2024**

Month	Number of New Providers	Sum of New Provider Capacity	Number of Providers Ending Agreement	Sum of Providers Ending Capacity	Net Capacity Change
October	8	264	7	560	-296
November	13	960	15	1135	-175
December	12	1184	9	703	481
January	8	887	7	332	555
February	8	594	8	472	122
March	21	1064	4	107	957
April	3	40	2	24	16
May	16	1710	9	294	1416
June	4	245	3	192	53
July	4	498	4	340	158
August					
September					
Totals					



# Below is a breakdown of the data listed above, by zip code.

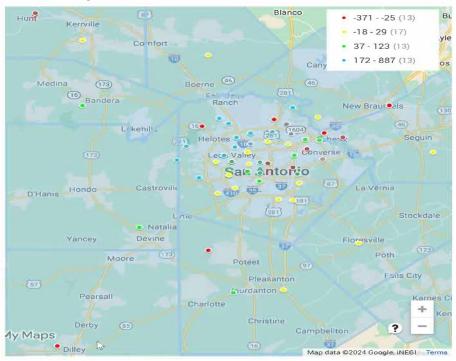
ZIP.	ENDED	NEW	DIFFERENCE	ZIP	ENDED	NEW	DIFFERENCE	ZIP	ENDED	NEW	DIFFERENCE
78003		93	93	78217		29	29	78247	1.0	301	301
78016		52	52	78218	117	158	41	78249		276	276
78017	35		-35	78219	243	12	-231	78250	12	184	172
78023	123	12	-111	78220	E	103	103	78251	44	53	9
78025	108		-108	78222	92	93	1	78252		26	26
78026	107	144	37	78223	133	122	-11	78253		887	887
78028	85	114	29	78225		123	123	78254	12	199	187
78064	84	84	0	78227	190	206	16	78255		222	222
78108	131		-131	78228	12		-12	78256		221	221
78109	301		-301	78229	12		-12	78258	208	181	-27
78114	12	12	0	78230		120	120	78259	440	360	-80
78130	586	215	-371	78232		243	243	78266		12	12
78148	12	64	52	78233	86	174	88	78231		325	325
78154	195	67	-128	78237		90	90	78006	12		-12
78155	30	12	-18	78238	39	83	44	78666		63	63
78201	114	305	191	78239	164	129	-35	78216		10	10
78207	48	110	62	78240	100	522	422	78261		231	231
78212	103	78	-25	78242	. 13		-13	78065	83		-83
78214	12	22	10	78245	61	304	243				

 $Below shows \ those \ from \ above, \ where \ 50 \ or \ more \ slots \ were \ lost \ \ when \ \ CCS \ agreement \ was \ ended.$ 

ZIP	ENDED	NEW	DIFFERENCE
78023	78023 123		-111
78025	108		-108
78108	131		-131
78109	301		-301
78130	586	215	-371
78154	195	67	-128
78219	243	12	-231
78259	440	360	-80
78065	83		-83



The map below shows the areas of impact with gains/losses in slots due to the beginning or ending of agreements to provide scholarships. The areas in blue are those Centers who had the most Child Care slot increases/gains, the areas in red are the Centers/areas with the most Child Care slot losses.



Alternatives: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: N/A

**Next Steps:** WSA will continue monitoring the assessment preparation and program's application submissions. Assessments & Scheduling of assessments are completed by the Centralizing Assessment Entity, following TWC guidance and processes.



#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Strategic Committee

From: Adrian Lopez, CEO

**Presented By:** Rebecca Espino-Balencia, Director, Ready to Work

**Date:** August 30,2024

Subject: Alamo Workforce Consortium

**Summary:** WSA established The Alamo Workforce Consortium in 2021 to expand its reach to job seekers being served by community partners.

Consortium partners included seven key agencies committed to coordinating their collective contribution to remove barriers for individuals and families that are on the path to self-sufficiency through education, training and employment.

The consortium combines community support such as financial literacy, housing, food, childcare, with education, training and workforce development. Together we determine how these efforts could best support the community. Partners entered the Ready to Work contract as part of these efforts. As Ready to Work progresses, our Alamo Workforce Consortium is meeting on how to expand beyond Ready to Work.

#### **Analysis:**

Alamo Workforce Consortium continues to press forward looking for ways to support each other, stay agile in a changing market to best serve employer partners and the community.

- Subagencies are collaborating and sharing training opportunities and events to leverage resources and promote each other's missions.
- Sharing best practices that support all programs.
- Leaning on each other's talents and skills.
- Joining together for grant proposals.
- Discussing other community partners to join the consortium.

Fiscal Impact: NA

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Recommendation: No board action is needed.

**Next Steps:** Discuss how other community partners can join to enhance our efforts. An upcoming meeting to be held in future months.



#### **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Oversight Committee

**From:** Eric Vryn, Chief Process Officer

Date: September 6, 2024

**Subject:** Procurement, Information Technology, and Ready to Work

# **Summary:**

This memo addresses three key areas: improvements to Procurement and Contract Management (PCM), migration of IT systems to the cloud with a focus on Personally Identifiable Information (PII) security, and the fiscal and programmatic processes of the Ready to Work (RTW) program. For each area ongoing wins and challenges are shared, along with proposed strategic interventions.

# **Updates on Procurement and Contract Management (PCM) Improvements:**

Our upcoming priorities in PCM are focused on advancing key initiatives to improve operational efficiency and maintain compliance standards. We have created a forecast model to enhance procurement planning and are testing a new facility ticketing system to streamline maintenance requests. These initiatives were developed using Monday boards.

We are also enhancing and preparing to circulate our third- and fourth-party risk management policy and tool to help minimize vendor risk to WSA. In preparation for the upcoming TWC Audit, PCM is closely working with our Fiscal and QA departments to review all contracts and leases. Additionally, we are assessing new facility locations to replace the Bandera location previously approved by the board (4173 Highway 16, Bandera, TX).

# IT Cloud Migration and PII Security:

Personally Identifiable Information (PII) assessment conducted by Kadmak Consulting LLC on Workforce Solutions Alamo's on-premise environment yielded positive results. Two servers were scanned using Manage Engine Data Security Plus. Initially, 41,227 files were flagged; however, refining the confidence level to "High" reduced this number to just one instance. Upon review, this single case was confirmed to be a false positive - a Microsoft wizard template containing sample PII. No actual PII was discovered in any of the scanned files, indicating robust current data protection practices.

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The assessment found no PII vulnerabilities but emphasized the importance of ongoing vigilance in data security. The report recommends regular assessments, tool calibration improvements, and expanding scans to cloud environments to maintain a high standard of data protection. Overall, the findings reflect positively on Workforce Solutions Alamo's current data security measures while emphasizing the need for continued proactive management of potential PII risks.

# **Ready to Work Analysis:**

#### **Executive Summary:**

The Ready-to-Work (RTW) program is currently facing significant operational inefficiencies that are impeding its effectiveness and scalability. This analysis focuses on identifying critical bottlenecks, quantifying process inefficiencies, providing data-driven recommendations for improvement, and proposing further in-depth studies. The key issues include:

- Underperformance in meeting program goals
- Suboptimal intake procedures
- Overburdened case management
- Inefficient invoice processing
- Misaligned financial incentives
- Excessive documentation and compliance requirements

These challenges stem from duplicative efforts, rework, stringent compliance mandates, frequent system and programmatic changes, and inadequate inter-organizational communication.

#### **Current State Analysis:**

# 1. Program Performance Metrics (as of September 11, 2024)

Metric	Actual	Goal	Performance
Unique Applicants (Interviewed at Intake)	6,256	11,072	51%
Enrolled in Approved Training Programs	3,590	8,711	40%
Participants that exited or Completed Approved Training	1,243	N/A	N/A
Employers Hiring RTW Graduates	469	N/A	N/A



## **Analysis:**

The RTW program is underperforming in all key metrics, achieving between 40% and 51% of its established targets. This underperformance indicates substantial underlying challenges within the program and participant engagement.

## **Key Metrics:**

- Enrollment in Approved Training to Completion: 35.5% (1,243 out of 3,503)
- Completion of Approved Training to Employers Hiring RTW Graduates: 37.7% (469 out of 1,243)

The enrollment in approved training programs to completion shows a 64.5% attrition rate within training programs, indicating potential issues with program retention and participant support mechanisms. Additionally, the ratio of employers hiring graduates to participants who completed or exited training (469:1,243 or approximately 1:2.65) suggests that there are about 2.65 participants who completed or exited training for every employer hiring. This ratio highlights the connection between program completion and job placement outcomes.

The disparity between the number of participants who have completed or exited an approved training program (1,243) and the total number of enrollments in an approved training program (3,503) underscores the challenges in program retention and completion rate (35.5%).

The completion of approved training to employers hiring RTW graduates 37.7% (469 out of 1,243) indicates that out of the 1,243 participants who completed approved training, 469 were hired.

#### 2. Intake and Assessment Process:

- Process capacity: 120-150 intake assessments per month
- Staff allocation: 5 intake specialists
- Cycle time per assessment: 1.0-1.5 hours
- Lead time per participant: 7-30+ days
- Verification time per contactable lead: 5-20 minutes
- Required SYNC fields: 150+, with 37 critical for invoicing
- Compliance requirement: 100%

#### **Analysis:**

**Process capacity:** This refers to the number of intake assessments that can be completed in a month.

**Cycle time:** This is the duration of time required to complete a single intake assessment from start to finish.

**Lead time:** This is the total elapsed time from the initial contact with a participant to the completion of their intake process.



The current process is significantly impacted by a duplicative verification process, leading to overprocessing, duplication, and wait times. One example found was that COSA provides 311 referrals of individuals interested in the RTW program, which COSA considers verified. However, due to contract language, C2 Global must still conduct and include the same verification in SYNC to avoid potential disallowed costs. This non-value-added activity increases processing time by an average of 5-20 minutes per lead, highlighting the need for streamlining and efficiency.

## Capacity calculation:

• 135 assessments (average) \* 1.25 hours (average) = 168.75 hours per month 168.75 hours / 5 specialists = 33.75 hours per specialist per month.

This calculation reveals that the current team is operating at or near capacity, leaving minimal room for handling increased volume or addressing backlogs.

#### Additional Metrics:

- <u>Takt Time calculation:</u> Available time: 5 specialists \* 7 hours \* 20 days = 700 hours = 42,000 minutes (Assuming 1 hour per day for breaks, meetings, and other non-assessment tasks) Customer demand: 150 assessments per month (using upper limit) Takt Time = 42,000 minutes / 150 assessments = 280 minutes per assessment.
- <u>Process Capability Index (Cpk)</u> = min ((21 14) / (3 \* 2.33), (14 7) / (3 \* 2.33) = 1.00

The takt time of 280 minutes (4 hours and 40 minutes) per assessment significantly exceeds the actual cycle time of 60-90 minutes. This suggests that there may be additional steps not considered in the current process, leading to a longer overall workflow time than

**TAKT Time**: rate at which a product or service must be completed to meet customer demand; in this context, it refers to the time available to process each assessment relative to the demand for assessments.

**Process Capability Index (Cpk):** a statistical tool used to measure a process's ability to produce outputs within specification limits. it indicates how well the process meets its requirements, with higher values signifying greater capability and reliability.

indicated by the analysis. Therefore, the total lead time is likely much longer than the analysis indicates.

The Cpk of 1.00 indicates that the process exactly meets specifications, but there is no buffer for variation. This reinforces the need to improve the overall intake process to enhance its reliability and consistency. Ideally, the target for a Cpk is 1.50-2.00, indicating a process well-capable of meeting specifications limits with room for variation.

#### 3. Case Management:



• Case manager to participant ratio: 1:300-350

• Daily case workload expectation: 30 cases

• Engagement frequency: 1-2 times monthly during training, monthly for six months post-placement

• Engagement duration: 2-5 minutes during training, 30 seconds to 2 minutes post-placement

• Total contacts per participant: 7-13

• SYNC data entry time per participant: 4-5 hours over program duration

• Staff allocation: 5 case managers

#### **Analysis:**

The current case management process exhibits signs of staff being overburdened by heavy compliance and documentation requirements, high-volume caseloads, and participants with significant barriers and challenges that impact overall processing times.

#### Workload calculation:

• Assuming 325 participants per case manager: 325 participants \* 2 engagements per month \* 3.5 minutes (average) = 2,275 minutes or 37.92 hours per month.

This leaves approximately 2 hours per day for other tasks, including data entry and addressing participant issues, which is insufficient. The 4-5 hours spent on SYNC data entry per participant represents 1,300-1,625 hours of data entry across all current participants (1,419), or 260-325 hours per case manager.

## Additional metric:

• Value Added Ratio (VAR) = (37.92 hours of engagement + 60.94 hours of data entry) / (160 working hours per month) = 0.62

This VAR of 0.62 or 62% suggests that while a significant portion of case managers' time is spent on value-added activities, there's still room for improvement in reducing non-value-added time.

4. Invoice Processing:

Invoice revision rate: 63.64%First Pass Yield (FPY): 36.36%

• Average revisions per invoice: 1.45

• Process efficiency: 36.36%

• Monthly time allocation to RTW tasks: 616 hours (30% of fiscal staff workload)

• Monthly cost of RTW task allocation: \$41,047.85

• Funding guide revisions: 5 in 6 months

Value Added Ratio (VAR): used to measure the proportion of time spent on activities that directly contribute to the desired outcome versus total time spent; thus, a higher VAR indicates a more efficient process with less time wasted on non-essential tasks.



#### **Analysis:**

The invoice processing system is operating at a 1.1 sigma level, resulting in defects at a rate of 697,700 parts per million opportunities (DPMO). To put this into context, a Six Sigma process, considered excellent, produces only 3.4 DPMO. The 1.1 sigma level indicates that significant improvements are needed in the process.

Although WSA and COSA invoice processing and communication are relatively efficient, there remains a high degree of inefficiency and rework between WSA and the subprime agencies. This inefficiency seems to be linked to process changes and fragmented communication regarding updates in SYNC from COSA to WSA and partner organizations. One cited and witnessed during observations was changes in SNYC that occurred but were not communicated before updates in the system occurred. Additionally, in 2024 alone, COSA updated its funding guide five (5) times over six (6) months, indicating that they are still working to optimize the platform to meet the program's needs. Other factors contributing to inefficiency include high workload volumes and general compliance fatigue due to program requirements.

#### **Financial Impact:**

The estimated internal revision cost is \$41,047.85, calculated as follows: 616 hours \* 63.64% \* \$104.75. This cost is specifically linked to the 392.02 hours (over 30 days) affected by inefficiencies or rework. It is assumed that 63.64% of the 616 total hours were inefficient or required rework. Please be aware that these figures do not include other overhead costs or personnel assigned to assist with special projects, data analysis, and administrative tasks.

#### Additional Metric:

- Defects Per Million Opportunities (DPMO) = (Number of defects / (Number of units \* Opportunities per unit)) \* 1,000,000
- DPMO = (63.64 / (100 \* 1)) \* 1,000,000 = 636,400
- This DPMO value confirms the 1.1 sigma level and provides a concrete measure of the error rate in invoice processing.

#### 5. Financial Model

- Intake and Assessment Fee: \$350 per participant (covered by partners)
- Case Management Fee: \$1,914.85 per participant (covered by partners)
- WSA Revenue: \$40.75 (Intake) + \$267.18 (Case Management) per participant
- Admin Fee: 8% of Intake and Case Management fees (covered by partners)

#### **Analysis:**

The current financial model was created over two years ago for a unique program after the height of COVID. The model was likely based on several key principles and practices common in program



management and workforce development initiatives. However, as the program has evolved and grown, the system and processes established by COSA have shown the need for more resources to keep up with the program's growing demands. A significant aspect of the program that must be considered in the financial model is the extensive effort required to place participants into quality jobs within the allotted 6-month timeframe. This process involves a multitude of critical activities, including:

- 1. Job matching
- 2. Soft skill development
- 3. Resume development
- 4. Interview preparation
- 5. Participant follow-up
- 6. Engagement with local employers

These activities represent only a portion of the total effort required of partners to ensure successful job placements. The depth and breadth of these services are crucial to the participant's success and contribute significantly to the workload of partner organizations.

COSA's unwillingness to ease the 100% compliance requirement significantly burdens partner organizations, forcing them to absorb added staff costs and establish internal processes to meet the strict compliance requirements for tracking participants. Additionally, it is unclear how the city is using this data, which may have the unintended consequence of limiting funding for process improvements or partner organizations' ability to add needed resources.

Placing participants into quality jobs involves significant work and includes various challenges. Partners are tasked with matching participants with suitable job opportunities in a changing market, offering ongoing support for job retention, and managing nuanced compliance requirements. While these efforts are crucial for the program's success, they add complexity to the partners' roles and responsibilities within the current financial structure.

The existing financial model reflects the initial understanding of the program's needs from more than two years ago. As the RTW program continues to evolve, ongoing evaluation of the model's effectiveness in supporting the program's goals and the partners' efforts will be crucial for ensuring this workforce development initiative's long-term sustainability, adaptability, and success.

#### **Key Recommendations - Strategic Action for Lasting Change:**

#### 1. Streamline Invoicing Process and Enhance Communication:

The current invoicing process is fraught with errors and inefficiencies, leading to significant rework and delays. We recommend:



- Marking critical fields in the SYNC system as required or highlighting them with asterisks provides clear visual cues to users and reduces the likelihood of errors.
- Limiting funding guide changes and related communications to quarterly, with a minimum 30-day advance notice period. Any changes outside this schedule should require consortium agreement before implementation.

#### 2. Reevaluate 100% Compliance Requirements:

COSA's current 100% compliance requirement is creating an undue burden on partner organizations. We recommend:

- Engaging in an exploratory dialogue with COSA to reevaluate this requirement and adopt a more balanced approach to compliance.
- Considering a tiered compliance system where critical data points remain at 100% compliance, but less crucial elements are held to a slightly relaxed standard

#### 3. Conduct Cost-Benefit Analysis:

To ensure fair compensation and optimal resource allocation, we recommend:

Compliance Requirements: Refers to set of rules and standards that organizations must follow to meet legal, regulatory, or contractual obligations. In this report, it refers to the obligations imposed on the RTW program and its partners to ensure that processes and documentation meet specific standards, often leading to increased workload and administrative burden.

- Conducting a detailed cost-benefit analysis across all partner organizations to provide empirical data on the actual time, effort, and costs required for various program activities.
- Assessing the economic benefits generated by these activities, including job matching, soft skill development, and employer engagement.
- Using this data to engage in informed discussions with COSA about appropriate compensation levels that accurately reflect the work involved in achieving program goals and the value created.

#### **Conclusion:**

The Ready to Work (RTW) program is at a critical juncture. This analysis reveals a program grappling with significant operational challenges that undermine its effectiveness. From intake to job placement, these challenges result in underperformance across key metrics and strain the resources of partner organizations.

Key issues include case managers' high caseloads and administrative burdens, with a 1:300-350 ratio, and an invoice processing system operating at a 1.1 sigma level with a 63.64% revision rate. These issues are further compounded by a financial model created over two years ago that may not fully capture the



intricacies and efforts in guiding participants to successful employment within the allotted 6-month timeframe.

The program's struggles are not simply internal. COSA's 100% compliance requirement, while well-intentioned, has created additional hurdles, and frequent funding guide changes (5 in 6 months) have left partners in a constant state of adaptation. The result is a program that, despite the dedication of its staff, is falling short of its potential to transform lives and bolster the local workforce.

Yet, despite these challenges, there are opportunities for meaningful improvement. The RTW program can move towards a more efficient and effective model by streamlining processes, reevaluating compliance standards, and conducting a thorough cost-benefit analysis. The road ahead will require more open dialogue, particularly with COSA, and a commitment to assessing the program's financial sustainability.

As the program evolves, regular evaluation and adaptability will be paramount. With thoughtful implementation of the recommendations - including streamlining the invoicing process, reevaluating compliance requirements, and conducting a detailed cost-benefit analysis - the RTW program can better align its operations with its aspirations, ultimately serving as a more powerful catalyst for workforce development in Greater San Antonio.

# **Next Steps:**

Our upcoming priorities are focused on advancing key initiatives across the PCM and Ready to Work programs. In PCM, we have created a forecast model to improve procurement planning, and we are testing a new facility ticketing system to streamline maintenance requests. These initiatives were developed using Monday boards. We are also enhancing and circulating our third- and fourth-party risk management processes to staff for feedback. Additionally, PCM is reviewing all contracts and leases with the Fiscal and QA departments in preparation for the upcoming TWC Audit. These efforts are aimed at improving our operational efficiency and maintaining organizational compliance standards.

Regarding the IT Cloud Migration project, the PII verification process has been completed. As a result, no additional action is required.

For the Ready to Work program, the CPO will work with program staff to assess resource time and cost implications, as recommended to conduct a cost-benefit analysis. At the same time, we will evaluate compliance and system issues and their impact. We will focus on the potential for a more balanced approach to compliance and improvements to the invoicing process. This approach will help us continue to identify inefficiencies and develop targeted improvements for the RTW program processes. The CPO will also coordinate with the CEO on further action while continuing to review and analyze the program.

# **Fiscal Impact:**

The fiscal impact is TBD and pending further analysis.



# **Attachments:**

None.



#### **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Executive Committee

From: Adrian Lopez, CEO

**Presented By:** Kristen Rodriguez, Interim Director, Procurement and Contracts Management

Date: September 13, 2024

Subject: Discussion and Possible Action: Partners for Reentry Opportunities in Workforce

Development (PROWD) Services

**Summary:** For discussion and potential action: The Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) - Board of Directors is presented with a proposal to award a contract to Goodwill Industries of San Antonio, the highest-ranked offeror, for the purchase of Partners for Reentry Opportunities in Workforce Development (PROWD) Services in the estimated aggregate amount of \$1,057,050, unless an authorized signed amendment by all parties. The contract term will be effective October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, with the option to renew for up to two (2) one-year periods upon written mutual consent of Workforce Solutions Alamo and the selected Contractor.

This action aligns with Supporting Texas Talent and Economic Growth - Goal 2, Service Optimizers, in our strategic plan.

**Analysis:** The Contractor will provide comprehensive services to be delivered to providers, directors, teachers, and community partners and shall comply with the following required elements:

The goal of Texas PROWD is to implement evidence-based, dedicated services that will improve the outcomes for individuals currently in, or recently released from, the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP). Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) was one (1) of seven (7) Workforce Development Boards selected as recipients of the Texas PROWD grant. The Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) requested proposals from qualified firms to assist in identifying job opportunities for participants by analyzing criminogenic and employment assessments, along with local labor

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market information (LMI). Based on these assessments, participants will be matched with career pathways that align with their education, work history, and training requirements.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) notice was published online and, in the Texas, Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD) on July 9, 2024. Procurement and Contracts sent an email inviting potential respondents to participate in the RFP, also posted on its eBid portal, Bonfire. WSA received seven (7) proposals by the August 7, 2024, deadline, and these proposals underwent evaluation by internal assessors in accordance with the RFP's specifications and requirements.

**Alternatives:** Not approving the recommendation could result in significant risks and challenges across various areas. This could include delays in starting the contract for the new fiscal year, difficulties in collaboration and information sharing, impacts on financial strategy and planning, challenges in maintaining accurate financial reporting and compliance, obstacles in effective risk management, and disruptions to strategic decision-making processes.

**Fiscal Impact:** The contract will initially span one (1) year with the possibility of two (2) additional renewals. The initial term is effective from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025, with subsequent 12-month renewal periods possible upon mutual written consent of both parties. The estimated aggregate amount of \$1,057,050, unless an authorized signed amendment by all parties.

Below is the breakdown of the anticipated costs for the term of the contract:

Item	Oct 24' – Sep 25'	Oct 25'- Sep 26'	Oct 26'- Sep 27'
Estimated Annual Contract Amount	ĺ .	\$352,350	\$352,350
Contract Total			\$ 1,057,050

**Recommendation:** PCM recommends proceeding with the evaluators' recommendation to award the contract to, Goodwill Industries of San Antonio, the highest-ranked contractor, for Partners for



Reentry Opportunities in Workforce Development (PROWD) Services in the Alamo Workforce Development Area.

**Next Steps:** Upon approval of this action, WSA Procurement and Contract Management (PCM), in collaboration with the WSA Program Services Team, will initiate negotiations and facilitate the execution of contracts for Partners for Reentry Opportunities in Workforce Development (PROWD) Services.

Attachments: RFP 2024-017 Proposal Tabulation

RFP 2024-017 Proposal Tabulation
Partners for Reentry Opportunities in Workforce Development (PROWD) Services

Item	Item	Goodwill	San	American	Thrive	Modern	Chrysalis	Phase
#	Description	Industries	Antonio	Indian in	DX	Assessment	Ministries	Consulting
		of San	Food	Texas at		Group		Partners
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				Spanish				
				Colonial				
				Missions				
1	Quality &	19.67	18.00	16.33	11.67	12.33	17.33	12.67
	Experience							
2	Services Meet	26.67	22.00	24.67	20.00	18.00	10.00	18.67
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	the							
	Organization							
3	Collaboration	22.78	15.00	11.12	16.11	11.11	7.23	4.45
	and							
	Partnerships							
4	Budget	7.00	6.00	5.00	2.00	4.00	6.00	4.00
	Workbook							



5	Budget Narrative	9.33	8.00	8.00	4.67	8.00	6.00	6.00
6	Hub	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	85.45	69.00	65.12	54.44	53.45	46.56	45.78



#### **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Executive Committee

From: Adrian Lopez, CEO

**Presented By:** Kristen Rodriguez, Interim Director, Procurement and Contracts Management

Date: September 13, 2024

**Subject:** Discussion and Possible Action: Fiber Internet Consolidation

**Summary:** For discussion and potential action: The Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) - Board of Directors is presented with a proposal to award a contract to the best-valued offeror, Spectrum Enterprise, for the purchase of Fiber Internet service at all workforce centers in the estimated aggregate amount of \$445,719.68, unless an authorized signed amendment by all parties. The contract term will be effective October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027, with no renewal options.

This action aligns with Supporting Texas Talent and Economic Growth - Goal 2, Service Optimizers, in our strategic plan.

Analysis: Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) has identified a need to consolidate all the current fiber networks with various providers into one contract with a single provider. This allows WSA to simplify billing, negotiate better terms, and reduce administrative overhead by streamlining to one provider. This approach minimizes the complexities associated with managing multiple providers, leading to faster support, easier troubleshooting, and more cohesive service delivery. Additionally, a unified network enhances service quality, as a single provider can offer comprehensive service level agreements and robust support, resulting in improved performance metrics. Strategically, consolidating supports long-term growth by simplifying technology adoption and network expansion, positioning the organization for future scalability and adaptability.

A Request for Quotes (RFQ) notice was released to three (3) qualified DIR vendors. Procurement and Contract Management (PCM) along with IT staff assessed all quotes and determined Spectrum Enterprise is the best valued offeror. Spectrum currently supports 12 site locations, each

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under various contract terms. Consolidating the remaining 7 sites onto Spectrum would offer the best value for the following reasons:

- 1. WSA will avoid penalties associated with breaking current contract terms, as there would be no need to disrupt existing agreements.
- 2. Spectrum has absorbed the construction cost of over \$100,000 for the new O'Conor location and other locations that would require construction, demonstrating their commitment to our infrastructure.
- 3. Migration would involve only 7 sites with Spectrum, compared to 19 or 12 sites if we opted for ATT or TPX, respectively. Additionally, Spectrum's costs are presented as budgetary, and there could be unforeseen changes as implementation progresses with ATT or TPX.
- 4. Spectrum services our core locations, including Santa Rosa and the 11:11 Data Center. Transitioning to a different provider would necessitate significant modifications to our core infrastructure, requiring extensive planning and additional work.

**Alternatives:** Any alternative to not approving the recommendation could lead to increased costs due to fragmented billing and complex contract management, which can prevent access to volume discounts and efficient negotiations. Furthermore, maintaining multiple providers can hinder strategic planning, and service quality can become inconsistent, with slower response times and more frequent disruptions due to the lack of a unified support system.

**Fiscal Impact:** The contract will span thirty-six (36) months with no additional renewals. The initial term is effective from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2027. The estimated aggregate amount is \$445,719.68, unless an authorized signed amendment by all parties.

Below is the breakdown of the anticipated costs for the term of the contract:

Item	Oct 24' – Sep 25'	Oct 25'- Sep 26'	Oct 26'- Sep 27'
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Estimated Annual Contract Amount	\$147,826.56	\$147,826.56	\$147,826.56
One Time Startup Fee	\$2,240		
Total	\$150,066.56	\$147,826.56	\$147,826.56

**Recommendation:** PCM recommends proceeding with the recommendation to award the contract to Spectrum Enterprise, the best-valued contractor for Fiber Internet Service consolidation for all workforce centers.

**Next Steps:** Upon approval of this action, WSA PCM, in collaboration with the WSA IT Team, will initiate negotiations and facilitate the execution of contract for Fiber Internet Services for all workforce centers.

**Attachments:** None



#### **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Adrian Lopez, Chief Executive Officer

**From:** Eric Vryn, Chief Process Officer

**Date:** September 6, 2024

**Subject:** Ready-to-Work Program Analysis

# **Executive Summary:**

The Ready-to-Work (RTW) program is currently facing significant operational inefficiencies that are impeding its effectiveness and scalability. This analysis focuses on identifying critical bottlenecks, quantifying process inefficiencies, providing data-driven recommendations for improvement, and proposing further in-depth studies. The key issues include:

- Underperformance in meeting program goals
- Suboptimal processes and procedures
- Overburdened case management
- Inefficient invoice processing
- Misaligned reimbursement model
- Excessive documentation and compliance requirements

These challenges stem from duplicative efforts, rework, stringent compliance mandates, frequent system and programmatic changes, and inadequate inter-organizational communication.

# **Current State Analysis:**

1. Program Performance Metrics (as of September 11, 2024)

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Metric	Actual	Goal	Performance
Unique Applicants (Interviewed at Intake)	6,256	11,072	51%
Enrolled in Approved Training Programs	3,590	8,711	40%
Participants that exited or Completed Approved Training	1,243	N/A	N/A
Employers Hiring RTW Graduates	469	N/A	N/A

# **Analysis:**

The RTW program is underperforming in all key metrics, achieving between 40% and 51% of its established targets. This underperformance indicates substantial underlying challenges within the program and participant engagement.

#### **Key Metrics:**

- Enrollment in Approved Training to Completion: 35.5% (1,243 out of 3,503)
- Completion of Approved Training to Employers Hiring RTW Graduates: 37.7% (469 out of 1,243)

The enrollment in approved training programs to completion shows a 64.5% attrition rate within training programs, indicating potential issues with program retention and participant support mechanisms. Additionally, the ratio of employers hiring graduates to participants who completed or exited training (469:1,243 or approximately 1:2.65) suggests that there are about 2.65 participants who completed or exited training for every employer hiring. This ratio highlights the connection between program completion and job placement outcomes.

The disparity between the number of participants who have completed or exited an approved training program (1,243) and the total number of enrollments in an approved training program (3,503) underscores the challenges in program retention and completion rate (35.5%).

The completion of approved training to employers hiring RTW graduates 37.7% (469 out of 1,243) indicates that out of the 1,243 participants who completed approved training, 469 were hired.



**Process capacity:** This refers to the number of intake assessments that can be completed in a month.

**Cycle time:** This is the duration of time required to complete a single intake assessment from start to finish.

**Lead time:** This is the total elapsed time from the initial contact with a participant to the completion of their intake process.

#### 2. Intake and Assessment Process:

• Process capacity: 120-150 intake assessments per month

• Staff allocation: 5 intake specialists

• Cycle time per assessment: 1.0-1.5 hours

• Lead time per participant: 7-30+ days

• Verification time per contactable lead: 5-20 minutes

• Required SYNC fields: 150+, with 37 critical for invoicing

• Compliance requirement: 100%

#### Analysis:

The current process is significantly impacted by a duplicative verification process, leading to overprocessing, duplication, and wait times. One example found was that COSA provides 311 referrals of individuals interested in the RTW program, which COSA considers verified. However, due to contract language, C2 Global must still conduct and include the same verification in SYNC to avoid potential disallowed costs. This non-value-added activity increases processing time by an average of 5-20 minutes per lead, highlighting the need for streamlining and efficiency.

#### Capacity calculation:

• 135 assessments (average) \* 1.25 hours (average) = 168.75 hours per month 168.75 hours / 5 specialists = 33.75 hours per specialist per month.

This calculation reveals that the current team is operating at or near capacity, leaving minimal room for handling increased volume or addressing backlogs.

#### Additional Metrics:



- <u>Takt Time calculation:</u> Available time: 5 specialists \* 7 hours \* 20 days = 700 hours = 42,000 minutes (Assuming 1 hour per day for breaks, meetings, and other non-assessment tasks) Customer demand: 150 assessments per month (using upper limit) Takt Time = 42,000 minutes / 150 assessments = 280 minutes per assessment.
- Process Capability Index (Cpk) = min ((21 14) / (3 \* 2.33), (14 7) / (3 \* 2.33)) = 1.00

The takt time of 280 minutes (4 hours and 40 minutes) per assessment significantly exceeds the actual cycle time of 60-90 minutes. This

**TAKT Time**: rate at which a product or service must be completed to meet customer demand; in this context, it refers to the time available to process each assessment relative to the demand for assessments.

**Process Capability Index (Cpk):** a statistical tool used to measure a process's ability to produce outputs within specification limits. it indicates how well the process meets its requirements, with higher values signifying greater capability and reliability.

suggests that there may be additional steps not considered in the current process, leading to a longer overall workflow time than indicated by the analysis. Therefore, the total lead time is likely much longer than the analysis indicates.

The Cpk of 1.00 indicates that the process exactly meets specifications, but there is no buffer for variation. This reinforces the need to improve the overall intake process to enhance its reliability and consistency. Ideally, the target for a Cpk is 1.50-2.00, indicating a process well-capable of meeting specifications limits with room for variation.

#### 3. Case Management:

- Case manager to participant ratio: 1:300-350
- Daily case workload expectation: 30 cases
- Engagement frequency: 1-2 times monthly during training, monthly for six months postplacement
- Engagement duration: 2-5 minutes during training, 30 seconds to 2 minutes post-placement
- Total contacts per participant: 7-13
- SYNC data entry time per participant: 4-5 hours over program duration
- Staff allocation: 5 case managers

#### **Analysis:**



The current case management process exhibits signs of staff being overburdened by heavy compliance and documentation requirements, high-volume caseloads, and participants with significant barriers and challenges that impact overall processing times.

#### Workload calculation:

• Assuming 325 participants per case manager: 325 participants \* 2 engagements per month \* 3.5 minutes (average) = 2,275 minutes or 37.92 hours per month.

This leaves approximately 2 hours per day for other tasks, including data entry and addressing participant issues, which is insufficient. The 4-5 hours spent on SYNC data entry per participant represents 1,300-1,625 hours of data entry across all current participants (1,419), or 260-325 hours per case manager.

Value Added Ratio (VAR): used to measure the proportion of time spent on activities that directly contribute to the desired outcome versus total time spent; thus, a higher VAR indicates a more efficient process with less time wasted on non-essential tasks.

#### Additional metric:

• Value Added Ratio (VAR) = (37.92 hours of engagement + 60.94 hours of data entry) / (160 working hours per month) = 0.62

This VAR of 0.62 or 62% suggests that while a significant portion of case managers' time is spent on value-added activities, there's still room for improvement in reducing non-value-added time.

#### 4. Invoice Processing:

Invoice revision rate: 63.64%First Pass Yield (FPY): 36.36%

• Average revisions per invoice: 1.45

• Process efficiency: 36.36%

• Monthly time allocation to RTW tasks: 616 hours (30% of fiscal staff workload)

• Monthly cost of RTW task allocation: \$41,047.85

• Funding guide revisions: 5 in 6 months

#### **Analysis:**



The invoice processing system is operating at a 1.1 sigma level, resulting in defects at a rate of 697,700 parts per million opportunities (DPMO). To put this into context, a Six Sigma process, considered excellent, produces only 3.4 DPMO. The 1.1 sigma level indicates that significant improvements are needed in the process.

Although WSA and COSA invoice processing and communication are relatively efficient, there remains a high degree of inefficiency and rework between WSA and the subprime agencies. This inefficiency seems to be linked to process changes and fragmented communication regarding updates in SYNC from COSA to WSA and partner organizations. One cited and witnessed during observations was changes in SNYC that occurred but were not communicated before updates in the system occurred. Additionally, in 2024 alone, COSA updated its funding guide five (5) times over six (6) months, indicating that they are still working to optimize the platform to meet the program's needs. Other factors contributing to inefficiency include high workload volumes and general compliance fatigue due to program requirements.

#### **Financial Impact:**

The estimated internal revision cost is \$41,047.85, calculated as follows: 616 hours \* 63.64% \* \$104.75. This cost is specifically linked to the 392.02 hours (over 30 days) affected by inefficiencies or rework. It is assumed that 63.64% of the 616 total hours were inefficient or required rework. Please be aware that these figures do not include other overhead costs or personnel assigned to assist with special projects, data analysis, and administrative tasks.

#### Additional Metric:

- Defects Per Million Opportunities (DPMO) = (Number of defects / (Number of units \* Opportunities per unit)) \* 1,000,000
- DPMO = (63.64 / (100 \* 1)) \* 1,000,000 = 636,400
- This DPMO value confirms the 1.1 sigma level and provides a concrete measure of the error rate in invoice processing.

#### 5. RTW Reimbursement Model

- Intake and Assessment Fee: \$350 per participant (covered by partners)
- Case Management Fee: \$1,914.85 per participant (covered by partners)
- WSA Revenue: \$40.75 (Intake) + \$267.18 (Case Management) per participant
- Admin Fee: 8% of Intake and Case Management fees (covered by partners)

#### **Analysis:**



The current reimbursement model was created over two years ago following the height of COVID. The model was likely based on several key principles and practices common in program management and workforce development. However, as the program has evolved and grown, the system and processes established by COSA have shown the need for more resources to keep up with the program's growing demands. A significant aspect of the program that must be considered in the financial model is the extensive effort required to place participants into quality jobs within the allotted 6-month timeframe. This process involves a multitude of critical activities, including:

- 1. Job matching
- 2. Soft skill development
- 3. Resume development
- 4. Interview preparation
- 5. Participant follow-up
- 6. Engagement with local employers

These activities represent only a portion of the total effort required of partners to ensure successful job placements. The depth and breadth of these services are crucial to the participant's success and contribute significantly to the workload of partner organizations.

COSA's unwillingness to ease the 100% compliance requirement significantly burdens partner organizations, forcing them to absorb added staff costs and establish internal processes to meet the strict compliance requirements for tracking participants. Additionally, it is unclear how the city is using this data, which may have the unintended consequence of limiting funding for process improvements or partner organizations' ability to add needed resources.

Placing participants into quality jobs involves significant work and includes various challenges. Partners are tasked with matching participants with suitable job opportunities in a changing market, offering ongoing support for job retention, and managing nuanced compliance requirements. While these efforts are crucial for the program's success, they add complexity to the partners' roles and responsibilities within the current financial structure.

The existing reimbursement model reflects the initial understanding of the program's needs from more than two years ago. As the RTW program continues to evolve, ongoing evaluation of the model's effectiveness in supporting the program's goals and the partners' efforts will be crucial for ensuring this workforce development initiative's long-term sustainability, adaptability, and success.



# **Key Recommendations - Strategic Action for Lasting Change:**

## 1. Streamline Invoicing Process and Enhance Communication:

The current invoicing process is fraught with errors and inefficiencies, leading to significant rework and delays. We recommend:

- Marking critical fields in the SYNC system as required or highlighting them with asterisks provides clear visual cues to users and reduces the likelihood of errors.
- Limiting funding guide changes and related communications to quarterly, with a minimum 30-day advance notice period. Any changes outside this schedule should require consortium agreement before implementation.

# 2. Reevaluate 100% Compliance Requirements:

COSA's current 100% compliance requirement is creating an undue burden on partner organizations. We recommend:

- Engaging in an exploratory dialogue with COSA to reevaluate this requirement and adopt a more balanced approach to compliance.
- Considering a tiered compliance system where critical data points remain at 100% compliance, but less crucial elements are held to a slightly relaxed standard

## 3. Conduct Cost-Benefit Analysis:

To ensure fair compensation and optimal resource allocation, we recommend:

- Conducting a detailed cost-benefit analysis across all partner organizations to provide empirical data on the actual time, effort, and costs required for various program activities.
- Assessing the economic benefits generated by these activities, including job matching, soft skill development, and employer engagement.
- Using this data to engage in informed discussions with COSA about appropriate compensation levels that accurately reflect the work involved in achieving program goals and the value created.

Compliance Requirements: Refers to set of rules and standards that organizations must follow to meet legal, regulatory, or contractual obligations. In this report, it refers to the obligations imposed on the RTW program and its partners to ensure that processes and documentation meet specific standards, often leading to increased workload and administrative burden.



#### Conclusion:

The Ready to Work (RTW) program is at a critical juncture. This analysis reveals a program grappling with significant operational challenges that undermine its effectiveness. From intake to job placement, these challenges result in underperformance across key metrics and strain the resources of partner organizations.

Key issues include case managers' high caseloads and administrative burdens, with a 1:300-350 ratio, and an invoice processing system operating at a 1.1 sigma level with a 63.64% revision rate. These issues are further compounded by a financial model created over two years ago that may not fully capture the intricacies and efforts in guiding participants to successful employment within the allotted 6-month timeframe.

The program's struggles are not simply internal. COSA's 100% compliance requirement, while well-intentioned, has created additional hurdles, and frequent funding guide changes (5 in 6 months) have left partners in a constant state of adaptation. The result is a program that, despite the dedication of its staff, is falling short of its potential to transform lives and bolster the local workforce.

Yet, despite these challenges, there are opportunities for meaningful improvement. The RTW program can move towards a more efficient and effective model by streamlining processes, reevaluating compliance standards, and conducting a thorough cost-benefit analysis. The road ahead will require more open dialogue, particularly with COSA, and a commitment to assessing the program's financial sustainability.

As the program evolves, regular evaluation and adaptability will be paramount. With thoughtful implementation of the recommendations - including streamlining the invoicing process, reevaluating compliance requirements, and conducting a detailed cost-benefit analysis - the RTW program can better align its operations with its aspirations, ultimately serving as a more powerful catalyst for workforce development in Greater San Antonio.

# **Next Steps:**

Our upcoming priorities are focused on advancing key initiatives across the PCM and Ready to Work programs. In PCM, we have created a forecast model to improve procurement planning, and we are testing a new facility ticketing system to streamline maintenance requests. These initiatives were developed using Monday boards. We are also enhancing and circulating our third- and fourth-party risk management processes to staff for feedback. Additionally, PCM is reviewing all



contracts and leases with the Fiscal and QA departments in preparation for the upcoming TWC Audit. These efforts are aimed at improving our operational efficiency and maintaining organizational compliance standards.

Regarding the IT Cloud Migration project, the PII verification process has been completed. As a result, no additional action is required.

For the Ready to Work program, the CPO will work with program staff to assess resource time and cost implications, as recommended to conduct a cost-benefit analysis. At the same time, we will evaluate compliance and system issues and their impact. We will focus on the potential for a more balanced approach to compliance and improvements to the invoicing process. This approach will help us continue to identify inefficiencies and develop targeted improvements for the RTW program processes. The CPO will also coordinate with the CEO on further action while continuing to review and analyze the program.

# **Fiscal Impact:**

The fiscal impact is TBD and pending further analysis.

## **Attachments:**

None.