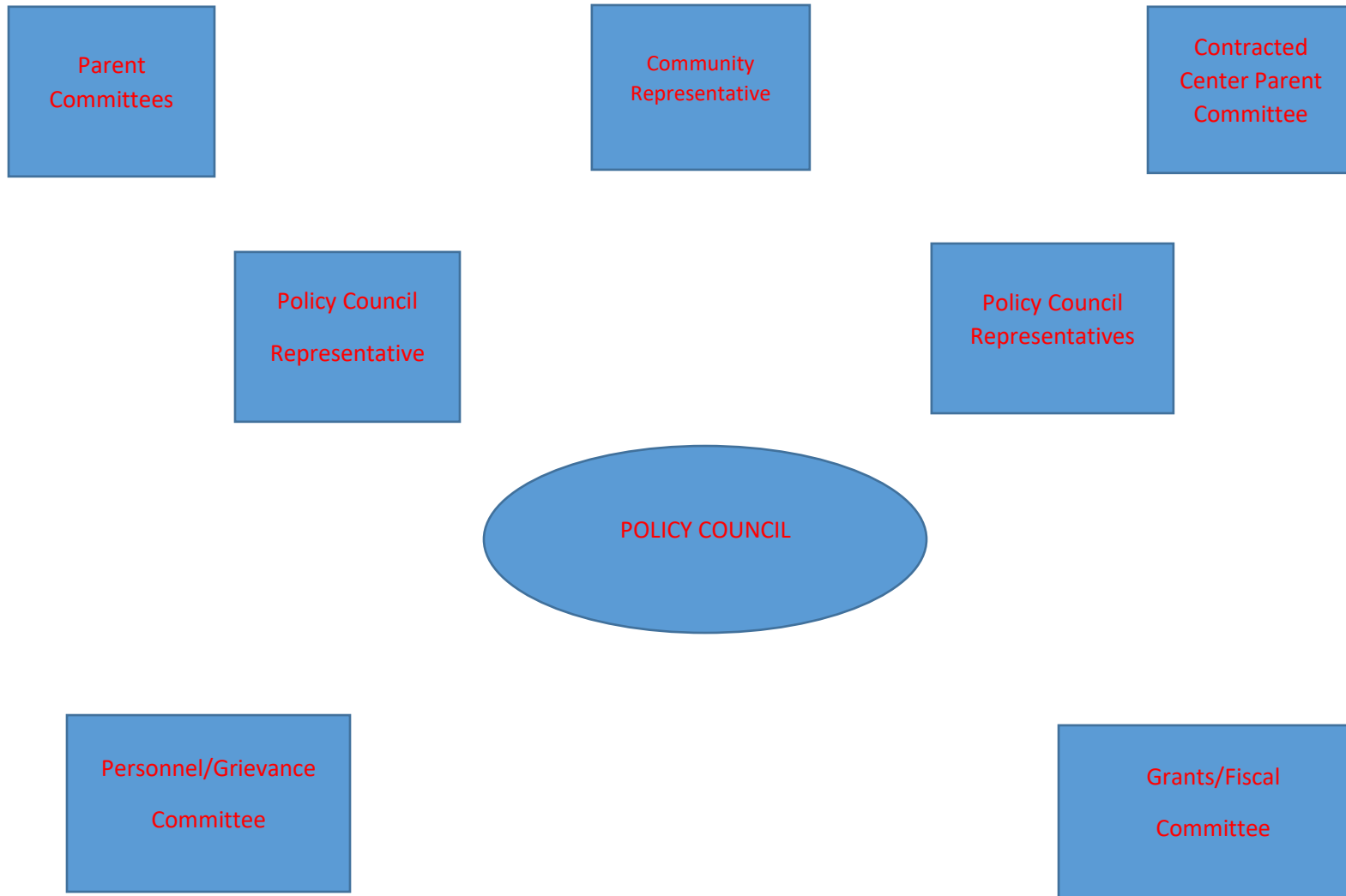


Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council Structure



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POLICY COUNCIL

IN GENERAL – Each Head Start agency shall have a Policy Council responsible for the direction of the Head Start Program, including program design and operation, and along with long-term and short-term planning goals and objectives, taking into account the annual community-wide strategic planning and needs assessment and self-assessment.

COMPOSITION AND SELECTION

The Policy Council shall be elected by the parents of children who are currently enrolled in the Head Start Program of the Head Start agency.

The Policy Council shall be composed of:

- (I) parents of children who are currently enrolled in the Head Start Program of the Head Start Agency (including any delegate agency), who shall constitute a majority of the members of the policy council; and
- (II) members at large of the community served by the Head Start Agency (including any delegate agency), who may include parents of children who were formerly enrolled in the Head Start Program of the Agency.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST- Members of the Policy Council shall-

- (i) not have a conflict of interest with the Head Start Agency (including any delegate agency); and
- (ii) not receive compensation for serving on the Policy Council or for providing services to the Head Start Agency