



County of Santa Barbara
105 E. ANAPAMU, SANTA BARBARA
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING - ACTION SUMMARY

Date: Thursday January 29, 2015

Time: 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Place: Parlor, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2901 Nojoqui Ave., Los Olivos, CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call **Members Present:** Committee Chair Aceves, Commissioners Mickiewicz (via telephone), Keator, Fairfield, Sepulveda, Jensen, Lindner, Commission Chair Ramirez
Staff Present: Terri Nisich, Susan Foley

Public Comment Period: None

Review of January 8, 2015 minutes: Commissioner Keator made a motion to accept the January 8, 2015 minutes. This was seconded by Commissioner Fairfield and approved. Commissioner Mickiewicz did not vote since she was not attending in person.

Report from Assistant CEO Terri Nisich: Ms. Nisich discussed 3 items with the committee; 1) the late Community Action Commission (CAC) 211 application, 2) Shelter operation needs and, 3) the proposed merger between Casa Esperanza and Path out of Los Angeles.

- 1) **211** – Ms. Nisich informed the committee that the Community Action Commission submitted a late application (one week) for 211 funding in the amount of \$30,000. She shared with the committee members that CAC was the only agency willing to host the program for the county. Ms. Foley added that CAC will be contributing approximately \$34,000 in in-kind support for the 211 program. Ms. Foley stated that it was her understanding that CAC thought the 211 program was outside of the ZoomGrants process as a County sponsored program. After some discussion the committee entertained a request from Ms. Nisich to accept a staff recommendation to permit the late entry for consideration recognizing that this does not guarantee funding. Commissioner Fairfield made a motion to accept the recommendation to allow the late entry for committee consideration. Commissioner Keator seconded the motion. After further discussion the committee voted as follows: Commissioner Jensen – no; Commissioners Ramirez, Keator, and Fairfield – yes, Commissioner Mickiewicz abstained. The motion passed. The committee asked staff to prepare a statement and submit it to the Board of Supervisors informing them of this situation and the committee's decision to accept the late entry.
- 2) **Shelter Operations** – Ms. Nisich informed the committee members about two issues facing the shelters:
 - a. Due to a HUD formula, the County will not be receiving federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program funds in 2015 which provided approximately \$117,286 in fy 2014-

15; the ESG program has historically funded several shelters including Casa Esperanza, Good Samaritan, Transition House, Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People, Domestic Violence Solutions and WillBridge. She informed the committee that this is why there are a number of shelter proposals for them to consider.

- b. The County has been supporting the operations of two shelters annually with \$345,000 in general funds (Good Samaritan and Casa Esperanza). The Board provided a directive to staff to seek out other funding for these shelter operations. She stated that this is also why there are a number of shelter applications before the Commission.
- 3) **Casa Esperanza/People Helping the Homeless (Path):** Ms. Nisich informed the committee about the progress being made by Casa Esperanza relative to restructuring their debt, improving cash flow and stabilizing the agency. She noted that the agency has decided that "Path", an organization out of the Los Angeles area, is a good fit for a merger with Casa Esperanza. She noted that all current county contracts with Casa Esperanza would need to be amended accordingly. The debts have dropped significantly partially due to the forgiveness of debt obligations on the part of the City and County of Santa Barbara.

Ms. Foley report on February 4, 5, and 6 2015 Public Meetings: Ms. Foley went over the logistics of the upcoming February interviews with 2015 NOFA applicants. She noted the times for CDBG (Wednesday morning), HSC (Wednesday afternoon – Friday evening). Ms. Foley went over the guidelines for mini grants (2 minutes for questions), basic services (1 minute intro, 3 minute questions, 1 minute wrap up), and best practices (2 minutes presenting, 7 minutes questions and 1 minute wrap up). There was a brief discussion on the scoring. There are 100 points and four categories at 25 points each. She noted it is important that everyone vote prior to the February interviews. She said there will be time after the interviews for commissioners to revisit their scoring before beginning deliberations Friday afternoon. Ms. Foley discussed the matrices she prepared to assist committee members with a quick reference at the February meetings. She then went over the food and other logistical arrangements. She reminded the committee that she was using the gift card for the Commissions food for the February meetings. She will keep receipts and share them and place in the file.

Next Meeting – The Allocations Committee will meet February 4, 5, 6 2015 at the Grange from 9 am to 5 pm to interview 2015 NOFA applicants (CDBG and HSC General Fund) and to deliberate on funding recommendations.

Adjournment – 10:30 a.m.