



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

REGULAR MEETING - ACTION SUMMARY

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2015

Time: 10:00 AM to Noon

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

Call to Order: Commission Chair Ramirez called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call **Members Present:** Chair Lucille Ramirez, Commissioners Allen, Keator, Mickiewicz, Sepulveda, and Lindner
Absent: Julie Solomon, Debby Aceves, Joan Fairfield and Lauren Saltman
Staff Present: Susan Foley

Public Comment Period: There was no public comment.

I. Minutes to March 5, 2015 HSC meeting: It was suggested that Ms. Foley add the organizations to the guests that attended the March 5, 2015 meeting and to add the Allocations Committee's April 2, 2015 meeting to the list of upcoming meetings. Commissioner Allen made a motion to accept the minutes with the two revisions; this was seconded by Commissioner Mickiewicz and passed.

II. Supervisor Briefings: Chair Ramirez informed the Commission that one-on-one briefing meetings have now been scheduled with all Supervisors except Supervisor Adams who she had not heard back from. Meetings are as follows:
District One April 1, 2015
District Two April 27, 2015
District Three April 23, 2015
District Four pending
District Five April 7m 2015

III. Preparation for May 5, 2015 Board Public Hearing: Commissioners shared feedback that they have received from applicants, mostly concerns from those who did not receive a funding recommendation or were recommended for reduced funding. Chair Ramirez shared the presentation materials that were discussed in the earlier Allocations Committee meeting that are being prepared for the May 5, 2015 Board hearing. She went over the PowerPoint and shared the Committee's suggested revisions. There were additional comments from the full Commission about improvements to the materials. Commissioner Mickiewicz wished to see the prior and current cycle comparisons not include the Mini Grants. Other comments were related to abbreviating the PowerPoint. It was agreed that just the Commission Chair should make the presentation to avoid too many "handoffs".

V. Chair's Report: Chair Ramirez reminded the Commissioners nominations for FY officers would be taken at the May 2015 meeting and voted on at the June meeting. Ms. Foley handed out interest forms

and asked that Commissioners return them with officer interests as well as committee interests, before the May meeting.

VI. Liaison Reports

Kids Network: Linda Lindner with Chrissy Allen as a backup. Liaisons need information on the dates and times of these meetings. Ms. Foley agreed to contact Barb Finch to get this information.

Adult and Aging: Commissioner Keator attended this meeting April 1, 2015. She stated the meetings are held the last Thursday of each month in the mornings at the Braille Institute in Santa Barbara. The meetings are well attended and the topic relevant. She said there was discussion about scams affecting seniors and discussion related to upcoming legislation from the "death and dignity bill". She said there was some pushback from the Disabled groups that was being ironed out. She mentioned a number of upcoming events including one in May that she may attend.

Child Abuse Prevention Council: Commissioner Aceves was absent

Homelessness: Commissioner Saltman was absent

Mental Health: Commissioner Solomon was absent

Ms. Foley agreed to put the liaison assignments and the meeting locations on the roster.

Note: Ms. Foley shared with the Commission that with the Commission's approval, she will be working with Terri Nisich on a countywide Strategic Plan that would be used in part to guide Commission work in the future. The plan would be a directive for all County staff, boards and commissions and direct budgeting. While Contract Compliance and Communications Committees may have summer meetings, the Commission will not meet in July or August and Ms. Foley may be working on the Strategic Plan more during that time period.

VII. Calendar and Announcements

April 16, 2015 Partnership for Excellence Conference

May 5, 2015 – Board of Supervisors Public Hearing in the morning in Santa Barbara

May 7, 2015 – Bylaws from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; Regular Commission Meeting 10:00 a.m. – Noon; Contract Compliance Committee Noon – 1:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned early at 11:30 a.m.