



County of Santa Barbara  
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## HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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### REGULAR MEETING - ACTION SUMMARY

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2015

Time: 10:00 AM to Noon

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

**Call to Order:** Commission Vice Chair Solomon called the meeting to order

**Roll Call**      **Members Present:** Vice Chair Julie Solomon, Commissioners Allen, Aceves, Keator, Mickiewicz, Sepulveda, Cawthon, Lindner, Fairfield, and Saltman

**Absent:** Ruth Jensen

**Staff Present:** Susan Foley

**Public Comment Period:** There was no public comment.

- I.      **Minutes to April 2, 2015 HSC meeting:** Commissioner Mickiewicz made a motion to accept the minutes. This was seconded by Commissioner Allen and passed.
  
- II.     **Debriefing of May 5, 2015 Board Hearing:** The Board of Supervisors approved the Commissions 2015 funding requests. There were some concerns. Specifically Supervisors were concerned about the number of agencies particularly senior services and food programs that were not recommended. The Supervisors agreed that next fiscal year they may re-assess the need for Capacity building grants and utilize the funding for the basic services vs. building capacity for organizations. Supervisor Farr expressed concern about the cut in "Basic Services". Ms. Foley stated that the Best Practices Grants are also Basic Services and should have been titled Basic Services with Best Practices Models to avoid confusion.

Commissioner Mickiewicz shared that the Supervisors asked the County CEO's office to conduct a countywide food needs and food service delivery assessment. Ms. Foley added that the Supervisors also asked for historical funding of HSC program to determine if a funding increase can be justified. Commissioner Solomon asked staff to add the cost of living to this assessment to show what the funding might look like today if it had been kept up with inflation. Chrissy Allen provided the figures during the meeting. In today's dollars the funding (1996-present) would be \$1.4 million.

Commissioner Mickiewicz summarized the confusion over the Women's Economic Ventures (WEV) CDBG grant. The funding requests will go through the Capital Loan Committee going forward. The Supervisors asked HCD staff to create a "Capital/Economic Development" application to allow for this.

**V. Chair's Report:** Guided by the Vice Chair Julie Solomon, updates were provided on Bylaws and Election/Committee interests and a report was received about the April 16, 2015 Partnership for Excellence Conference.

Commissioner Allen updated the Commission on the Bylaws revisions most notably to clarify staff roles for HS General Fund vs. CDBG programs. She also noted changes in attendance policy. The Bylaws committee was to meet after this regular Commission meeting to finalize suggested revisions for review at the Commissions June meeting.

There was a discussion about the election of officers required at the May meeting. Commissioner Solomon expressed interest in serving as chair. Commissioner Sepulveda nominated Commissioner Mickiewicz who declined. Commissioner Mickiewicz did agree to serve as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Sepulveda and Allen attended the Partnership for Excellence conference with Ms. Foley. Commissioner Sepulveda was impressed with the Non Profit organizations move toward shared "in-sourcing" of various experts such as accountants. This provides the organizations with high level expertise yet they only have to pay a portion of the salary. Ms. Foley shared the data presentation that was provided by CalNonProfits. She also offered to share the UCSB presentation made at the Santa Barbara Economic Summit she attended the prior week.

**New Committee Assignment interest** sheet was passed around. Commissioners Ramirez will need to identify her committee interests. The others are as follows: **Allocations:** Commissioners Sepulveda, Mickiewicz, Solomon, Jensen, Allen; **Communications:** Commissioner Cawthon, **D2 vacant (Lucille?)**, Solomon, Jensen, Lindner; **Compliance:** Commissioners Keator, Saltman, Fairfield, Jensen, and Aceves

**VI. Contract Compliance Committee Report** –Commissioner Solomon shared that after looking at mid-year 2014-15 performance, all of the agencies were in fairly good shape. Issues that did exist should be ironed out by quarter four. Some of the bigger concerns were with agencies that will not be funded during the next cycle. Commissioner Solomon noted that the Committee will be working with staff to develop updated monitoring materials for the coming cycle.

### **VII. Liaison Reports**

**Kids Network:** Held in Buellton quarterly, the next meeting is June 3, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Linda Lindner has been put in contact with Barb Finch to receive the quarterly meeting notices so that she may attend. Commissioner Allen is the back up for the Kids Network.

**Adult and Aging:** Held first Wednesday of each month at the Braille Institute (2031 De La Vina St.) in Santa Barbara at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Keator attends these meetings.

**Child Abuse Prevention Council:** CAPC meetings chaired by LuAnn Miller (IV Youth Projects) partnering with Kids Network (Barb Finch). Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Buellton Recreation Center (301 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Buellton). No Report need volunteer

**Homelessness:** C3H meetings are held on the same day/time as the HSC meetings. A volunteer is needed. Staff will try to obtain meeting minutes from CH3 at a minimum

**Mental Health:** Commissioner Solomon will report on this committee going forward.

### **VIII. Calendar and Announcements**

**June 4, 2015** – 9:00 a.m. Contract Compliance Committee

**June 4, 2014** – 10:00 a.m. Regular Commission Meeting

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned early at 11:45 a.m.