



*County of Santa Barbara*  
105 E. ANAPAMU, SANTA BARBARA

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING -  
ACTION SUMMARY  
October 1, 2015

**Call to Order:** HSC Administrator called the meeting to order and it was decided not to select a Committee Chair until there was better attendance.

**Roll Call**      **Committee Members Present:** Commissioners Lindner, Sepulveda, Jensen and Keator;  
(later arrivals: Chair Solomon and non-committee Commissioners: Mickiewicz, Tade)  
**Absent:** Commissioner Cawthon  
**Staff Present:** Susan Foley

**Public Comment Period:** NA

Committee members met to respond to a directive from the full Commission to prepare briefing points for Commissioners to utilize and discuss with their Supervisors for planned briefings with each District Supervisor. The Chair and Administrator prepared a list of overall discussion items, most relating to the desire on the part of the Commission to discuss Human Services programs that were funded during the June 2015 budget hearings and did not include any input from the Commission. Commissioners also desire to meet with Supervisors to obtain feedback about the 2015 process. Chief concerns were related to the fact that most non-profit service agencies were not aware of the opportunity to come directly to the Board for funding, outside of the Human Services Commissions long-standing grant process. Furthermore, the agencies funded during the budget hearings were not vetted the same as the agencies who went through the Human Services Commissions process. Committee members expressed that this could become an issue not just for them but for Supervisors since once made aware, the agencies could all attend budget hearings next year and request funding outside of the Commissions well publicized, well thought out, transparent and fair process. The draft talking points were reviewed and it was agreed they were sufficient for the briefings.

Other items included discussion of other Committee objectives to work on the website, and to start preparing Press Releases when new members are appointed (Commissioner Tade volunteered to prepare this).

**Adjourn:** The Committee meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.