



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

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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### REGULAR MEETING - ACTION SUMMARY

Date: Thursday, June 2, 2016

Time: 10:00 AM to Noon

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

#### **REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING:**

**Call to Order:** Commission Chair Solomon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**      **Members Present:** Chair Solomon, Commissioners Keator, Mickiewicz, Sepulveda, Tade, Cawthon (by telephone), Lindner, Fairfield, and Allen

**Absent:** Commissioners Siegel and Jensen

**Staff Present:** Susan Foley

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

May 5, 2016 meeting notes: Commissioner Mickiewicz made a motion to accept the notes. This was seconded by Commissioner Fairfield and passed. Commissioner Ramirez abstained.

**Officers:** Officers for FY2016-17 were elected. After discussion Chair Solomon made a motion to elect Commissioner Mickiewicz to Chair. This was seconded by Commissioner Lindner and passed. Commissioner Allen made a motion to elect Commissioner Cawthon to Vice Chair. This was seconded by Commissioner Keator and passed. Commissioner Fairfield made a motion to elect Commissioner Keator to First Vice Chair. This was seconded by Commissioner Mickiewicz and passed. Commissioners also finalized their FY16-17 committee assignments (attached).

**Board Budget Hearings:** Ms. Foley announced that the Board of Supervisor budget hearings are scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2016 and Wednesday, June 15, 2016. She stated she would get back to the Commission with more information on the hearings. It is expected that the Commissions budget expansion request will be heard Monday morning with the CEO's presentation. Chair Solomon agreed to send her notes from her Board presentation about the need for a budget expansion, to Ms. Foley who will get them to the Commissioners in preparation for the June 13<sup>th</sup> hearing. Ms. Foley shared a spreadsheet that she prepared with information for the Board to consider with regard to the 50 outside agency requests for funding to be presented at the budget hearings. She stated that the CEO's office was going to obtain input from other departments as well. Newly elected Chair Mickiewicz agreed to speak on behalf of the Commissions budget expansion request during public comment.

**Community Relations Committee:** Commissioner Tade updated the Commission about the second committee meeting with County IT and the County's new Communications Director, Gina DePinto. She stated she would be working with Ms. Foley on draft website content following her recommended outline. She stated that there would be a beta testing stage where Commissioners can view the website before it goes live. She also shared that Ms. DePinto agreed to send out a press release on the FY16-17

funding that Commissioner Tade drafted and Ms. DePinto added to. It was agreed that individual photographs will be taken at the September 8<sup>th</sup> retreat for the website.

**Terms of Office:** Ms. Foley stated that the Clerk of the Board was only extending Commissioner Jensen's term to the end of June. The Commission unanimously reappointed Commissioner Jensen via consensus vote at this June meeting sighting the Bylaws which permit a Commissioner to continue to serve until a replacement is appointed. Ms. Foley agreed to follow up with the Clerk of the Board about this vote. Other Commissioners Mickiewicz and Cawthon are being re-appointed. Commissioners agreed to reach out to potential D4 representatives. Outgoing Commissioner Allen agreed to reach out to Supervisor Adam staff.

**Summer Site Visits:** Ms. Foley recommended the Contract Compliance Committee (Commissioners Lindner, Keator, Siegel, Solomon and Jensen), meet with all of the Best Practices grantees to review how their Best Practices models influenced their FY15-16 outcomes. Commissioners asked that a site visit to Valley Haven be added to the list as a follow up to last year's compliance issues.

**September Retreat:** Commissioners agreed to hold their annual retreat on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at the Buellton Marriott. Topics included: a lunch panel discussion on the Casa Esperanza -PATH transition; contract compliance update and discussion of better performance reporting and target setting; committee orientation if needed for new members and some discussion of the next three-year cycle. The retreat would be held from 9-2 p.m. including lunch.

**Other:** Ms. Foley shared that she joined a regional discussion with Amy Sawyer from the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. Ms. Sawyer's emphasis was on housing first. She stated that studies show that if individuals and families are stabilize in their living situation before they end up homeless or if they are very recently homeless than if they are chronically homeless or have been for some time. She said the new emphasis puts housing before treatment.

Commissioner Ramirez announced a Fund for Santa Barbara event June 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. to share their Spring Cycle Awards. This will be held at the Lobero Theater Courtyard, 33 E. Canon Perdido St.

Commissioner Sepulveda announced that Legal Aid Santa Maria office now has the tenant-landlord program fully staffed and Spanish speaking attorney was hired.

Commissioner Ramirez asked for help in getting the word out about the Santa Barbara Community College free tuition offer to Santa Barbara/Carpinteria school district high school seniors.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 8, 2016 Commission Retreat

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned