

**FIRST 5 SISKIYOU CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
COMMISSION MEETING
Siskiyou County Office of Education
609 S. Gold St. Yreka
September 26, 2018**

Commissioners Present: Chair Walters, Commissioner Walsh, Commissioner Kobseff and Commissioner Washington

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chair Perry, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Kolpacoff

Also Present: Executive Director Karen Pautz, and Administrative Services Coordinator, Cheryl Sanchez, Eve Rooker, Chris Brown, Cheryl Hunt, Jean Summerville, Chris Loogman,

Public Input: Chris Brown provided an update on activities planned for the Scott Valley Family Resource Center and on the IMPACT program for which she is a Mentor Coach. Commissioner Walsh announced she will be retiring on November 9, 2018. She thanked the Commission for the opportunity to be a part of this group. She also recognized ED Pautz for her collaboration, leadership, cooperation and dedication to improving access to excellent programs, services and trainings in Siskiyou County.

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Approval of minutes for the June 27, 2018 Public Hearing
2. Approval of minutes for the June 27, 2018 Commission Meeting

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Walsh and seconded by Commissioner Washington to approve the minutes for both the Public Hearing and Commission Meeting held on June 27, 2018 as submitted. Motion was approved with abstention of Commissioner Kobseff as he was not present.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Financial Report –Year End 17-18; July and August 2018
2. Contract extension thru 12/31/18– Klamath Health Services-continuation of services – unused grant funds in the amount of \$11,084.
3. Contract - approval of independent contractor services with Karuk Tribe for parenting education –FY 18-19
4. Schedule March 27, 2019 Commission meeting location to Weed Resource Center

A question arose on Item #3 concerning the contract with the Karuk Tribe for parenting education relative to the term which began in July and ends July 2019. The clause in the draft contract states termination “without cause” which could be a liability after services have been provided. ED Pautz agreed and said she would discuss this with our contact and due to timing asked the Commissioners to approve this contract and she would recommend adjustments to any future contracts.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Kobseff and seconded by Commissioner Washington to approve the Consent Agenda with concerns noted. Motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discussion and possible action on approval of contract with Scott Valley FRC for FY 18-19:** Eve Rooker announced that she has resigned as Executive Director of the FRC effective September 28, 2018 and introduced the new Executive Director, Cheryl Hunt. They have new board members in place and she introduced Chris Loogman, Chris Brown and Jean Summerville – all pledged to support their new Executive Director, make an impact on Scott Valley, strengthen families and individuals in the community, and take the Resource Center to new heights. They are applying initially for funding through 12/31/18. ED Pautz thanked Eve for her commitment to the community and the Resource Center, and for her integrity and professionalism. After a discussion about tobacco use prevention education and resources. Commissioner Kobseff raised a question regarding the cannabis issue in the County. ED Pautz noted that Commissioner Davis and she had attended a gathering hosted by First 5 Association and learned about a statewide effort about Cannabis Use Prevention Education. There is a significant amount of resources available from “Let’s Talk Cannabis” and over the next several months materials will be collected and shared through communication campaigns. We will need the support and commitment of other organizations to have a coordinated plan. The subject was discussed at length.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Washington and seconded by Commissioner Kobseff to approve the contract with Scott Valley FRC for Quarters 1 and 2 of FY 18-19 (through December 31, 2018) in the amount of \$10,000.00. The Center will re-apply for further funding as appropriate. Motion was approved unanimously.

2. **Discussion and possible action on approval of contract with Happy Camp Community Center for FY 18-19:** Executive Director, Abby Yeager, was contacted by phone. Abby provided an update on activities in the community and working with the Karuk Tribe with whom they have a good relationship.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Kobseff and seconded by Commissioner Walsh to approve the contract with Happy Camp Community Center in the amount of \$18,000.00 for FY 18-19 as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

3. **Discussion and possible action on approval of contract with TEACH, Inc. for FY 18-19:** Site coordinator Kelly Harris joined by phone and presented an update on the activities of the Resource Center. This contract is very limited in scope based on the center’s request to primarily offer resource and referral services and parenting education classes from previous contracts. Commissioner Walsh asked if they were still receiving funding from Modoc County and Kelly responded they did. Commissioner Walsh thanked Kelly for being open Monday through Friday. She commended both Kelly and Carol Madison, TEACH’s ED, for keeping their commitment to Tulelake.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Kobseff and seconded by Commissioner Walsh to approve the contract with TEACH, Inc. for the Tulelake/Newell Family Resource Center for FY 18-19 in the amount of \$6,000.00 as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

4. **Discussion and possible action on approval of contract with Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative for FY 18-19:** Michelle O’Gorman, Executive Director of the newly formed collaborative announced that Steve Bryan is the Regional Director for the Mt. Shasta, Weed and Dunsmuir FRCs plus services provided in McCloud. He said programs are doing well and they are receiving great response from the schools and the community. Chair Walters

asked about services to McCloud and Steve said he has a good relationship with the high school, clinic and the elementary school, and the high school has welcomed the FRC for parenting classes. There was discussion on challenges facing FRCs and struggles in managing programs. A breakdown of funding for each center was provided. ED Pautz said the Collaborative model is appearing to be successful. Michelle O’Gorman indicated that the framework of the Collaborative is designed to be inclusive of a variety of small and sometimes struggling nonprofits.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Kobseff and seconded by Commission Walsh to approve the contract with Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative for FY 18-19 in the amount of \$172,000.00 as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

- 5. Discussion and possible action on approval of partnership with Friends of the Library for FY 18-19:** ED Pautz said in our continued efforts to broaden our reach to increase early literacy exposure and resources for families, the proposal is based on continued discussion over the past year with Michael Perry, Siskiyou County Librarian. This proposal will add a new layer of resources to our existing efforts through Imagination Library and other book distribution and early literacy promotion efforts. This is a local library match grant to purchase quality children’s books appropriate for children birth to 5 years old. Commissioner Kobseff noted that he supports this effort but wants to be sure that the system does not throw out old books as they preserve history. Commissioner Washington said she will follow up on this practice.

Action: It was moved Commissioner Washington and seconded by Commissioner Kobseff to approve the proposal to partner with Friends of the Library for FY 18-19 to provide matching funds for books for 12 libraries throughout Siskiyou County for a maximum amount of \$5,800.00. Motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Presentation from Community Services Council on Siskiyou Connect: Lisa McCauley, Executive Director of the Community Services Council. A formal proposal letter was received too late for the agenda and will be put forth at the next Commission meeting, but Lisa discussed the program with the Commissioners. Essentially titled 211 Connect is a 211-like program for Siskiyou County to access the various programs available in the County. CSC is building a Siskiyou County database in their office and have hired a county person to create this. Base access is a 1-800 number into a call center and a call specialist will answer the call from a call center in southern CA. Site can be accessed by phone, text and web. United Way is the coordinator of Siskiyou’s 211 Connect call center, who is also working with Tehama and Shasta Counties. They will build a web platform. Funds are in place for the first contract year for United Way. They need funding for a sustainable program through United Way and for local marketing and outreach for CSC. They will be putting together partnerships for sustainability going forward. They are proposing to join with First 5, particularly its HMG program, to work together to implement Siskiyou Connect. During hours HMG is not staffed Siskiyou Connect would receive calls to provide full time coverage. They anticipate a late October launch with special events, print and radio ads, magnets or other promo items to get the number and word out. Some press coverage has generated response. First year expenses of \$6000 were provided by United Way. The emergency call contingent and the 800 number were discussed. Commissioner Walsh asked what the full cost of such a project would be to which Lisa responded \$10,000 to \$12,000 per year for the call center through United Way and additional funding for local coordination and marketing to be determined. ED Pautz said the funds to be requested from CSC is for local marketing. She believes there is space for the 211 model but also has some concerns for sustainability of its effectiveness in rural areas. It can be successful if it is designed for rural needs. We can learn from other counties and states. There are only so many resources available in rural counties and even

though 211 call centers are available for 24 hours the local resources are limited. For example if a person calls from Happy Camp and needs a food box they will most likely provide a number to the local FRC. If someone calls at midnight the local resources may not be available for 1-3 days. We can't look at 211 by itself as a system, but find ways to integrate it into an already established system. This is a call center, not a service center. As we support this important effort it is critical to look at community-based services and assure that there is integrated commitment to keep the resources current in the data base so that we have a long term sustainable system. She said she is excited to work with CSC staff if there is openness. In addition to funding we can offer marketing and promotion support through our existing outreach and marketing efforts for other programs. Just like with the cannabis issue, it needs to be really thought out so we are not starting something out there and when current leadership passion goes away the systems are strong so that the concept stays in our county beyond the current staff. Help Me Grow can provide a link. KHSI's proposal includes funds for resource centers to collect 0-5 information which could be valuable for this kind of effort. That said, CSC's request is for \$1,000 to support the project and we will bring a proposal to First 5 next month. ED Pautz will meet with Lisa to discuss the proposal format and reporting. We will look at the model KHSI is using with their fund commitment. ED Pautz' recommendation is to consider funding the project and in addition find ways to use existing marketing efforts to reach out to the community at large so it is sustainable and coordinated. Example, when sending out oral health education outreach materials we can add the Siskiyou Connect phone number to the flyer for more information and other resources. ED Pautz recommended we learn from other small counties their and shortfalls challenges and support a model that assures long-term success. We are doing this with the Help Me Grow model, but we are taking a national concept and adjusting it To make it work for rural counties such as ours.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- **November 9, 2018 Save the Date for Read Across Siskiyou:** ED Pautz said we haven't been able to find a suitable book yet and asked for suggestions. We **will have** a book by the end of this week. She asked for reading volunteers. More information soon.
- **First 5 Association Priorities** – Information was provided in the packet. The Association has an incredible director who is honed into building relationships and partnerships and creating policy agenda benefits for all counties regardless of size. We make sure to complement this within our priorities. Our FRCs and support programs have a strong connection to the Home Visiting programs. Similar to conversation around 211, we need to make sure we look at a new project as a continuum and work together, not as an either/or service, but find a way to do all levels of services. A call to action is our county's commitment to evidence based programs that have fidelity support. FFF has provided funds this year within its grant to monitor for fidelity.
- **Early identification and intervention program – autism to general environmental issues that impact child development.** Through partnerships with Human Services and MHSA First 5 is positioned for training on developmental screening, and the FRCs, preschools and Head Start are implementing development screenings. First 5 through our partnership with KHSI was invited by FFF to apply for \$50,000 to initiate the effort on Help Me Grow Siskiyou. They believe in our collective efforts. KHSI has graciously agreed to be the applicant of record and First 5 will be a key partner in this co-funded partnership. More information will be shared at the next meeting. Thanks to Elizabeth Mitchell-Collord and KHSI, and to Michelle Harris and Michelle O'Gorman who will pilot the online system through the Siskiyou Collaborative. As always, it has been a pleasure to work hand in hand with KHSI director and Ford Foundation to create the proposal. More to come.
- **Grant partnership with SCOE.** Thanks to SCOE for working with First 5 and the LPC Coordinator to move the state preschool from Shasta County to Siskiyou County and SCOE will

work with First 5 to provide a contract to First 5 to manage the grant. Commissioner Chair Walters said he found that sometimes regional consortium programs don't benefit us the way they should. The consortium models use our data to receive the funds but we don't get the level of services. So the decision was made to apply on our own for better control of the program. The proposal included bridging the connection to the IMPACT grant. ED Pautz said more information will be provided at the next commission meeting. The grant amount was \$85,315.00 for this fiscal year.

- **Updates:** Trainings the past couple of months have been very well attended thanks to the collaboration and partnerships with many organizations to bring these trainings to this county. We are excited that Dr. Thompson, U.C. Davis, has offered to help us with early childhood mental health support and BHS is interested in strengthening that system. ED Pautz has been meeting with Amie Von Tungeln to begin discussions about building up their child therapy area with developmentally appropriate play equipment and will work with topic area experts at UC Davis and other resources to build capacity of providers with therapeutic programs for young children. We value the commitment to this important collaboration.
- **Summary of last year's countywide professional development trainings** – 12 sessions and 8 trainings to increase the capacity of parents and those that provide services. Topics are listed. Other info is in the back. Kudos to college student Emylee Kool who works for us part time and did a wonderful job of putting an attractive easy to read report together.
- First 5 began a partnership with CalWorks' subsidized employment program with HHS. Through their work placement program which is at no cost to First 5, we have a wonderful person for 19 hours a week who is eager to go back to work. It was noted that this worker cannot displace a current employee. This amazing young person has been very successful. She has a Masters in Education and has taught overseas. Her first task was to create these attractive marketing pieces which will be used in clinics, FRCs, preschools and the home visiting programs. This costs nothing but printing as there is no cost to the commission for the person. ED Pautz recommended to Lisa we put the 800# and 211 on these sheets and find other existing opportunities to merge into the 211 system and get the information out to families. More topics will be provided in these marketing materials in the coming months. Commissioner Washington asked if these would be in the new parent kits. ED Pautz said they have not to date. They will be in kits for the hospitals and provided to WIC and other places. It was noted that the new parent kits provided by the State Commissioner have been repackaged into a bag rather than the traditional box and the State Commission has contracted with a different provider.
- **School Readiness Assessment:** 100% of all large schools will participate in the Kindergarten Assessment this year. Montague and Butteville joined this year. Countywide effort extends from Butte Valley to Happy Camp. Smaller schools are also on board. More information in January.
- **10/16 scheduled for annual BOS presentation:** ED Pautz asked Commissioner Kobseff's help in keeping the presentation short. She will try for an afternoon presentation. She thanked Commissioner Kobseff for the Giving Tuesday for the Imagination Library. SCRC agreed to have a section dedicated to IL. First 5 is not eligible as it is not a 501(c)(3) corporation. She also thanked Glee Brooks and Cathy Lynch for their work with IL moving us to where we want to be with this project.

- **Training in October:** Dr. DeBoer autism expert lunch and learn – 10/17. Published author. 0-3 conference next month. Waiting for audit.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Washington reported on the children's concert program at the fair co-sponsored by First 5 and the Red Scarf Society. Books were provided for the children as well as a backpack and a parent registration form for the Imagination Library. The Resource Center at the fair also provided registration forms and information for Imagination Library. Steve Bryan also provided information on the FRC booth.

DISCUSSION

1. **Date of Public Hearing in October – possible conflict.** OPEC annual meeting mandatory for parenting collaborative. Starts on same day – in Oregon – move meeting to following week (31st). Pat Hobbs is interested in joining the Commission from the Karuk tribe. Sent info to apply to be on the Commission. Meeting and Public Hearing moved to Monday the 22nd – Kw, MK, DW, JW avail – 8:30 am.

Kermith Walters, Commission Chair

Cheryl Sanchez, Recording Secretary