

**FIRST 5 SISKIYOU CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
COMMISSION MEETING
Siskiyou County Office of Education
609 S. Gold St. Yreka
July 17, 2019**

Commissioners Present: Chair Walters, Vice Chair Perry, Commissioner Collard, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Kobseff, and Commissioner Washington

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Kolpacoff

Also Present: Executive Director Karen Pautz, Administrative Services Coordinator Cheryl Sanchez, Michelle O’Gorman, Bliss Bryan and Allison Scull

Public Input: None

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Approval of minutes for the May 22, 2019 Commission Meeting:

Action: It was moved by Vice Chair Perry and seconded by Commissioner Washington to approve the minutes for the Commission Meeting held on May 22, 2019 as submitted. Motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Financial Report through June 30, 2019 (Preliminary)

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Kobseff and seconded by Commissioner Washington to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Very busy time with year-end closure and new contracts. Every one of our contracting partners have agreed to continuing the partnership. Probation has proposed moving to a 3-year contract. First 5 has never had a 3-year contract with the County and this proposal can be very beneficial as stop and go funding pauses efforts. It will allow us the opportunity for long term planning. Over the next three months we will work together to design the scope of work which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
2. ED Pautz met with COS/Foster Kinship’s new director. It was reported by the FKCE coordinator that their funds have been cut but ED Paulz shared with them ways we can help each other and First 5 can support their shortfalls to support continuation of the targeted parenting programing. There is a possibility that our grant with them will be reduced. Next year we will be asked to support more because of the cuts in funding. A potential federal funding source is Title 4E which is not related to current parenting education and support funds available through local systems. She spoke with consultant who works with other counties and First 5 Commissions to draw down these funds.
3. At the last meeting, ED Pautz discussed a partnership with UCSF to bring early childhood mental health trainings to our county at no cost and have now been provided dates. She is working with Behavioral Health and Ford Family Foundation to bring trainings here. She shared a

document related to these trainings. Commissioner Kobseff asked for an example of what that would look like. ED Pautz explained they would highlight attachment issues, behavioral concerns, adverse childhood experience, stress of domestic violence, etc. She reviewed the information in the packets. There was considerable discussion relative to these programs and involving the parents.

4. Emylee Cool is back with us for the summer and has created some impact of marijuana use related brochures. Our aim is to increase resources related to marijuana and children.
5. Scott Valley Family Resource Center elected to not submit a funding proposal for FY 19-20 and opted for fee-for-service instead. They have submitted their fiscal report for June through December 2018 but we are still waiting for service contract information. Their board has been respectful and committed to submitting the reports by the end of this month.
6. Over \$28,000 was raised for the Imagination Library program this past fiscal year thanks to DKG, individual donations, the Library and Friends of the Library. We are very proud of that project. Michelle O’Gorman and DKG have been steadily increasing the number of children. 100% of the funds received this past year were donations, including \$5,000 from an anonymous donor. Michelle O’Gorman reported that due to our success with this program she had received an invitation from Christy Cox at Ford Family Foundation to participate in a newly created program which they initiated throughout their three core counties in support of DPIL as it relates to kindergarten readiness. She is now working on a grant with them for some time and collateral expenses involved. We have been working with North State Parent Magazine on an ad to showcase DPIL.
7. ED Pautz announced that Shasta Schnittker, who came to us last year on a CalWorks program, and who previously worked for the County, is now working for SCRC and full time in our office. She will be an important addition to our team.
8. ED Pautz will attend the First 5 CA meeting next week. The IMPACT program will continue but will primarily focus on alternative sites. We are hoping the library will be embedded as well as child care homes and home visitation programs. There is also an assembly bill to increase support and funding to FRCs and support programs. We are working with CFRA to increase resources for rural commissions and FRCs.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discussion and possible approval of contract with Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative for FY 19-20 - \$172,000.00.** In response to a question from Commissioner Kobseff relative to bringing marijuana into the tobacco cessation program, Michelle O’Gorman led a discussion on ways this could be done using venues such as county fairs to increase awareness.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Kobseff and seconded by Commissioner Washington to approve the contract with Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative for FY 19-20 in the amount of \$172,000.00. Motion was approved unanimously.

2. **Discussion and possible approval of contract with Happy Camp Community Action, Inc. - \$23,000.00.** Chair Walters noted that Happy Camp Elementary School will be getting a new principal which will be helpful to Abby. He said this will bring some needed expertise to the community.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Kobseff and seconded by Commissioner Washington to approve the contract with Happy Camp Community Action, Inc., for \$23,000.00 for FY 19-20. Motion was approved unanimously.

3. **Discussion and possible approval of contract with T.E.A.C.H., Inc. for Tulelake/Newell FRC - \$10,000.** There was discussion relative to the status of the center and its relationship to Modoc County who also receives First 5 funding from the State.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Kobseff and seconded by Vice Chair Perry to approve the contract with T.E.A.C.H., Inc. for Tulelake/Newell FRC for \$10,000.00 for FY 19-20. Motion was approved unanimously.

4. **Election of Officers for fiscal year 19-20**

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Washington and seconded by Commissioner Kobseff to continue on with present officers, Kermith Walters as Chair and Michael Perry as Vice Chair for FY 19-20, citing excellence of performance and confidence in leadership. Motion was approved unanimously.

5. **Advisory Group thru FY 22-23.** The Advisory Group Assignments were reviewed. Additional volunteers were invited for two vacancies. Commissioner Collard accepted for Strategic Plan Review and Commissioner Washington for Proposal Review. Commissioner Davis volunteered for Site Visits. All other members of the Advisory Group remained. All Commissioners are invited to participate in site visits.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Kobseff and seconded by Vice Chair Perry to accept Commissioner Collard, Commissioner Washington and Commissioner Davis to serve on the Advisory Group through FY 22-23 and all others presently serving on the Advisory Group will remain as originally approved. Motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS - None

DISCUSSION

- We were advised that the Siskiyou Room at SCOE will not be available for First 5 meetings scheduled in September, October and November. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to schedule those meetings as follows:
 - September – HUB Communities FRC in Montague
 - October 30 – Public Hearing and Meeting – Yreka CRC
 - December 4 – Dunsmuir CRC

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

- Commissioner Washington reported on the activities at the County Fair. Backpacks and books provided by First 5 were distributed by the Red Scarf Society to 100 children along with information on the Imagination Library program. They also provided handouts on tobacco cessation and information on marijuana.
- Commissioner Perry said Siskiyou County Library partnered with First 5 and provided nearly

\$7,000 of new children's books. ED Paulz said OSU prepared new lists of recommended books from the parent newsletters and Michael Perry purchased the books to be available to checkout from the library.

- Commissioner Washington recommended the Weed FRC take half of what the Library has to offer. They have a great childrens' area at the Library that is not being used. Makes sense to support each other's efforts.
- ED Pautz called attention to information in the Commissioner's packets relative to the success of our countywide professional development trainings. By utilizing funding partnerships we don't have to send people out of the county for training. So far this year 20 trainings drew 727 participants.
- ED Pautz said kindergarten readiness packets are ready to be distributed to school principals. All schools with kindergartens were on board last year.
- ED Pautz included a picture of the mural that was placed in the newly created therapeutic playroom First 5 is creating for Behavioral Health Department to provide a calming space for children. Furniture and other items will be added to the space.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Kermith Walters, Commission Vice-Chair

Cheryl Sanchez, Recording Secretary