



SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES
COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
May 19, 2021

The Sutter County Children & Families Commission held a regular meeting & public hearing on the above date at 3:30 p.m. virtually.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Byers called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. and requested the roll call.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mike Ziegenmeyer (3:35 p.m.), Tonya Byers, Nancy O'Hara, Nicole Ritner, Dr. Carolyn Patton, Doreen Osumi, Mat Gulbrandsen, and Tom Reusser (3:45 p.m.)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Brad McIntire

STAFF PRESENT: Michele Blake, Executive Director and Julie Price, Executive Secretary

Public Hearing

- 1) **Presentation of Sutter County Children & Families Commission FY 2021/2022 Budget. The Sutter County Children & Families Commission FY 2021/2022 Commission budget will be presented at the June 2021 meeting.**

Michele Blake, Executive Director, noted that the Proposition 10 revenue projections are still being calculated by the State at this time. This item will be presented at the June 2021 meeting for possible approval.

Commissioner Ziegenmeyer joined the meeting.

Commissioner Ziegenmeyer requested a copy of the FY 2019/2020 budget and actuals.

ACTION ITEMS – Discussion and Possible Approval

- 2) **2020/2021 PROPOSED SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION REVISED BUDGET**

Ms. Blake referenced the revised FY 2020/2021 budget contained in the meeting packet and noted additional revenue the Commission was able to obtain through one-time grant opportunities. Ms. Blake noted the additional funding obtained will assist with off-setting

Commission staff costs. Ms. Blake also noted staff has been working with County Counsel to modify the Commission contract for the Born Learning program as the program is based on school sites and due to COVID-19 restrictions it was unable to occur this fiscal year.

On motion of Commissioner Byers, seconded by Commissioner Osumi, Chairman Ziegenmeyer called for a roll call vote that carried as follows: AYES: Commissioners Byers, Ritner, Ziegenmeyer, O'Hara, Patton, Osumi, Gulbrandsen; ABSTAIN: None; NOES: None; ABSENT: McIntire, Reusser; the Commission approved the FY 2020/2021 revised Commission budget as presented.

Commissioner Ziegenmeyer requested the entire Commission budget itemized by line item.

3) CONSIDER RENEWAL OPTION OF PERSIMMONY DATA SYSTEM

Ms. Blake referenced the staff report contained in the meeting packet and noted the improved evaluation data collection benefits of the system.

On motion of Commissioner Patton, seconded by Commissioner Gulbrandsen, Chairman Ziegenmeyer called for a roll call vote that carried as follows: AYES: Commissioners Byers, Ritner, Ziegenmeyer, O'Hara, Patton, Osumi, Gulbrandsen; ABSTAIN: None; NOES: None; ABSENT: McIntire, Reusser; the Commission approved the authorization of the 1-year contract for the Persimmony data system.

Commissioner Reusser joined the meeting.

4) PROPOSAL FOR COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL READINESS ASSESSMENT FALL 2021

Ms. Blake noted the 2018 Kindergarten Readiness Assessment conducted by the Commission and the beneficial data that was collected to assist in forming the Commission's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. Ms. Blake also noted the opportunity to collect data with regards to the impact of COVID-19 on Kindergarten readiness. Teachers that participate in the assessment would receive a \$200 stipend.

Commissioner Osumi noted concern with adding additional tasks for Kindergarten teachers to complete during the Fall. However, some teachers have expressed interest in participating.

In response to a question from Commissioner Patton, Commissioner Osumi stated assessments are conducted on Kindergarten students only.

Commissioner Gulbrandsen noted the value of information from the assessment considering the COVID-19 pandemic and would like to discuss the timeline further.

Commissioner Ziegenmeyer also noted the value of information the assessment would provide and concern for teacher workload.

Ms. Blake noted another option would be to earmark the funding for Fall 2022 as well or revisit the item at the June 2021 meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Gulbrandsen, seconded by Commissioner Ritner, Chairman Ziegenmeyer called for a roll call vote that carried as follows: AYES: Commissioners Byers, Ritner, Ziegenmeyer, O'Hara, Patton, Osumi, Gulbrandsen, Reusser; ABSTAIN: None; NOES:

None; ABSENT: McIntire; the Commission approved the comprehensive school readiness assessment for Fall 2021.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Commissioner Patton, seconded by Commissioner Byers, Chairman Ziegenmeyer called for a roll call vote that carried as follows: AYES: Commissioners Ziegenmeyer, Byers, Ritner, Patton, O'Hara, Osumi, Reusser; ABSTAIN: None; NOES: None; ABSENT: McIntire; the Commission approved the Consent Calendar, as follows:

5) Approval of the minutes for the February 17, 2021 meeting

DIRECTORS REPORT

COVID-19 Response & Precautions Update

Ms. Blake stated funds are still available in the COVID-19 response fund. The currently most requested need is hotel stays for displaced families and developmental items for children.

Community Distribution & Sponsorships

Ms. Blake noted Commission staff conducted a well-received diaper distribution in March where over 40,000 diapers were distributed in partnership with Yuba-Sutter Foodbank, Yuba City Police Department and Sutter County Child Welfare Services to Sutter County families. Due to the overwhelming response to the distribution, an additional diaper distribution will be scheduled in June.

Due to low immunization rates and well-child visits, Commission staff has been working with Sutter County Public Health and health care providers on an immunization initiative to reach out to families to highlight the importance well-child exams.

A car seat check up event was held in April in partnership with Sutter County Public Health and Yuba City Police Department where 11 seats were checked and 5 seats were replaced.

In recognition of Child abuse Prevention month, a Pinwheels for Prevention event was held, where pinwheel activity kits were distributed in partnership with Yuba City Unified School District and Head Start. Jennifer Ybarra, Child Development Behavioral Specialist created a pinwheel breathing exercise video to accompany the pinwheel activity kit.

In celebration of Week of the Young Child the Commission received a proclamation from the Sutter County Board of Supervisors and conducted a book distribution and a week-long activity event on the Commission's Facebook page.

The Commission distributed COVID-19 Plan & Play journals and activity kits for families with young children who attended County sponsored COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

In celebration of Mother's Day, a Mother's Day activity kit distribution was conducted in partnership with the Artisan Community Garden.

Lastly, Commission staff is working with Yuba-Sutter Arts on a fun social media activity with Side Show Joe for a Father's Day celebration.

Packard Foundation Digital Divide

Ms. Blake noted the continued distribution of digital tools such as, Chromebooks, tablets, and internet hot spots for childcare providers of Sutter County children ages 0-5 who are other relatives, friends, or neighbors.

F5A Advocacy Day

Ms. Blake noted the First 5 Association Advocacy Day was held virtually on April 29th where staff meet with Senator Nielsen's staff to discuss First 5 policies.

Program Reports

Ms. Blake referenced program reports contained in the meeting packet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

By:
Julie Price
Executive Secretary