



SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES
COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING
September 21, 2022

The Sutter County Children & Families Commission held a regular meeting on the above date at 3:30 p.m. at the Sutter County Administrative Office Conference Room, 1160 Civic Center Blvd., Ste. A, Yuba City, CA 95993.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ritner called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and requested the roll call.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sarah Eberhardt-Rios, Nicole Ritner, Tom Reusser, Mat Gulbrandsen, Doreen Osumi and Marc Boomgaarden

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mike Ziegenmeyer, Tonya Byers, Dr. Carolyn Patton

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

Public Participation

No public comment was received.

Special Presentation

1) FindHelp- Sutter Kids Community Resources, Erica Melchor, Sutter County Children & Families Commission

Erica Melchor, Find Help Coordinator, provided the Commission with a presentation and a live demonstration of FindHelp the online, closed-loop referral community resource platform.

ACTION ITEMS – Discussion and Possible Approval

2) Review and Approval of Amended Policies and Procedure

Michele Blake, Executive Director, referenced the staff report contained in the meeting packet and noted 2 additional requested amendments. Section 204 (4) addressing the scope and authorization of gift cards and Section 206 addressing protection of privacy of clients while utilizing Commission services such as, but not limited to Help Me Grow health and development screenings. Both sections have been reviewed by Sutter County Human Resources Director, as well as County Counsel.

On motion of Commissioner Osumi, seconded by Commissioner Gulbrandsen, Commissioner Ritner called for a roll call vote that carried as follows: AYES: Commissioners Eberhardt-Rios, Ritner, Reusser, Boomgaarden, Osumi, Gulbrandsen; ABSTAIN: None; NOES: None; ABSENT: Patton, Byers, Ziegenmeyer; the Commission approved the Sutter County Children & Families Commission amended Policies and Procedures as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Commissioner Osumi, seconded by Commissioner Boomgaarden, Commissioner Ritner called for a roll call vote that carried as follows: AYES: Commissioners Boomgaarden, Ritner, Eberhardt-Rios, Osumi, Gulbrandsen, Reusser; ABSTAIN: None; NOES: None; ABSENT: Byers, Ziegenmeyer, Patton; the Commission approved the Consent Calendar, as follows:

3) Approval of the minutes for the June 15, 2022 meeting

4) 2023 Commission Meeting Schedule

DIRECTORS REPORT

Newcomer Program update

Ms. Blake noted the Refugee Family Support grant is now the Newcomer Program. The regional competitive grant was applied and awarded with Placer and Yolo County through First 5 California. The objective of the grant is to serve refugees and provide support services to families with children from birth through age five resettling in Sutter County and help those families to access linguistically and culturally responsive health and social services and enroll their children in quality early learning and care programs. Sutter County was awarded \$54,369.05 to serve up to 10 families.

Strong Start Index

Ms. Blake referenced Sutter County Strong Start Index report and played a brief overview video of the Strong Start Index. Ms. Blake noted the Strong Start Index is a unique tool that uses information collected at birth from every child in the state. Grounded in an upstream, preventative approach, the Strong Start Index focuses on assets present at birth. Noting some infants are born with more assets that promote resilience than others, which means that we can use these data to create a holistic view of the conditions into which children are born – and examine differences across communities. Data collected from the Strong Start Index can be used to help to prioritize communities for investment, inform expansion of family strengthening and early childhood supports or inform organizational planning and evaluation.

Stay & Play update

Ms. Blake noted the successful completion of the first 8-week session of Stay & Play program, the library service model specifically designed to serve and support the needs of informal childcare providers, such as family, friend, or neighbor care providers, the first session served 80 childcare providers and 125 children. The next 8-week program session will begin on October 4th at the Sutter County Library.

MCAH CYSHCN update

Ms. Blake noted the partnership with Sutter County Public Health where Commission staff can continue and expand efforts made with the ACEs work and continue culturally relevant and responsive opportunities to marginalized communities ensuring families know about and access health and development screenings for their young children. Should Commission staff find misalignment with a child meeting milestone Commission staff can provide case management to ensure families are connected to services. Additionally, funding will be used to increase capacity and visits to healthcare providers to encourage Edinburgh post-partum screening as well as, assist in referral pathways when necessary. FindHelp will be promoted and encouraged in this project. The Commission will receive \$50,000 for these efforts.

COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund update

Ms. Blake noted the Commission approved \$25,000 in March of 2020 to respond to emerging critical needs and improve the development and support of young children and their families in Sutter County experiencing hardship due to COVID-19. The Commission partnered with Yuba City Education Foundation to allow for flexible on-the-spot support for families. Ms. Blake noted all funds have been exhausted and a fact sheet was provided with relevant information concerning where and what the funding was utilized for. Additionally, this funding source also demonstrated to staff where the greatest needs are for families in the community.

Yuba-Sutter Blue Zones Project update

Ms. Blake noted the Commission staff attended the Blue Zones Community Kick-off. Ms. Blake also noted the upcoming collaboration project to offer Love and Logic trainings with the Blue Zones project at their Plumas Street pop-up location.

Trauma-Informed Network of Care Planning Grants Final Report/Handle with Care Update

Ms. Blake referenced the report included in the meeting packet that highlighted the Handle with Care (HWC) initiative that was founded from the Commission's ACEs work. Ms. Blake noted HWC is a multi-agency project to ensure that children exposed to Adverse Childhood Experiences are recognized and receive appropriate interventions. Once the multi-agency MOU is fully executed the project will be piloted at Luther Elementary School. Ms. Blake referenced a flowchart contained in the meeting packet demonstrating the HWC program process.

Life Jacket Loaner Program update

Ms. Blake noted the equipment grant awarded to the Commission from the Sea Tow Foundation earlier in the year. Ms. Blake shared life jackets provided by the grant have been received however, due to the late receipt of the life jackets, they will be stored until next year.

Commissioner Boomgaarden noted funds he has secured from the Yuba City Early Risers Kiwanis Club to purchase additional life jackets. Commission staff will work with Commissioner to purchase and store the additional life jackets for next year.

In the Community

The Commission viewed several photos of Commission staff providing outreach at various community events over the summer.

Program Reports

Ms. Blake noted the FY 2021-2022 4th quarter reports contained in the meeting packet. No discussion was held.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Blake noted she received notification this afternoon that staff successfully obtained a grant from California Department of Public Health for 100 convertible car seats and 100 booster seats. Ms. Blake also noted the Commission was awarded a California Office of Traffic Safety grant for child passenger safety efforts. More information on the grant will be provided at the October meeting once the agreement has been fully executed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

By:
Julie Price
Executive Secretary