

**First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission  
Commission Meeting**

June 5, 2018, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
601 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA

**Minutes**

Commissioners present: Erin Hannigan (Exited 6:30PM), Jerry Huber, Marisela Barbosa, Jennifer Barton, Aaron Crutison, Nicole Neff (Arrived 5:37PM)

First 5 Solano Staff present: Michele Harris, Megan Richards, Gene Ibe, Lorraine Fernandez, Juanita Morales, Andrew Boatright

Members of the public present: Emily Drake (Learning for Action), Mark Mora (Fighting Back Partnership), Dr. Brenda Tucker (Fighting Back Partnership), Debbie Peralez (Child Start Inc.), Dinora Corrie (Fighting Back Partnership)

Chair Hannigan called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

**I. Public Comment**

**II. Consent Calendar**

A. Approve the June 5, 2018 Commission Meeting Agenda.

***Motion: Approve the Commission Meeting Agenda for June 5, 2018.***

**Moved by Commissioner Barton; Seconded by Commissioner Huber  
Approved 6-0-0**

**Yea: Commissioners Barbosa, Barton, Crutison, Hannigan, Huber, Neff**

**Nay: None**

**Abstain: None**

B. Approve April 11, 2018 Commission Meeting Minutes

***Motion: Approve the Commission Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2018***

**Moved by Commissioner Barton; Seconded by Commissioner Neff  
Approved 6-0-0**

**Yea: Commissioners Barbosa, Barton, Crutison, Hannigan, Huber, Neff**

**Nay: None**

**Abstain: None**

**III. FY2018/19 Annual Grant Allocations of Funding**

Megan Richards reviewed the Annual Grant program and gave a brief description of each grant application submitted for 2018-05 Annual Grants under consideration for funding.

Ms. Richards noted that staff would be bringing back a plan to the commission on how to utilize the remaining funds of over \$80,000 in the annual grants program.

Commission discussed Solano Community College's application, staff noting 18 students are funded with the aim to increase graduation rates; Solano Community College leveraging AB212 funding for any difference needed. Commission asked which agencies turned in applications that did not meet application requirements; staff listed. Commission commented that Planned Parenthood of Northern California and Seneca Family of Agencies application was a small amount for housing; staff clarified that the amount reflects housing support related funding rather than stable housing outright.

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- b. Up to \$10,000 to Care for Em to provide emotional self-regulation classes for children and parents
- c. Up to \$20,000 to Solano Community College to provide wage reimbursement stipends to students attending early learning practicum courses to become early learning teachers
- d. Up to \$20,000 to Child Start, Inc. to provide Foosteps2Brilliance early learning technology in Head Start classrooms
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**Approved 6-0-0**

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**Nay: None**

**Abstain: None**

**IV. Committee Reports**

**A. Program and Community Engagement**

No meeting

**B. Systems and Policy Committee**

1. Consider approval of an allocation of up to \$60,000 to Fighting Back Partnership to continue Family Support Services in Vallejo from July-December 2018

Gene Ibe reviewed the family support services that Fighting Back Partnership (FBP) is currently providing in Vallejo; staff is recommending an extension of services for FBP's contract until the opening of the First 5 Center, the projected opening date being late 2018 or early 2019.

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**Moved by Commissioner Crutison; Seconded by Commissioner Barbosa**

**Approved 6-0-0**

**Yea: Commissioners Barbosa, Barton, Crutison, Hannigan, Huber, Neff**

**Nay: None**

**Abstain: None**

2. Receive an update on the state and federal budget and its potential impacts on children and families

Commissioner Huber presented information regarding the budget for California and Solano County's standing in relation to cuts and requirements for specific clients served touching multiple H&SS programs.

The Commission discussed immigration issues at the federal level, and the many stories in the media about families being separated from children. Several commissioners asked about the local impacts that are being seen in Solano. Staff suggested that an expert on immigration issues could be brought to the next commission meeting to help the commission understand the local impacts of the

federal immigration issues. The commission agreed that an expert on immigration issues should come to the next meeting,

Commissioner Hannigan exited.

## **V. Nonprofit Capacity Assessment Findings**

Emily Drake, Managing Director, Learning for Action, presented findings for the Nonprofit Capacity Assessment Findings. Ms. Drake described the defining features of nonprofit capacity to be seven core capacities with Vision & Impact at its center, the other six being governance and leadership, program delivery, resource generation, internal operations and management, evaluation and learning, and strategic relationships. Ms. Drake explained that having a vision and impact model is a requisite base for nonprofit organizations to find success in all other areas identified in the model as well as make decisions regarding programs, staff, board, and financial decisions.

Commission asked that “Solano County nonprofits” be changed to “nonprofits who serve in Solano County” to make it clear the distinction clear between those nonprofits based in Solano County and those not based in Solano County.

Ms. Drake noted the three capacity building areas that have the highest need and highest potential impact for a capacity building intervention are: Vision and Impact Model, Evaluation and Learning, and Governance and Leadership. Each of the 3 areas were expanded upon with the focus of gaining the ability to change organizations with an intervention.

Ms. Drake noted an upcoming meeting for a nonprofit capacity building information learning session on June 27, 2018 in Conference Room A of the County Events Center, Fairfield, CA 94533.

## **VI. Executive Director’s Report**

Ms. Harris announced a submission to California State Association of Counties (CSAC) regarding the LFA nonprofit capacity study/findings. Ms. Harris also noted that Genentech has decided to include Solano County in their funding area for an upcoming ACES grant opportunity. Ms. Harris noted the Callison Family Foundation, also changed to include Solano County as a funding area, resulting from the Northern California Grantmakers meeting held by First 5 Solano. Ms. Harris spoke about Pre-K academies starting soon and that commissioners could contact Juanita Morales for information about visiting sites.

## **VII. Commissioner Remarks**

Commissioners congratulated Commissioner Barbosa on her future ventures and thanked her for her service as a Commissioner.

Commissioner Neff shared information about the group Parents Supporting Parents, including a KUIIC interview, fundraising with Team Dixon and Team Vacaville year-round activities, also noting an event to benefit children with special needs in Solano County on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Yin Ranch.

## **VIII. Future Agenda Items**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2018 at 5:30 PM at 601 Texas Street, Conference Room B, Fairfield. Future agenda items include: Committee Reports, Nonprofit Capacity Assessment Findings

**Adjourn**

Chair Hannigan adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Andrew Boatright, Office Assistant III

Approved:

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