



Children & Families Commission
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**Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 26, 2017
West Modesto Community Center
Finley Room
401 E. Paradise Road, Modesto, CA**

Members Present: Vicki Bauman, David Cooper, Mary Ann Lee, Nelly Paredes-Walsborn (Vice Chair), George Skol, Dr. Julie Vaishampayan.

Members Absent: Vito Chiesa and Kathy Harwell (Chair)

Staff Present: David Jones, Executive Director; Veronica Ascencio, Accountant; Stephanie Loomis, Administration; and Jack Doering, Commission Counsel.

- I. Vice Chair Paredes-Walsborn called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Commission members, staff, and attendees were introduced and welcomed.
- II. Commission members and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Announcement of Commissioner Recusals – None
- IV. Public Comment Period – None
- V. Consent Calendar
The Consent Calendar was approved.
Motion by Skol, Second by Cooper. Unanimously approved.
- VI. Agenda Items
 - A. The Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2017.
Approved on the consent calendar. Motion by Skol, Second by Cooper. Unanimously approved.
 - B. Recognition of Denise Hunt
 1. The Commission recognized Denise Hunt for her 11 years of service on the Commission and presented her with a plaque to thank her for her contributions to the Commission and the children of Stanislaus County.
 - C. Executive Director’s Office
 1. The Commission heard a presentation on the Focusing On Children Under Stress (FOCUS) Program from Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager, George Papadopoulos from Stanislaus County District Attorney’s Office, Maribel Garcia from Stanislaus County Probation, and Stanislaus County Office of Education Assistant Superintendent Scott Kuykendell. They shared an overview of the program. The Commission thanked them for the presentation.
 2. The Commission heard a presentation from Dina Brambila from Franklin Healthy Start and Carlos Ramirez from Robertson Road Healthy Start on the Healthy Start collaborative. They shared an update on the services offered at the 10 partner sites as well as the outcomes

the program achieved for fiscal year 2016-2017. The Commission thanked them for the presentation and the work they do in the community.

D. Committee Reports – *Approved on the Consent Calendar. Motion by Skol, Second by Cooper. Unanimously approved.*

1. The Commission accepted the minutes for the Administrative Committee meeting held on September 11, 2017.
 - a. Monthly Financial Report as of August 31, 2017
2. The Commission accepted the minutes for the Operations Committee meeting held on September 14, 2017.
3. The Commission accepted the minutes for the Executive Committee meeting held on September 20, 2017.

II. Correspondence – None

III. Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Skol congratulated Commission staff on having another clean financial audit for the year ending June 30, 2017.

IV. Staff Reports

Stephanie provided an overview of the Early Care & Education Conference the Commission held, in partnership with SCOE, on August 26, 2017. Of the 198 people registered, 178 attended (90% attendance). Most in attendance found out about the conference through their place of work or received the conference brochure by mail/e-mail. Attendees also suggested future topics for the conference, such as toddler brain development and classroom activities for children with disabilities.

Based on survey results, the conference was well received. The surveys showed that the keynote speaker, Mike Longoria, was very engaging and interactive. 100% of attendees felt the conference did an good to excellence job of providing valuable information.

Costs for the conferences was \$2,825 for the Commission and \$12,037 for SCOE. This equals to a total cost of \$83.49 per participant or a Commission only cost of \$15.87 per participant.

The topic for the February 3, 2018 Conference will be Picasso Meets Einstein and will focus on how children can discover math and science through art.

- David recognized the Commission had a clean financial audit with no finding for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.
- David reported that all July invoices received have been processed for payment.
- David shared the Commission would be hosting a brief social after the Commission's October meeting. Commission partner agencies will be encouraged to attend and this will be a nice opportunity for the Commissioners and our partners to visit with one another. Commission staff will send out notification of the informal social.
- David reported the Commission will be holding its quarterly Partner Meeting (formerly referred to as Contractor Meeting) on October 10, 2017 at 10 a.m. in the Patterson Conference Room at SCOE.
- David shared Commission staff will be meeting with Differential Response Family Resource Centers fiscal staff on October 25, 2017 to discuss first quarter workflow and recently implemented process improvements.
- David shared Commission Chair Kathy Harwell will be recognized as one of the receiptants of the 2017 Dale Butler Equal Rights Award on October 6, 2017 in the Board Chambers at Tenth Street Place.

- David thanked the Health Services Agency for graciously allowing the Commission to use their conference room for the Commission meeting.

V. The Commission meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.