

First 5 Tuolumne County Commission
Minutes of Meeting March 6, 2019, 1:15 – 3:30 pm
Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office, Rm 217
175 Fairview Ln, Sonora, CA 95370

The meeting was called to order at 1:17 pm. Commission Chair Allen, attendees were welcomed.

Voting Members Present: Allen, Collie, Hockett, Kirk, and Parker

Alternates: Caldwell, Williams

Commissioners Absent: Parrish, Patey, Sunday

Advisory Committee Members Present: none

Staff Present: Garcia

Members of the public present: Cheryl Dodge, Natalie Gray, Erika Hagstrom-Dossi, Sheila Kruse, and Donna Meiss.

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 1:17 pm.

Public Comment

none

Action Items

1. Consideration of approval of Minutes for December 17, 2018 (Att #1)

Discussion: none

Motion: Approve the Minutes for December 17, 2018 as presented.

- a. Moved: Commissioner Parker
- b. Seconded: Commissioner Collie

Motion carried: 6 ayes: (Allen, Caldwell, Collie, Hockett, Kirk, Parker)

Recusal: None

2. Consideration of approval of Quality Counts Consortia recommendations for Quality Counts Coordination (Att #2)

Discussion: The purpose of the duties was to inform the decisions on the Scope of Work for the contracts.

Public Comment: none

Motion: Approve Quality Counts Consortia recommendations for Quality Counts Coordination and division of duties.

- a. Moved: Commissioner Collie
- b. Seconded: Commissioner Parker

Motion carried: 6 ayes: (Allen, Caldwell, Collie, Hockett, Kirk, Parker)

Recusal: Williams

3. Consideration of an Intent to Award Decision for applications submitted under the Request for Applications for the Quality Counts Coach

- a. Applicant: Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency for the Quality Counts Coach Request: \$418,018 over 4 years. (Attachment #3a)

Discussion: Sarah Garcia shared the recommendation from the scoring team. She discussed the questions and concerns that the scoring team had regarding the application, which were listed in the meeting attachments.

Public Comment: Sheila Kruse, Quality Counts Coordinator and former First 5 Director shared some information about both applicants. She shared her concerns regarding the funding for the programs. The specific concern was regarding the funding declines in First 5 statewide. The salary proposed by TCSOS for the coach is \$36/hour and average coaches in the region is around \$25/hr. This is higher than the ATCAA Director and close to the Columbia College Childcare Center Director.

Motion: Approve Grant Committee recommendations to deny the application from ATCAA for Quality Counts Coaching.

a. Moved: Commissioner Kirk

b. Seconded: Commissioner Collie

Motion carried: 6 ayes: (Allen, Caldwell, Collie, Hockett, Kirk)

Recusal: Parker, Williams

- b. Applicant: Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools for the Quality Counts Coach Request: \$418,363 over 4 years. (Attachment #3b)

Discussion: The scoring team had concerns that the contract from TCSOS was 183 days. They did not want the coach to be off during summer break since many of our sites are open all year.

Public Comment: Public comment from the previous item (3a) applies to this item as well.

Motion: Approve the Grant Committee recommendations for Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools to provide the Quality Counts Coaching with funding amount and contract days to be finalized upon completion of the contract negotiations.

a. Moved: Commissioner Collie

b. Seconded: Commissioner Hockett

Motion carried: 6 ayes: (Allen, Caldwell, Collie, Hockett, Kirk)

Recusal: Parker, Williams

4. Consideration of an Intent to Award Decision for applications submitted under the Request for Applications for Comprehensive Health and Development Children Birth to Five.

- a. Applicant: Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools for the Smile Keepers Program. Request: \$271,936 over 4 years. (attachment #4)

Discussion: Erika Hagstrom-Dossi presented information on her program, with a handout, that provided alternative options for funding. She shared that Smile Keepers has been serving Tuolumne County Schools for almost 25 years. UCSF Office of Oral Health is hoping to use the data from First 5 and they want to use the program as a showcase. She explained how her time is divided currently and how she could spend more time in 0-5 activities.

The commission discussed the increased dollar amount requested by Erika, and discussed the reasoning behind their decision. It was agreed that the Commission wanted to retain a portion of the available Health and Development funds. A full discussion on what the funds will be available for, will be held at the April meeting.

Public Comment: none

Motion: Approve Grant Committee recommendations for the Comprehensive Health and Development Grant Request for Smile Keepers for \$240,000 for 4 years.

- a. Moved: Commissioner Hockett
- b. Seconded: Commissioner Caldwell

Motion carried: 6 ayes: (Allen, Caldwell, Collie, Hockett, Kirk)

Recusal: Parker

5. Consideration of an Intent to Award Decision for applications submitted under the Request for Applications for Resilient Families.

- a. Applicant: Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency for the Family Learning and Support Program. Request: \$271,936 over 4 years. (attachment #5a)

Discussion: Commissioner Williams presented her answers to questions that were given to her from the grant scoring team.

Question 1: Your application is asking for significantly less funding than it has requested in previous years. How will the program function with such lower funding?

Answer: Many of the services that are provided are now done through volunteers. The volunteer staff has been growing.

Question 2: Are your programs at the FLC open to and advertised to more than the Family Learning Center parents?

Answer: Yes. Services are advertised through partner organizations.

Question 3: If we are not able to fund your program at the amount you have requested (\$271,936 for 4 years) how would this program function and what could it look like?

Answer: She was not sure. Depending on how much it was reduced, there would have to be a reduction in services. The summer program would probably have to close.

Sarah Garcia shared that the budget for this program is a significant decrease from previous grant applications.

Public Comment: Sheila Kruse commended ATCAA for looking carefully at their program and seeing where they could make reductions.

Motion: Approve Grant Committee recommendations for Resilient Families Grant Request from ATCAA's Family Learning and Support Services Program for \$271,936 for 4 years.

- a. Moved: Commissioner Caldwell
- b. Seconded: Commissioner Collie

Motion carried: 6 ayes: (Allen, Caldwell, Collie, Hockett, Kirk, Parker)

Recusal: Williams

- b. Applicant: Infant Child Enrichment Services for the Raising Healthy Families Home Visiting Program. Request: \$836,725 over 4 years. (Attachment #5b)

Discussion: Cheryl Dodge, ICES Director presented her answers to questions that were given to her from the grant scoring team.

Question 1: Due to more than one application being approved, we will not be able to fund your program at the full amount you have requested (\$836,725 for 4 years). How would this program function and what could it look like with a smaller budget?

Answer: There would be a decrease in the number of families that could be reached.

Question 2: Your application is asking for significantly more funding than it has requested in previous years. How will the program be different than it currently is, with the increased funding?

Answer: There are new programmatic pieces that require a higher level of education and experience, including a therapeutic component. The shift in program has become more toward assisting families during moments of crisis. There is an increase in the number of desired outcomes including a therapeutic piece.

Commissioner Parker commended ICES on their crisis intervention model.

Public Comment: same as above

Motion: Approve Grant Committee recommendations for Resilient Families Grant Request from Infant Child Enrichment Services' (ICES) Raising Healthy Families Program for \$564,789 for 4 years.

a. Moved: Commissioner Caldwell

b. Seconded: Commissioner Collie

Motion carried: 6 ayes: (Allen, Caldwell, Collie, Hockett, Kirk, Parker)

Recusal: Williams

6. Consideration of approval of Commissioner Alternate Application (Att #6)

Discussion: There were two applications to review.

Motion: Recommend the application of Devon Woodruff be submitted to the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors to fill our Community Member Alternate position.

a. Moved: Commissioner Allen

b. Seconded: Commissioner Caldwell

Motion carried: 6 ayes: (Allen, Caldwell, Collie, Hockett, Kirk, Parker)

Recusal: None

Presentations

7. Mid-Year Benchmark Report for funded programs in FY 18-19 (provided at meeting)

Discussion Items, Information Items and Reports

8. Financial Report to December 2018, (Att #7)

9. Ethics Training and Form 700

a. Please turn in your Form 700 to Sarah Garcia.

10. First 5 Diaper Kit Program

a. Supplybank.org along with First 5 California and the Kaiser Permanente Foundation want to offer free diaper kits to families in Tuolumne County. Each kit contains 100 diapers and 200 wipes. The exact numbers of what will be available are not ready yet, but they are looking for partners who are interested in assisting with distribution and storing these kits. More information will be available soon.

11. Reports from Executive Director, Commissioners and Ex-Officios

a. Sarah reports that Prevent Child Abuse Tuolumne County will pay for the 2nd ½ of the fee for the Leadership Cohort. Nearly all Tuolumne County Elementary Schools have agreed to send the ASQ-SE home with families in the Kindergarten

registration packet. Also, Erika will be assisting in distributing/collecting a simple survey from parents regarding services they've used during their child's upbringing.

- b. Annie Hockett: Prevent Child Abuse Tuolumne County has become the Tuolumne Resilience Coalition to focus on the impacts of trauma. This summer Dr. Ross Greene will be coming to Tuolumne County from the East Coast for a training on working with children with difficult behaviors. Annual TRC/Victims' Rights April 10th, Black Oak Casino.
- c. Cathy Parker: Kindergarten roundup has begun. Cathy discussed how much she has appreciated having Mayra on the TCSOS team and on the Commission. She also really enjoyed working on the grant applications.
- d. Anaiah Kirk: Any time he can assist us in our work, please contact him.
- e. Cheryl Dodge: March 16th, Music and Movement Conference. May 4th Children's Fair 10am-2pm.
- f. Cori Allen: CWS received a \$1 million grant for the Road to Resilience Grant, partnering with Opioid Coalition and Mi Wuk Tribal Counsel, placing navigators in medical settings to avoid families being placed into Child Welfare. Year 2-3 there could be a housing component to keep mothers with their children. Another grant will be coming regarding opioids and addictions. Please remember you have access to the Visitation Center with your families if you want to meet there.

Set time and location for next meeting:

April 3, 2019 at 1:15 pm, Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office, Rm 217
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Adjournment: 3:45 pm