

**Family and Children's Trust Committee, Minutes of Meeting
March 5, 2018**

Members Present: Joe De Luca, Olga Jones, Marianne Gagen, Nora Foster, Cherise Khaund, Mary Flott, Lisa Johnson, Karin Kauzer, Julia Miner. Deborah McGrath arrived at 9:45.

Members Absent: Carol Carrillo

Staff Present: Juliana Mondragon, Elaine Burres

Guests: prospective member, Jackelynn Campos, Residential Behavior Specialist for Linda Callahan Youth Homes. Jackelynn's application is progressing.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 9:37.

Acceptance of minutes of December 4, 2017: Olga moved, and Cherise seconded acceptance of the minutes. Motion passed unanimously. Yea: Joe De Luca, Marianne Gagen, Olga Jones, Nora Foster, Mary Flott, Lisa Johnson, Cherise Khaund, Lisa Johnson, Julia Miner. Nay 0; Absent: Deborah McGrath, Carol Carillo.

FACT membership Update, Organization and Action Items: Susan Jeong is still interested in becoming a member but has some work issues to iron out.

Fiscal Status: The data base has been updated thanks to Joe's son and Cherise's daughter. From the property tax mailing, we received \$19,477 from 270 donors. We reviewed the thank you letter and updated it.

RFI Discussion and Review: The Bidders' Conference is March 29. We will vote on the applications at our May meeting. Mary moved and Deborah seconded the new release of the RFI with changes. It passed unanimously: Yea: Joe De Luca, Marianne Gagen, Olga Jones, Nora Foster, Mary Flott. Karin Kauzer, Lisa Johnson, Cherise Khaund. Deborah McGrath, Julia Miner. Nay 0; Absent: Carol Carillo.

Site Visit Reports:

YMCA: Marianne, Joe, Lisa, Mary, and Juliana attended the site visit at Lake Elementary School in San Pablo. This program provides counselling and therapy to children and families that are experiencing severe stress due to trauma. The therapists reported that the biggest problem that they face is the fear of deportation of parents and in some cases families. In general, we found that they were doing a wonderful job. The staff of the YMCA is very dedicated as is the staff at the school itself. The exhibited true passion for their jobs. We did note minimal participation of African American families in the program and we asked Juliana to inquire as to how they could accommodate African American families given their resources. Marianne moved and Mary seconded the continuation of FACT funding for the program. Passed unanimously: Yea: Joe De Luca, Marianne Gagen, Olga Jones, Nora Foster, Mary Flott. Karin Kauzer, Lisa Johnson, Cherise Khaund. Deborah McGrath, Julia Miner. Nay 0; Absent: Carol Carillo.

CARE Parent network: Karin Kauzer, Deborah McGrath, Juliana, Mary Flott, Julia Miner attended this site visit. CARE provides family social events, family academy nights, help for parents to understand their rights for an IEP for their students, outreach to the parents of first graders who may not be aware of services available

to them. They are an Information and resource program only. They are currently creating a data base for their use. Questions arose about the cost of their services, whether they provide support groups and outreach to African American families in East County. They would need more money to provide child care for parent meetings. Olga moved that we continue funding, Lisa seconded. Passed unanimously: Yea: Joe De Luca, Marianne Gagen, Olga Jones, Nora Foster, Mary Flott. Karin Kauzer, Lisa Johnson, Cherise Khaund. Deborah McGrath, Julia Miner. Nay 0; Absent: Carol Carillo.

JFCS: Julia Miner, Cherise Khaund and Mary Flott attended. They met with 2 representatives who provide relocation and transition services for Afghani, Pakistani, and African gay men. 80% of families have worked with US military as translators. This agency locates housing, parent education, OBGYN services, for their clients. They have a Dari speaker who establishes trust with the family and helps them get established in the community. Limited Parenting classes come after the families are established. They performed 45 assessments of families. See attachment.

Mary moved to continue funding, Julia seconded. Passed Unanimously: Yea: Joe De Luca, Marianne Gagen, Olga Jones, Nora Foster, Mary Flott. Karin Kauzer, Lisa Johnson, Cherise Khaund. Deborah McGrath, Julia Miner. Nay 0; Absent: Carol Carillo.

CoCo Kids treats at risk kids for developmental issues, autism, as well as in service training, etc. See attachment. They had a slow start due to hiring issues. There are 10 families or children in the program and do not have a waiting list. Parent transportation is a problem. They are transitioning the First 5 children into their program for ages 6-12. Their goal is to make families self-sufficient. Joe, Mary, and Karin attended. Karin moved to continue funding, Mary seconded. Passed unanimously: Yea: Joe De Luca, Marianne Gagen, Olga Jones, Nora Foster, Mary Flott. Karin Kauzer, Lisa Johnson, Cherise Khaund. Deborah McGrath, Julia Miner. Nay 0; Absent: Carol Carillo.

In April we will review Crossroads and CARE parent Network again.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

FACT Site Visit at Jewish Families and Community Services of the East Bay
February 14, 2018

The site visit was attended by Mary Flott, Julia Minor, Cherise Khaund, Sohi Lachini and Amy Weiss.

Sohi Lachini is a multilingual psychologist at JFCSEB working in families relocating to the East Bay from Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan and countries in Africa. Executive Director of the agency Amy Weiss explained **that 80% of the families** seen are families of interpreters who have worked with United States military or foreign services. They also serve some young, LGBT men arriving from African countries fleeing persecution, even execution by their own families.

These families face extensive relocation challenges. JFCSEB provides all relocation services for these families. They provide services through the families initial weeks and months here in Contra Costa County – from meeting them at the airport upon their arrival, helping to locate immediate housing for entire families and providing extensive transitional support as they learn their footing in California. They provide social and cultural education including parent education. They provide assistance with accessing medical care, including guidance with OB-GYN services as some women arrive pregnant. Overcoming the language barrier is an enormous step for JFCSEB. Ms. Lachini provides the necessary language and her own personal cultural skills to establish trust with the families.

Ms. Weiss explained that for the first three months in their new community families must deal with their sudden change of environment and loss of culture and close family ties. This makes it very difficult to address many of their needs. FACT funding allows JFCSEB to continue its services after the families' first three months of relocation, which is funded separately. It is difficult to address many cultural issues such as child abuse, parenting, women's roles, social media issues, school attendance, and religious concerns until the family is stronger and more stable. Many issues facing children may not surface until after a three-month stay.

The program provides a parenting class for the families. This is a one time, two-hour session for groups of families.

The JFCSEB relies on the support of many volunteers to provide transportation, temporary and long term housing, home visiting and household and personal donations.

FACT support for this program helps provide essential family stabilization services for extremely at risk families with children.

We also discussed the families' high interest in education for all their children.

FACT Grantee Site Visit
CoCoKids
Embracing Families (Inclusion Extension Program)

Site visit date: February 8, 2018

FACT Members Present: Joseph DeLuca, Mary Flott, Karin Kauzer

Program Overview:

Inclusion program funded by FACT supports children ages 6 to 12 who are transitioning from the birth to 5 inclusion program (funded by First Five; has an entry waitlist) or newly identified has at risk within the eligible age range. Children targeted for the program are children with special needs, developmental or behavioral challenges. Typically there are severe co-morbidity factors such as mental health, dysfunctional motor skills, autism.

Services include 1) training and education to child care providers and after school staff in CCC, 2) support families in IEP's, 3) support families in attainment of other resources needed and eligible for (coordinate with regional center management), 4) in-service training at school sites and 5) screening and assessments.

Ten children/families in program; three in close out; three in close out; four in intense service phase. Most are now mainstreamed.

Counter "micro abuse" with care takers/teachers.

Issues:

Numbers are low per goals/plans. Had difficulty hiring qualified staff (now on board).

Eventually view this has a two person program; one for program, education/framework at child care providers, a second for case management.

Parent transportation is a problem for participation.

FACT discussion:

No issues with program as funded except performance against quantitative goals is low.