

**Family and Children's Trust Committee, Minutes of Meeting
February 1, 2016**

Members Present: Joe De Luca, Olga Jones, Marianne Gagen, Ruth Fernandez, Julia Miner, Carol Carillo, Lisa Johnson, Deborah McGrath.

Members Absent: Alicia Coleman-Clark, Karin Kauzer, Gene Price.

Staff Present: Elaine Burres and Juliana Granzotta

Guest: Mary Flott, prospective member, was introduced by Joe.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 9:41.

Acceptance of minutes of January 4, 2016 Olga moved, and Ruth seconded the acceptance of the minutes. It passed unanimously. Yea: De Luca, Jones, Gagen, Miner, Carillo, Fernandez, Johnson, McGrath; Nay:0; Absent: Coleman-Clark, Kauzer, Price.

Recognition of Mary Kay Miller

Joe, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Mary Kay for her years of work and dedication to the children of the County. He also passed on the good wishes from the staff at Ujima. Many members also thanked her for leadership and her welcoming style of inclusiveness throughout her work with everyone dealing with FACT.

Membership Update and Recruitment

Nora Foster has expressed interest in the Committee. Juliana has contacted Gioia's office to encourage him to appoint a representative.

Marianne moved and Julia seconded the recommendation of Mary Flott to an At Large FACT membership and Karin Kauzer to transfer from At Large to Education chair. Passed unanimously: Yea: De Luca, Jones, Gagen, Miner, Carillo, Fernandez, Johnson, McGrath; Nay:0; Absent: Coleman-Clark, Kauzer, Price.

Site Visit Reports:

YMCA

Lisa, Karin and Marianne attended the site visit on January 15. This program provides trauma-informed counseling for students and parents/guardians with a focus on students who have experienced at least one traumatic event, who have difficulty coping at school and who do not qualify for Medi-Cal funded mental health counseling. There are 2 agencies involved. The Y team provides counseling at Downer and Lake Elementary Schools in the WCCUSD, and the Bay Area Community Resource (BACR) provides services to the parents at both schools. We were very impressed with the dedication of the staff. Not only do they counsel students during the day and the parents in the evenings, but they also make home visits on weekends. There was a concern with the wording of the contract. Juliana will contact the program and tell them to bill MediCal appropriately and to bill FACT for staff time not for the children served. Contract language will be revised for the following year. Marianne moved, Ruth seconded to continue the program. It passed unanimously: Yea: De Luca, Jones, Gagen, Miner, Carillo, Fernandez, Johnson, McGrath; Nay:0; Absent: Coleman-Clark, Kauzer, Price.

Ujima

Joe reported on the Ujima program. They are grateful for the FACT funding because public funding enables private funding.

This program helps students of drug and alcohol addicted parents deal with abuse, violence and parental addiction. Mentoring of students by graduates of the program

has been very successful. They are experiencing difficulties with getting volunteers and graduates to help out in East County. There is a gap after the program stops at age 16 that becomes a problem for the students. The agency provides support for staff but work force shortages are a problem especially with competition in wages with the County. Marianne moved and Lisa seconded to continue funding for Ujima. It passed unanimously: Yea: De Luca, Jones, Gagen, Miner, Carillo, Fernandez, Johnson, McGrath; Nay:0 Absent: Coleman-Clark Kauzer, Price. Joe suggested that in the future we may consider trying to get funding from corporations for longer term contracts for agencies that we have been funding for several years.

Jewish Family Community Services

Ruth and Lisa reported on this program that provides case managers for refugees from Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, and Iran. (Gene also attended.) It is phasing out Latino services.

FACT pays for Triple P Parenting Program for parents and case management for the families. They work to build self-sufficiency starting with encouraging them to use public transportation to services. They provide wraparound services with case management. They are also working to place refugee LGBT youth with welcoming families. Deborah moved, Lisa seconded continuation of funding. It passed unanimously: Yea: De Luca, Jones, Gagen, Miner, Carillo, Fernandez, Johnson, McGrath; Nay:0; Absent: Coleman-Clark, Kauzer, Price.

Donation Acknowledgment Letter Review

We made minor revisions to the letter and approved sending it out unanimously. Marianne moved and Olga seconded funding for data entry up to 40 hours at \$15 an hour. It passed unanimously: Yea: De Luca, Jones, Gagen, Miner, Carillo, Fernandez, Johnson, McGrath; Nay:0; Absent: Coleman-Clark, Kauzer, Price.

FACT Planning Calendar Discussion

It was passed out and reviewed.

Triennial Review for Advisory Boards and Committees

Ruth reviewed the report and pointed out that this is an opportunity for us to have visibility for the work that we do. Joe suggested that we approve the report at the March 7 meeting. Please review IV, VII, VIII and give feedback to Juliana for inclusion in the report by Tuesday, February 16.

Discussion/Announcement/Public Comment

Mary Kay complimented the Committee on the work that we have done and are doing.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 11:28.