

SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
M I N U T E S  
June 28, 2018 Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Human Services Commission was held on Thursday, June 28, 2018 in the Ronald H. Born Auditorium at 170 Otis Street, San Francisco.

- MEMBERS PRESENT SCOTT KAHN, President  
JAMES MCCRAY, JR., Vice President  
PABLO STEWART, M.D.  
RITA SEMEL  
GEORGE YAMASAKI, JR.
- OTHERS PRESENT Trent Rhorer, Executive Director, Human Services Agency  
Elizabeth LaBarre, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director / Secretary – Human Services Commission  
Noelle Simmons, Deputy Director – Economic Support and Self-Sufficiency  
Sylvia Deporto, Deputy Director – Family & Children’s Services  
Dan Kaplan, Deputy Director – Finance and Administration  
Other department staff and interested citizens
- ROLL CALL President Kahn called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m., noting that all five Commission members were present.
- AGENDA On motion of Commissioner Stewart, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission adopted the agenda as posted.
- MINUTES On motion of Commissioner Yamasaki, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the minutes of the May 24, 2018 Regular Meeting as circulated.
- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT Executive Director Trent Rhorer furnished an update regarding federal, state, and local activities.

FEDERAL UPDATES

1. The initial House of Representatives (“House”) farm bill failed passage in May. The House approved a new farm bill on June 21; it includes changes to the government food stamps program (known as “SNAP”). More than 40 million Americans are on SNAP (known as CalFresh in California)—this is about 12% of the nation. This bill expands work requirements to include people caring for school-age children (parents are currently exempt) and adults up to age 59 (the current maximum age is 49). The proposal limits states’ ability to waive work requirements in economically depressed areas and changes the income cutoff limits. Currently, the cutoff is 130% of the federal poverty level (around \$32,000 for a family of 4). In California, the current cutoff is 200% of the federal poverty level (around \$49,000 for a family of 4). Families earning more than \$32,000 would no longer qualify for SNAP benefits. The message of this bill is reduced benefits, reduced eligibility and increased work requirements. The Senate is considering its own farm bill with no major changes to SNAP work requirements or eligibility, to be voted on this week. What is unclear is how the two bills will be reconciled before going to President Trump. The current bill expires in September. A reauthorization is possible whereby the current bill would remain unchanged.
2. Related to child welfare legislation, the Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) became law in February. Its intent is positive, however, some of the requirements run counter to what we are doing in California with Continuum Care Reform (CCR). FFPSA requires preventative services without extra dollars to assist with implementation. States are incentivized to reduce the placement of children in congregate care which aligns with CCR, but then the bill unnecessarily narrows the group of youth who could be placed in short-term residential treatment programs (called Qualified Residential Treatment Programs in the federal bill). This bill does not go into effect until mid- 2019 so we have time, through regulation, to try loosen some of the requirements.
3. On May 24, the House Ways and Means Committee approved the Jobs and Opportunities with Benefits and Services (JOBS) for Success Act. This legislation reauthorizes the TANF program through FY 2023. The bill now heads to the House floor. The bill would maintain current work requirements but eliminate the work participation rate (WPR) and shift to an outcomes-based system that is somewhat consistent with the common performance metrics under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Funding would be the same as the existing amount. Overall, these are positive changes that will add flexibility to our program.

STATE UPDATES

The state budget was signed yesterday. The “SSI Cash Out” initiative quietly passed, reversing California’s current law prohibiting SSI/SSP recipients from receiving CalFresh benefits. There are 1.3 million Californians on SSI statewide who could be eligible, including up to 43,000 San Franciscans; our CalFresh caseload may double. SFHSA did not anticipate this in our budget. We will receive money from the state to increase staff; we will need to submit a supplemental budget to the Board of Supervisors for approval. New hires should commence employment in January 2019 in order to ramp up for a June – August 2019 implementation deadline.

CalWORKs received a grant increase of \$90 million general fund beginning April 1, 2019 and \$360 million ongoing to provide a 10% increase to CalWORKs grants. CalWORKs grant increases will take place over the next three fiscal years, bringing

children and families on CalWORKs to 50% of the Federal Poverty Level. This much needed and long overdue budget allocation funds SB 982-Senator Mitchell.

The Housing Assistance Program (HAP) daily payment rate for families who are homeless or face imminent eviction and need temporary assistance increases from \$65 to \$85 beginning January 1, 2019. The Housing Support Program (HSP) funding will increase from \$47 million to \$95 million annually. Medi-Cal receives an increase of \$54.8 million in county administration funding in FY 2018 – 2019 based on an adjustment to the current funding level using the increase in the California Consumer Price Index (CPI).

#### LOCAL

We are almost done with the city budget process. The Mayor proposed an HSA budget of \$968.4 million (an increase of \$54.6 million). Large increases were in DAAS (In-Home Supportive Services and the Dignity Fund) and Office of Early Care and Education (OECE). The budget and legislative analyst recommended reducing the growth in HSA's budget by \$1.7 million. While we could have made good use of this \$1.7 million, we will be able to manage this reduction, and will not be reducing client services or staffing as a result.

Mayor-Elect London Breed will be sworn in on July 11, 2018. Her chief of staff will be Sean Elsbarn, former San Francisco Supervisor for District 7, Newsom staffer, and currently running Feinstein's state office. He starts after November 1. Supervisor Malia Cohen was elected as the new Board of Supervisors President on Tuesday.

The reinstatement of federal work requirements for ABAWDs on September 1 is estimated to impact about 1 in 5 CalFresh recipients in SF. To prepare for this change, HSA, in partnership with the SF-Marin Food Bank and SF Food Security Task Force, is hosting a CalFresh Community Forum on July 11 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Foundation. Community stakeholders will receive an overview of the CalFresh work activities and time limits and learn how they can support San Franciscans on CalFresh.

A journalist from the Atlantic magazine visited us on June 14 to learn about the JobsNow! program, in response to proposals from members of the U.S. Congress and think tanks to have the federal government support a jobs guarantee. We introduced her to clients and employers who participate in the JobsNow! program.

#### CAAP

CAAP is working with CalFresh and Workforce Development to prepare for program changes related to the CalFresh ABAWD population. CAAP clients are all CalFresh ABAWDs. Starting in September, CAAP and monthly work requirements will mirror CalFresh requirements. On average, CAAP clients will work 3 hours weekly instead of the current 6 hours.

#### FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES (FCS)

FCS continues to transition out of the child protection center by working with planning, fiscal and contracts divisions to design a process for emergency care for children/youth entering foster care. We have commenced focus group sessions with FCS staff to walk through workflow processes, services and supports needed, and to ensure staff provide input during this change.

FCS staff participated in the SF Giants Adoptee/Foster Child game night on Friday, June 22. The Mixed Roots Foundation offered tickets to a limited number of foster children and their families to attend the game, and a table for FCS staff to promote foster parent recruitment. Mayor Breed was on site to meet the children and watch the game. Pictures are posted on social media.

The Deputy Director of Family and Children's Services, Sylvia Deporto, is retiring in July. We want to thank her for her service and wish her a wonderful retirement.

The 29th annual charity softball tournament on June 16 was a huge success. The event raised money for the Foster Youth Fund. HSA made it to the semi-finals for the first time in the history of the game. The Department of Public Health won the tournament for the first time in 28 years.

#### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

President Kahn announced KEVIN LI, 1842 Procurement Specialist, Information Technology, as the June 2018 Employee of the Month. The Commission recognized Kevin for his hard work, can-do attitude and diverse skillset. President Kahn jested with Kevin, asking the employee of the month if he wanted to take on the challenge of a lifetime—helping the Commissioners with their newly issued iPads. Mr. Li was awarded an engraved desk clock, which he graciously accepted with thanks to all. Guests present in support of Kevin included his wife and colleagues.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Commissioner Stewart, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved and ratified actions taken by the Executive Director since the May 24, 2018 Regular Meeting in accordance with Commission authorization of June 28, 2018:

- A. Requesting ratification of actions taken by the Executive Director since the May 24, 2018 Regular Meeting in accordance with Commission authorization of June 28, 2018:
  1. Submission of requests to encumber funds in the total amount of \$3,468,977 for purchase of services or supplies and contingency amounts;
  2. Submission of 0 temporary position(s) for possible use in order to fill positions on a temporary basis;
  3. Submission of report of 64 temporary appointment(s) made during the period of 5.12.18 thru 6.15.18.

- B. Requesting approval of the Continuing Authorizations that may be taken by the Executive Director in Fiscal Year 2018-2019

DRESS FOR SUCCESS SAN FRANCISCO

Marlén Sánchez with Workforce Development presented the request to authorize a new grant agreement with DRESS FOR SUCCESS SAN FRANCISCO.

On motion of Commissioner Stewart, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the request to enter into a new grant agreement with DRESS FOR SUCCESS SAN FRANCISCO for the provision of interview suiting services for women entering the workforce; during the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021; in the amount of \$141,750, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$155,925.

RICHMOND AREA MULTI-SERVICES, INC.

Eva Iraheta with Workforce Development presented the request to authorize a new grant agreement with RICHMOND AREA MULTI-SERVICES, INC.

On motion of Commissioner Semel, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the request to enter into a new grant agreement with RICHMOND AREA MULTI-SERVICES, INC. to provide pre-vocational services and pre-vocational behavioral health evaluation services; during the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021; in the amount of \$2,909,748, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$3,200,723.

BAY AREA LEGAL AID

Eva Iraheta with Workforce Development presented the request to enter into a new grant agreement with BAY AREA LEGAL AID.

On motion by Commissioner Semel, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the request to enter into a new grant agreement with BAY AREA LEGAL AID to provide client advocacy & individualized legal support services; during the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021; in the amount of \$1,223,790, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,346,169.

ARRIBA JUNTOS

Andy Beetley, Community Services Specialist, presented the request to renew the grant agreement with ARRIBA JUNTOS.

On motion by Commissioner Semel, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to renew the grant agreement with ARRIBA JUNTOS to provide Transitional Employment Support Services (TESS); during the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021; in the amount of \$1,137,444, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,251,188.

YOUNG COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS

Andy Beetley, Community Services Specialist, presented the request to renew the grant agreement with YOUNG COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS.

On motion by Vice President McCray, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to renew the grant agreement with YOUNG COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS to provide Transitional Employment Support Services (TESS); during the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021; in the amount of \$1,333,548, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,466,903.

SAN FRANCISCO CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE OF SAN FRANCISCO

Andy Beetley, Community Services Specialist, presented the request to renew the grant agreement with SAN FRANCISCO CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE OF SAN FRANCISCO.

On motion by Commissioner Semel, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to renew the grant agreement with SAN FRANCISCO CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE OF SAN FRANCISCO to provide Smart Money Coaching services; during the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019; in the amount of \$292,088, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$321,297.

SAN FRANCISCO CLEAN CITY COALITION

Jiro Arase-Barham with Workforce Development presented the request to renew the grant agreement with SAN FRANCISCO CLEAN CITY COALITION.

On motion by Vice President McCray, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to renew the grant agreement with SAN FRANCISCO CLEAN CITY COALITION to provide neighborhood beautification and employment training services; during the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019; in the amount of \$319,093, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$351,002.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BAY AREA CHAPTER

Dan Kaplan, on behalf of Benjamin Amyes, Deputy Director of Administration and Finance, presented the request to renew the grant agreement with the AMERICAN RED CROSS BAY AREA CHAPTER.

On motion by Vice President McCray, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to renew the grant agreement with the AMERICAN RED CROSS BAY AREA CHAPTER to provide fiscal intermediary services for the hotel extension program; during the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021; in the amount of \$180,000, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$198,000.

EK ERGONOMICS

Laurie Juengert with Human Resources presented the request to enter into a new contract with EK ERGONOMICS.

On motion by Commissioner Semel, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to enter into a new contract with EK ERGONOMICS to provide ergonomic assessment & evaluation services; during the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020; in the amount of \$35,000, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$38,500.

HUCKLEBERRY  
YOUTH PROGRAMS

Karina Zhang with Family & Children's Services presented the request to enter into a new grant agreement with HUCKLEBERRY YOUTH PROGRAMS.

On motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to enter into a new grant agreement with HUCKLEBERRY YOUTH PROGRAMS for the provision of crisis intervention and case management services for commercially sexually exploited children; during the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021; in the amount of \$1,494,756, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,644,232.

FAMILY SUPPORT  
SERVICES

Arata Goto with Family and Children's Services Contracts & Operations presented the request to modify the grant with FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES.

On motion by Commissioner Yamasaki, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to modify the grant with FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES for the provision of a pilot program for respite care for emergency placements; during the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019; for an additional amount of \$132,119, with a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,342,542.

HOMELESS  
PRENATAL PROGRAM

Arata Goto with Family and Children's Services Contracts & Operations presented the request to modify the grant with HOMELESS PRENATAL PROGRAM.

On motion by Commissioner Semel, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to modify the grant with HOMELESS PRENATAL PROGRAM to provide increased staffing for the New Beginnings programs; during the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020; for an additional amount of \$320,000, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,197,557.

CPS HR CONSULTING

Katrina Williams with Staff Development presented the request to renew the contract with CPS HR CONSULTING.

On motion by Commissioner Semel, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to renew the contract with CPS HR CONSULTING to provide conflict resolution, team building, coaching, and leadership development services; during the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020; in an amount of \$28,000, plus a 10% contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$30,800.

ACF TECHNOLOGIES  
INC.

Yakob Kflom with SFBenefitsNet presented the request to renew the contract with ACF TECHNOLOGIES INC.

On motion by Commissioner Yamasaki, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to renew the contract agreement with ACF TECHNOLOGIES INC. to provide an appointment and lobby management system; during the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021; in the amount of \$399,000, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$438,900.

PIER 2 MARKETING

Krista Ballard, Internal Communications Specialist, presented the request to enter into a new contract agreement with PIER 2 MARKETING.

On motion by Commissioner Semel, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to enter into a new contract agreement with PIER 2 MARKETING for the provision of developing an internal communications plan; during the period October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019; for a total amount not to exceed \$90,000.

MYTHICS

Sahil Rahim with Information Technology presented the request to enter into a new contract with MYTHICS.

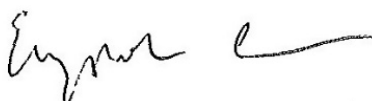
On motion by Commissioner Semel, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to enter into a new contract agreement with MYTHICS to provide Oracle cloud services; during the period August 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023; for a total amount not to exceed \$2,084,850.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Kahn's call for public comment yielded no responses.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kahn adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.



Elizabeth LaBarre, Commission Secretary  
Human Services Commission