



SAN MARCOS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
MAY 1, 2019

The San Marcos Commission on Children and Youth convened in a regular meeting on May 1, 2019 at 501 East Hopkins, San Marcos, Texas.

I. Chair Anne Halsey called the Board Meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

II. Board Members in Attendance:
Chair Anne Halsey
Vice-Chair Alexandra Mylius
Commissioner Christian Duran
Commissioner Michelle Hamilton
Commissioner Catherine Marler
Commissioner Marlene Moriarity
Commissioner Kim Porterfield
Commissioner Andrea Perez
Commissioner David Swain

Board Members Absent:
Commissioner Nicole Dray
Commissioner Ruah Gleason
Commissioner Suad Hooper

Board Members Excused:
Council Member Melissa Derrick
Commissioner Mattie Howard

Staff in Attendance:
Jessica Ramos
Christie Murillo

III. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD
None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Porterfield, seconded by Commissioner Swain to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2019 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 9 - Chair Halsey, Vice-Chair Mylius, Commissioner Duran, Commissioner Hamilton, Commissioner Marler, Commissioner Moriarity, Commissioner Porterfield, Commissioner Perez, and Commissioner Swain

Against: 0

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. Commissioner Porterfield updates Commission on progress of the Seedlings program for SMCISD, saying it is still moving forward for possible approval. Commissioner Swain recently spoke with an elementary principal who is interested in having the program at their campus.

Julie Wiegman and Connie Howe from the Seedlings program give a presentation on Seedlings. This mentoring program is for children K-8th, though it can carry through high school if both participants agree. The program now serves over 650 children in Travis, Williamson, Hays, and Bastrop County. Between these counties, about 8k children have been identified as in need of this mentoring because they have either an incarcerated or deported parent(s) (about 1 child per class). Incarceration is 1 of 10 ACEs (Adverse Childhood Events). If funding goes through for SMCISD, program would be able to serve 15-20 children.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Vice-Chair Mylius, to request that City Council provide the San Marcos Commission on Children and Youth Chair discretion on granting excused absences when necessary to board members for professional obligations. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 9 - Chair Halsey, Vice-Chair Mylius, Commissioner Duran, Commissioner Hamilton, Commissioner Marler, Commissioner Moriarity, Commissioner Porterfield, Commissioner Perez, and Commissioner Swain

Against: 0

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Chair Halsey would like an orientation packet created for Commissioners so that way when new members join, their roles, responsibilities, and the history of the Commission are clear. She suggests each Commission position have a defined role (e.g. Chair is in charge of Mental Health Coalition, TX State representative is liaison for Youth Commission). Those who will serve on Grant Review Subcommittee also need to be decided so that from here on out it remains the same representative from those prospective organizations.

Commission agrees to, either at the next meeting or during a special workshop, break into groups to define these roles and create this orientation packet. Commission also needs check City Council's rolling agenda regularly to see what items they'd like to weigh in on. They also need to brainstorm on how to proceed with the Youth Commission (i.e. recruitment and attendance).

2. Chair Halsey asks Commission to look over the document she drafted that was provided before the meeting. It is a 5-year report she created to help her understand her role as Chair and where the SMCCY began and where they are now. Staff Liaison Jessica Ramos, in coordination with the

Commission Chair, provides City Council with a yearly report. This document can be one and the same. Commission agrees all reports should be done as a collective and voted on before sending to City Council. As such, Chair Halsey would like the Commission to read this document over and provide feedback by June 3 so that it can be voted on in the June meeting.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Roles and responsibilities of the SMCCY
- Vote on 5-year report
- Follow up with Commissioner Dray on Seedlings program

IX. QUESTIONS AND ANSWER SESSION WITH PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

X. ADJOURN

Chair Halsey adjourned the meeting at 12:41p.m. without objection.


Staff Liaison Jessica Ramos


Board/Commission Chair

