



City of San Marcos

Regular Meeting

San Marcos Commission on Children and Youth
Wednesday, April 3, 2019 | 11:30 a.m.
San Marcos Activity Center- Multipurpose Room
501 E. Hopkins
San Marcos, Texas

I. Call To Order

Commission Chair Anne Halsey called the meeting to order at 11:40am.

II. Roll Call

Present:	11 – Catherine Marler, Nicole Dray, Michelle Hamilton, Kim Porterfield, Andrea Perez, Mattie Howard, Anne Halsey, Alexandra Mylius, Suad Hooper, David Swain, Ruah Gleason
Absent:	2 – Marlene Moriarity, Christian Duran
Excused:	1 – Melissa Derrick
Others Present:	6 – Bonnie Pecina, Ting Liu, Maria Culcabin, Gene Martin, David Bryant, Kent Griffin
Staff Present:	2 – Jessica Ramos, Christie Murillo

III. 30 Minute Citizen Comment Period

None

IV. MINUTES

1. A motion was made by Nicole Dray, seconded by Ruah Gleason, to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2019 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 11 – Catherine Marler, Nicole Dray, Michelle Hamilton, Kim Porterfield, Andrea Perez, Mattie Howard, Anne Halsey, Alexandra Mylius, Suad Hooper, David Swain, Ruah Gleason

Against: 0

V. PRESENTATIONS

2. Commissioner Andrea Perez hands out an agenda with detailed information about how the “Live Your Best Life” conference will proceed on April 6th. The San Marcos Youth Commission will also be working with the YouthFest event taking place in Plaza Park (weather permitting). A soft opening was held at the library with the teen board last night and it went well. More volunteers are needed for both events. 84 teens thus far have signed up for the conference.
3. Commissioner Kim Porterfield informs the board that she met with the Seedlings program director, Gear Up staff, and the middle school principals and counselors recently to discuss implementing the Seedlings mentoring program in San Marcos. The focus would be on children with incarcerated/deported parents. The plan would be for this to take place at 2 elementary schools and the middle schools; mentors typically provide guidance for about 2-3 years. This program isn’t in place yet—still channeling through SMCISD. Another update will be available at the next meeting.
4. Commission Chair Anne Halsey reports that the San Marcos Area Mental Health Coalition met for the fourth time last week. 120 ppl are involved with the Coalition now. An application for a federal grant through Health and Human Services is due April 16th. Scheib will be the 501(3)c for this grant; monies will cover implementation and programming (up to 3 million with matching local funds). Since the Coalition is implementing a Texas System of Care approach and since there are youth voices involved via a recent survey, the Coalition stands a good chance at receiving the grant. There will be a 6 month report in June.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

5. Nominations for Chair are held, with Anne Halsey being selected. Nominations for Vice Chair are held, with Alexandra Mylius being selected.

6. Commissioner Nicole Dray hands out a printed spreadsheet and begins the process of providing explanation for all 23 of the grant applications received and the Grant Review Subcommittee's notes/concerns/recommendations for each. Requested amount from applicants: \$106,036

A motion was made by Kim Porterfield, seconded by David Swain, to accept the Grant Review Subcommittee's recommendation as amended by the San Marcos Commission on Children and Youth, totaling \$63,750, with the caveat that (xxx resubmits) and that those applicants needing to submit further documentation do so by 1pm on Wednesday, April 10th. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 11 – Catherine Marler, Nicole Dray, Michelle Hamilton, Kim Porterfield, Andrea Perez, Mattie Howard, Anne Halsey, Alexandra Mylius, Suad Hooper, David Swain, Ruah Gleason

Against: 0

Things to consider before next year's grant funding:

- The Commission needs to have a consistent way for applicants to report how they are spending their monies.
- Should a percentage system be used to determine how much each applicant receives?
- Does the Commission want to fund untested, new programs?
- How will the Commission allow monies to be used?
- Commission needs to be more strict with deadlines and requirements
- Does Commission want to distribute money so that it closer matches school dates?

Jessica Ramos informs Commission that she has the grant funding as an item on the rolling agenda for council for May 7th.

7. This action item was postponed until the next meeting.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. This discussion item was postponed until the next meeting.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. -Agenda items 7 and 8
-Discuss 5 year SMCCY report created by Anne Halsey
-Joint meeting with SMYC scheduled for April 17th at 6pm

IX. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public.

None

X. Adjournment

Commission Chair Anne Halsey adjourns the meeting at 1:30pm

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