I. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the regular meeting of the San Marcos Commission on Children and Youth was called to order by Anne Halsey at 12:06pm Wednesday, January 9, 2019 in the multi-purpose room of the San Marcos Activity Center, 501 E. Hopkins, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

II. Roll Call

Present: 11 - Catherine Marler, Melissa Derrick, Michelle Hamilton, Marty Nelson, Billy Stokes, Mattie Howard, Anne Halsey, Marlene Morariety, Alexandra Mylius, Suad Hooper, David Swain

Absent: 4 - Nicole Rivera, Kim Porterfield, Christian Duran, Brent Hastings

Staff Present: 2 - Jessica Ramos, Christie Murillo

Others Present: 2 - Kate Warnell, Jennifer Clegg

III. Citizen Comment Period (each individual will be limited to 3 minutes; no specific action may be taken on these items)

None.

IV. Approval of the minutes-November 7, 2018

A motion was made by Melissa Derrick, seconded by Michelle Hamilton, to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2018 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 11 - Catherine Marler, Melissa Derrick, Michelle Hamilton, Marty Nelson, Billy Stokes, Mattie Howard, Anne Halsey, Marlene Morariety, Alexandra Mylius, Suad Hooper, David Swain

Against: 0

V. Discussion and/or Recommendation-New Adopted Bylaws

Jamie Lee Case from the City Clerk’s office explains to the board how these new bylaws originated. Last year, the City Manager tasked the City Clerk’s office with creating standardized bylaws for all boards and commissions to adopt. Many boards had their own bylaws and the City Manager wanted...
consistency across all the boards/commissions. SMCCY will read these bylaws over and formally adopt them at the February meeting.

VI. Discussion and/or Recommendation-Grant Funding Process

$42,513 was rolled over from last fiscal year and $54,710 was budgeted for this fiscal year.

Of $42:
- $15k for listening project
- 7-8K for mentoring
- 2-3K for Mental Health Coalition

Jessica Ramos will present a spreadsheet at the next meeting that breaks apart all of the board’s money and how it has been voted for to be spent.

Suad Hooper suggests the board do budget amendments if any changes are needed.

Melissa Derrick informs board that she is working to put the Mental Health Coalition and the Early Childhood Coalition on the legislative agenda for City Council.

For Grant Funding: applications will be open before the end of January and will be due February 18. Grant Review Subcommittee will need to meet (Billy, Michelle, Suad, Nicole?) and make their recommendation at the end of February. Board will need to approve the recommended allocations during the March 6 meeting and then Jessica Ramos will try to get the board approved allocations on the agenda for the second City Council meeting in March.

Michelle Hamilton suggests that board think about what they want to accomplish this year, how much money it will take to accomplish these things, and how best to move forward.

Anne Halsey suggests having a very curtailed agenda for February so that board can narrow their focus for the year.

VII. Discussion and/or Recommendation-Living Lab Subcommittee

David Swain and Anne Halsey have joined this subcommittee.

Jennifer Clegg asks the board to consider what kind of data they would like the Living Lab to collect for them (e.g. park usage).

An MOU between TxState and SMCCY will be needed for this project.

VIII. Discussion and/or Recommendation-Mental Health Subcommittee

Over 60 people showed up for the first meeting of the Mental Health Coalition and there are now over 80 people on the mailing list.

More representatives are needed from the faith based community as well as CTMC and Seton Hays.

Anne Halsey informs the board that the next step is to hire a consultant to keep this coalition on
track and moving forward. This consultant would work very intensely for a short time period. Cost could be anywhere from 10k-15k. Anne would like to make a recommendation for hiring someone as soon as possible.

Michelle Hamilton believes this coalition could eventually lead to a new board/commission for the City. If this happens, more than just children and teens could be serviced. Melissa Derrick says that in order to create a new board/commission a plan would need to be presented to City Council that shows there is a need and committed members.

Next Mental Health Coalition meeting is January 16 at Activity Center.

IX. Discussion and/or Recommendation-The Listening Project

Kim Porterfield is absent today so there is no update on this project.

X. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting
   • More discussion on the poverty rates in San Marcos
   • 13+ programming for summer
   • Mitchell Center presentation
   • Curtained agenda for February

XI. Questions and Answers with Press and Public

None.

XII. Adjournment

Anne Halsey at 1:30pm

San Marcos Commission on Children and Youth Advisory Board Chairman

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