



Minutes: Advisory Committee Meeting

330 North D Street, Fifth Floor, San Bernardino, California 92415

Meeting Date, Time and Location April 11, 2012
Leslie Egge, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.
First 5 San Bernardino – large conference room
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Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Egge.

Special Presentation *Brenda Dowdy, Program Specialist, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools – Presentation on “Homeless Children”*

Committee members viewed a short ten-minute video about homeless children. Ms. Dowdy explained that about 28,000 homeless children live in San Bernardino County; in hotels, motels, on the street, abandoned buildings, sleeping under bridges and on rooftops on a daily basis. The school district identifies children aged zero to twelfth grade and try to keep the school-aged students in school. However, since they move so often, it is hard to keep track of them. Ms. Dowdy stated that these children, once identified, are provided with emergency food and clothing to keep them in school. The school district’s budget for these services has been cut to 60%. Every school district has a homeless liaison and a homeless school resource worker who helps identify these children, who are then reported to the state on a yearly basis. This program has been in existence for over two years.

Ms. Dowdy stated her program needs assistance. Recently, a collaboration was made with several agencies to provide snack packs for over 1400 children throughout the county. However, this program will be ending on April 12 due to lack of funds. Ms. Dowdy said Stater Bros, San Manuel Band of Indians, Target, Wells Fargo and several other agencies have responded with some assistance.

Ms. Dowdy also said that the State has recently required this program to report on children ages zero to three. In Pre-K to Kindergarten there are about 4000 children; from first to sixth grade, there are almost 14,000; from 7th to 12th grade, 11,000 children.

Attendees **Advisory Committee**
Hernaldo Sequeira and Teri Self (on behalf of DeAnna Avey-Motikeit), Leslie Egge, Ron Griffin, Dr. Pat Krizek, Stacy Iverson (on behalf of Denise Lassiter), Amy Cousineau, Venus Mixon, James Moses, Ed Pare, Veronica Rodriguez, Evelyn Trevino.

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Karen Scott, Cindy Faulkner, Ann Calkins, Mary Jaquish, Scott McGrath, Mary Alvarez, Pattie McGinty-Hagedorn.

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Special Guests

Brenda Dowdy, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools

| Item No. | DISCUSSION ITEM |
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| 1 | <p>Fixed Assets Funding (Presenter: Karen Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)</p> <p>This item was pulled from the agenda.</p> <p>Karen gave a brief update to the committee members: The proposal process is coming to an end. 92 proposals were received; 60 are in contract negotiations. F5 staff is mapping out the needs by service area to ensure there is no duplication. Karen advised committee members that their work today needs to be done first before the proposal process is finished. \$57,450,000 is the amount allotted for the next three fiscal years for program services. \$25 million appears to be our tipping point for San Bernardino County.</p> <p>Karen has created a spreadsheet to generate some ideas and identify the needs for the community. This document may be e-mailed to the committee members at a later date.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Priority Investments (Presenter: Joelle Greene, Harder+Co.)</p> <p>Joelle explained that the goal for today's meeting was to create suggestions for the Commission's consideration relating to how best to use the fund balance which has now been restored.</p> <p>Joelle explained the process for the day to include :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploring these possibly options:<ul style="list-style-type: none">-put the reserves back into the budget; restore the budget to pre-AB 99 projections-one-time infusions in targeted areas-make a long-range investment aimed at creating a sustainable source of funding-other options <p>Four different work stations were created with an option to be discussed at each table. Committee members visited each station for small group discussions to generate ideas, and identify strengths and challenges of approach. Joelle will synthesize the information and present it at the next meeting.</p> |

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Comment**

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Attest

Leslie Egge, Chair

Ann M. Calkins, Advisory Committee Secretary
