

Minutes For September 3, 2002

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on this day at 8:35 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carroll. Present were Supervisors Kondylis, Kromm, Thomson, and Chairman Carroll. Supervisor Silva was excused, and Chairman Carroll left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board moved into Closed Session 8:36 a.m. to discuss Meet and Confer: All Bargaining Units with Yolanda Irigon, Agency Negotiator. The Board moved out of Closed Session at 8:45 a.m.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors reconvened on this day at 8:58 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

PRESENTATIONS

(Item 7A) PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 11 AS NATIONAL PATRIOT DAY, A DAY TO HONOR THE COURAGEOUS SPIRIT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, APPROVED

On motion of Supervisor Thomson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Kromm, the Board acted to adopt the Proclamation recognizing September 11 as National Patriot Day. So ordered by a vote of 3-0; Supervisor Silva and Chairman Carroll excused.

On behalf of the Board, Vice-Chairman Kromm read and presented the proclamation to Kathleen Herren of the Vacaville Veterans Organization. Ms. Herren outlined the program that will be held in Vacaville on September 11th to honor the courageous spirit of the American people and to pay tribute to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

(Item 7B) PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 11, 2002 AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE, APPROVED

On motion of Vice-Chairman Kromm and seconded by Supervisor Kondylis, the Board acted to approve the proclamation. So ordered by a vote of 3-0; Supervisor Silva and Chairman Carroll excused.

On behalf of the Board, Vice-Chairman Kromm read and presented the proclamation to Kathleen Herren of the Vacaville Veterans Organization.

(Item 7C) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-169 PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2002 AS SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH, ADOPTED

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2002-169 Proclaiming September 2002 as Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month. So ordered by a vote of 3-0; Supervisor

Silva and Chairman Carroll excused. (see Resolution Book)

On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Kondylis presented the resolution to County Health Officer Dr. Thomas Charron, MCH Program Administrator Nancy Calvo, Black Infant Health Program Coordinator Norma Thigpin, and Sickie Cell Network Northern California member Harry LeGrand.

Ms. Thigpin outlined activities that are planned for September to help increase the awareness of Sickie Cell Disease.

Mr. LeGrand noted first hand experience with Sickie Cell Anemia Disease, which is a major health issue, and the need for increased awareness and education in the medical and public communities.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

APPEARANCE BY DONALD TIPTON RE VARIOUS ISSUES

Donald Tipton, Vallejo, voiced his concerns regarding the Board of Supervisors' discretionary fund, with a lighting survey in Homeacres that has not been done, for potential hazards with the proposed LNG Plant in Vallejo, and with Supervisor Silva's attendance.

INTRODUCTION OF CATHERINE McKENZIE COOK, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Vice-Chairman Kromm introduced his new Administrative Assistant Catherine McKenzie Cook, and gave a brief background and experience Ms. Cook is bringing to the position.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

(Item 9) CONSIDERATION TO CANCEL SEPTEMBER 24, 2002 MEETING

On motion of Supervisor Thomson and seconded by Vice Chairman Kromm, the Board acted to add the issue of canceling the Board of Supervisors Meeting of September 24, 2002. So ordered by a vote of 3-0; Supervisor Silva and Chairman Carroll excused.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2002, CANCELLED

Vice-Chairman Kromm noted activities that would be taking several Board Members away on September 24, 2002 and suggested canceling the meeting.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Kromm and seconded by Supervisor Kondylis, the Board acted to cancel the Board of Supervisors' Meeting of September 24, 2002. So ordered by a vote of 3-0; Supervisor Silva and Chairman Carroll excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Thomson and seconded by Supervisor Kondylis, the Board acted to approve the submitted Agenda, incorporated herein by reference, with the following modifications:

(Item 9) Consideration to cancel the Board of Supervisors Meeting of September 24, 2002, added to the Agenda.

So ordered by a vote of 3-0; Supervisor Silva and Chairman Carroll excused.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to approve the following Consent Calendar items by a vote of 3-0; Supervisor Silva and Chairman Carroll excused.

(Item 12) MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2002; SOLANO COUNTY FACILITIES CORPORATION AUGUST 6, 2002; SOLANO COUNTY BUILDING CORPORATION AUGUST 6, 2002, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Clerk of the Board dated September 3, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 13) PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 21, 2002 AS WILDAID DAY IN SOLANO COUNTY, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Chairman Carroll dated September 3, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 14) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-170 APPROVING RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL, adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 15A) NOTICE OF COMPLETION RE MULTI-FUNCTION BUILDING AT FOUTS SPRINGS YOUTH FACILITY, BY FLINTCO, INC., as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from General Services dated September 3, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved and Chairman authorized to sign said notice on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 15B) AGREEMENT WITH STATE ROOFING SYSTEMS, INC. RE ROOFING PROJECTS AT THE VALLEJO HALL OF JUSTICE BUILDING AND AGRICULTURE/COOPERATIVE EXTENSION/DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUILDING FAIRFIELD, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from General Services dated September 3, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved and the County Administrator authorized to sign said agreement and General Services Director authorized to sign any amendments.

(Item 16) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-171 AMENDING THE ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF CLASSES AND SALARIES (SPECIAL ADVOCATE PROGRAM

COORDINATOR), adopted. (see Resolution Book)

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-172 AMENDING THE LIST OF NUMBERS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF POSITIONS (SPECIAL ADVOCATE PROGRAM COORDINATOR), adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 17) PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION HONORING PAULINE AGUIGUI, COOK, FOR OVER 19 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SOLANO COUNTY, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator dated September 3, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

ORDERS

(Item 19A) RECOMMENDATIONS RE REAUTHORIZATION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) PROGRAM, APPROVED

Director of Health and Social Services Patrick Duterte reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from his department dated September 3, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, regarding the TANF Program. Mr. Duterte also reviewed a visual presentation, a hard copy is incorporated herein by reference, titled TANF Reauthorization Key Issues. The presentation included TANF Reauthorization, Key Issues with the most important being childcare, and Impacts of Childcare Costs on Family's Budget.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Thomson regarding clients working in the childcare field to assist other clients, Mr. Duterte noted individual choices that each client would make on the career field they would pursue, and that the low pay in the childcare field is an issue.

Supervisor Thomson feels this may be an opportunity for Government to step in to improve childcare and pay for the providers. Mr. Duterte noted it is the role of the Health and Social Services department to provide the support to keep the families working and help them improve their skills.

Mr. Duterte continued his presentation with the Impact of Childcare Costs on Family's Budget.

Responding to questions posed by Vice-Chairman Kromm regarding family planning, Deputy Director for CalWORKs Rosemary Lewis noted all applicants receive information regarding family planning, and noted if a client has additional children while on aide additional welfare grant money is not paid. The average number of children per family is down to about 2.5.

Mr. Duterte continued his presentation with Portion of Income Required for Childcare Costs, and Recommendations for TANF Reauthorization. A key point was that 40% of the typical welfare population, both rural and urban, has learning disabilities that is not initially evident, and Mr. Duterte noted the department is now screening for learning disabilities which will make an impact with intervention.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis regarding the majority of women receiving aide due to spousal abuse, Mr. Duterte noted people who come to CalWORKs don't want to initially talk about abuse. As that

person gets to know their individual worker it starts coming out, abuse is a hidden problem in this population.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm regarding work participation statistics in the report, Mr. Duterte discussed credit that is given for reducing the caseload, the Federal requirements of clients to be in the job market, and clarification of the requirements with the proposed legislation. There is a 60% to 70% program participation rate in the County.

Mr. Duterte continued the presentation of the recommendations, noted that the one size fits all program in the proposed legislation does not work for all families, and requested approval of the recommendations, and invited the Board members to participate in joint meetings with the County congressional members to discuss these recommendations.

Donald Tipton, Vallejo, voiced concern with the actual cost of living in Solano County, with how many people are on the waiting list for childcare subsidies for low income families, if there was anyway to detect if there are abuse problems any earlier in the process.

Mr. Duterte referred Mr. Tipton to the web site www.cba.com that has the breakdown of the costs to live in California by county. Mr. Duterte noted there are 2,320 family units outside of CalWORKs that are on the waiting list for supplemental childcare subsidies, and the difficulties checking for abuse issues with an applicant due to confidentiality issues.

Vice-Chairman Kromm noted the emphasis in the report is on childcare with safe secure and a good learning environment, the recommendation by Supervisor Thomson regarding increasing the pay for childcare providers and ways to encourage some CalWORKs clients into that field, and to look at local resources for childcare.

Responding to questions posed by Vice-Chairman Kromm regarding funding by the Children and Families Commission for subsidized childcare, Supervisor Kondylis noted the main problem is there are too many children and not enough childcare slots, and outlined the three facets of funding provided by that commission.

Supervisor Thomson noted that if the proposed Federal programs don't fit, we should take it and add all the different resources to make a viable program for Solano County.

Vice-Chairman Kromm feels we should look at pulling together with the Prop 10 Commission on how we can more creatively deal with childhood issues.

Mr. Duterte requested the Board give the department the flexibility to do a program that really works for our County, and noted we need to get the Federal dollars to do it.

The Board members agreed meeting with congressional members to discuss TANF.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to recommend the strongest wording possible be used to ensure children are protected, and to support the departmental recommendations. So ordered by a vote of 3-0; Supervisor Silva and Chairman Carroll excused.

(Item 19B) REPORT RE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS, RECEIVED

Director of Health and Social Services Patrick Duterte reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from his department dated September 3, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, regarding the substance abuse and additional service needs along with a visual presentation titled "Substance Abuse Services", incorporated herein by reference. Mr. Duterte emphasized State funding program cuts over the last two years effecting the department and the providers.

Responding to questions posed by Vice-Chairman Kromm regarding small increases in Mental Health funding and the tie with substance abuse funding, Mr. Duterte mentioned a redesign plan of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Mr. Duterte continued the presentation regarding how the State funding cuts, portions of the cuts that were absorbed by administration, and how the program cuts were determined. Mr. Duterte recommended maintaining the current FY 02/03 funding amount, to continue to work with the providers to redesign the substance abuse system.

Assistant Director of Health and Social Services Moira Sullivan discussed the 2 ½ year old redesign project, the key components, and that all the details of the assessment and authorization process have not been completed. The department wants to make the best use of the treatment dollars, and Ms. Sullivan detailed planned changes for the use of funding sources, and a new automated tracking system with the goal of providing a higher unit of service. This plan will offer an intense level of case management and additional monitoring that the County does not do now.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Thomson regarding the use of the case management information, and criteria for extension of services, Ms. Sullivan noted the County will initially contract with our existing providers and over time we will be able to see which providers are having better success with clients by monitoring the client outcome. Determining criteria and other details will be determined in the next phase of the redesign. The demand for services far exceeds the available services.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis about when the new program will go into effect, Ms. Sullivan noted the earliest would be July 2003, which depends on the new software system that is being developed, and training of staff.

Responding to concerns voiced by Supervisor Kondylis that Drug Court will not continue after October, Britt Ferguson, County Administrative Office noted the Board allocated funding from the MSA money for only two years. There was a brief discussion regarding funding for Drug Court, which the court system did not continue funding for.

Lloyd Gieg, Program Director of Genesis House, voiced concern with the way program cuts were determined, feels cuts should be based on utilization levels. The Genesis House contract was cut 3% while utilization levels have been over 100% for many years. The Prop 36 contract is under utilized due to

a lack of referrals and with only a 17% utilization rate. The same is true with other contracts that due to the lack of referrals the contract amount has been decreased to allow other providers in the County to utilize the funds rather than return them to the State. Mr. Gieg suggested reducing the Prop 36 contract by \$10,200 rather than reductions in the NNA contract, and feels that contracts that are fully utilized should not be cut. Mr. Gieg feels the redesign program should not be implemented until all the details have been worked out. Much needs to be done to have a system that has objective criteria, for placement and utilizing existing services. There needs to be a better link with the Courts regarding placement of individuals, representatives from Probation and Parole have not attended the Work Design Work Group Meetings. Mr. Gieg feels that money spent now with treatment will save money and lives in the future, requested the funding cuts be restored, and that the redesign implementation only be done after all operational details have been worked out.

Supervisor Thomson feels cuts should be based on utilization/outcomes not contract size.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis regarding if the State cuts are program specific, Ms. Sullivan noted the funding cuts are in the State General Fund dollars that are used for those clients that are not MediCal eligible and don't fit any other category of funding. Ms. Sullivan discussed the many program specific funding streams.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis regarding the lack of referrals, and with people on a waiting list, Mr. Gieg discussed reasons why he feels they are not getting Prop 36 referrals through the Probation Department, and discussed the benefits of residential treatment. People on the waiting list are in custody and awaiting placement, and are not Prop 36 or Drug Court eligible.

Responding to questions posed by Vice-Chairman Kromm regarding participation by Probation and Parole in the redesign plan, Ms. Sullivan noted the new Chief Probation Officer has just assigned a person to participate, and noted a Drug Court representative had attended the meetings in the past.

Clyde Harrington, RAFT, SSAC Recovery and House of Acts, noted the importance of detox and recovery services and encouraged the Board to continue those services.

Susan Cinelli, SSAC Detox (Bi-Bett), requested the funding not be cut especially for SSAC Detox, voiced concern with the way the cuts were determined, the detrimental effects of a 10% cut in funding, and hopes funds would be found.

Sandra Wornken, Dixon, discussed alternative treatment services, ritual abuse, and the need to address whole body issues in treatment.

Responding to questions posed by Vice-Chairman Kromm regarding the redesign program costs, Ms. Sullivan noted the projection of costs is based on the estimates of need opposed to the funding that is available, this is a way to figure out what the need is in the community, and further discussed the many assumptions for treatment needs. Currently about 1,600 people are receiving services.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis regarding effected

contractors, and funding projections for next year, Prosper Bosley, Staff Analyst for Substance Abuse, outlined funding sources by contract, the criteria used to review utilization, contractors in Rio Vista and Dixon were not cut since there are no other providers in those areas, and that cuts were done as fair as possible. Mr. Bosley feels there may be a 20% to 30% State cut next year, and noted work being done for more flexibility in the use of funds.

Responding to questions posed by Vice-Chairman Kromm regarding budget recommendations for next year for the project, Mr. Duterte made a commitment to have the program available for the Board to review prior to budget.

Vice-Chairman Kromm voiced concern regarding the State budget for next year.

Mr. Duterte noted the importance of redesigning the program to ensure the funds that are available are used in the best way possible.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis regarding total General Fund amount spent on drug and alcohol abuse, Ms. Sullivan noted for FY 2002/03 \$543,000, and for FY 2001/02 funding was \$509,496.

Supervisor Kondylis voiced concern with restoring any funding with the projected massive cuts for next year, and that people who do not get treatment will be an even bigger burden on society and cost more in the long run. A possible review of funding could be done when the State budget is finalized.

Supervisor Thomson feels funds should not be restored at this time.

Vice-Chairman Kromm noted receipt of the report.

SPECIAL DISTRICTS GOVERNED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority

(Item 20) IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY

Minutes regarding this matter are contained in the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority Minutes Book.

ADJOURN - This meeting of the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

William J. Carroll, Chairman

Maggie Jimenez
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors