FIRST 5 KINGS COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION
Minutes
SPECIAL MEETING
April 16, 2007

Commissioners Present: Bill Black, Mary Anne Ford-Sherman, Peggy Montgomery, Jose Neves, Perry Rickard.

Commissioners absent: David Droker, John Stankovich.

Commission staff present: Lisa Watson, Executive Director; Fabiola DeCaratachea, Program Officer; Scott Waite, Program Officer; Jon-Michael Hice, Community Specialist; Anamaria Dominguez, Executive Secretary.

County staff to the Commission: Kyle Sand, via tele-conference.

Call to Order: Chair Elect Bill Black, called the meeting to order in absence of Chair John Stankovich. Roll call was taken, with three commissioners absent and four present. Commissioner Rickard came to the meeting minutes before Commissioner Montgomery had to leave.

Public Comment: None.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2007b-04-001 C.A.R.E.S. Fund Allocation – ED Watson outlined the funding streams initially anticipated to support the allocation. Funds from Human Services Cal Works are no longer accessible and do not fit into the original funding stream parameters for financial support. With the Commission facing revenue shortfall, three options were presented to decide how to best address the issue:

1) Support the CARES program at its original allocation, making up the revenue shortfall by using $430,929.00 from our reserves. (Staff recommendation)
2) Support the CARES program with a yearly allocation of $225,000 and a of 55% reduction in the program budget that will cut off incentives.
3) Eliminate the CARES initiative.

Commissioners discussed the options and revised financials presented and questioned the flexibility of school districts to support this project. Ms. Watson will research funding streams and will ask other counties how they are funding CARES. Commissioner Neves offered a fourth option: to change direction and contact community colleges to seek their collaboration. Commissioner Montgomery made a motion seconded by Commissioner Neves to continue the funding of the CARES Initiative during fiscal year 07/08 and directed staff to work with KCOE on identifying and securing alternative funding sources in the years following. All in favor.

2007b-04-002 Administrative Cost Limit – Commission staff requested an amount not to exceed 12% taking in consideration the action taken on the preceding agenda item. Motion was made by Commissioner Ford-Sherman, seconded by Commissioner Rickard to adopt the 12% Administrative Cost Limit for FY 2007/2008. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 1, 2007 at 4:00 pm at the Kings County Board of Supervisors Chambers.