



SAN MARCOS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
June 12, 2019

The San Marcos Commission on Children and Youth convened in a regular meeting on June 12, 2019 at 206 N CM Allen in San Marcos, Texas.

I. Chair Anne Halsey called the Board Meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

II. Commissioners in Attendance:  
Chair Anne Halsey  
Vice-Chair Alexandra Mylius  
Council Member Melissa Derrick  
Commissioner Nicole Dray  
Commissioner Michelle Hamilton  
Commissioner Mattie Howard  
Commissioner Catherine Marler  
Commissioner Jerilyn Miller  
Commissioner David Swain

Commissioners Absent:  
Commissioner Christian Duran  
Commissioner Marlene Moriarity  
Commissioner Andrea Perez  
Commissioner Kim Porterfield

Commissioners Excused:  
Commissioner Suad Hooper  
Commissioner Ruah Gleason

Staff in Attendance:  
Jessica Ramos  
Christie Murillo

III. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD  
None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Michelle Hamilton, seconded by Alexandra Mylius, to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2019 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

- For: 7 - Chair Anne Halsey, Vice-Chair Alexandra Mylius, Council Member Melissa Derrick, Commissioner Michelle Hamilton, Commissioner Catherine Marler, Commissioner Jerilyn Miller, and Commissioner David Swain
- Against: 0
- Abstain: 2 - Commissioner Mattie Howard, Commissioner Nicole Dray

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. Commissioner Nicole Dray the 2 current mentorship programs SMCISD is working on:
  - Foster-Grant Mentoring program
    - MOU is in the works with Texas HHS Department
    - Mentoring and academic support
    - Set to begin Fall 2019
    - 3 mentors per elementary campus
  - Seedlings Mentoring program
    - Would be provided at 2 elementary campuses
    - Funded by SMCCY
2. Michelle Harper from the United Way was unable to attend so Vice-Chair Alexandra Mylius updates board with what she knows about Start Smart Texas Community:
  - Initiative of the campaign for grade-level reading
  - If children are always reading on grade level, it sets them up for future success; graduation rates rise
  - Twice a year Start Smart unveils its new Texas Communities; needs to be a community by-in
  - Uses apps: Bright by Text and VROOM

This agenda item was further tabled until Michelle Harper can present. Commissioners will need to think about whether or not they want to get behind this initiative, as the current application deadline may have already passed so there is still time until next deadline.

3. Chair Anne Halsey updates Commissioners and presents draft of the Mental Health Coalition’s report for City Council.
  - Report details history of coalition, subcommittee info, grant info
  - A public awareness program on Mental Health is needed in San Marcos→what would that look like?
  - Are the youth suicide rates accurately reflecting in the state rates?
  - More time is needed before Coalition can make a recommendation to City Council
  - Chair Anne Halsey will edit report and re-present in August

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. A motion was made by Michelle Hamilton, seconded by Melissa Derrick, to present to City Council the five-year report for the San Marcos Commission on Children and Youth. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 9 - Chair Anne Halsey, Vice-Chair Alexandra Mylius, Council Member Melissa Derrick, Commissioner Nicole Dray, Commissioner Michelle Hamilton, Commissioner Mattie Howard, Commissioner Catherine Marler, Commissioner Jerilyn Miller, and Commissioner David Swain

Against: 0

2. A motion was made by Michelle Hamilton, seconded by Nicole Dray, to send the absence policy resolution to City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 9 - Chair Anne Halsey, Vice-Chair Alexandra Mylius, Council Member Melissa Derrick, Commissioner Nicole Dray, Commissioner Michelle Hamilton, Commissioner Mattie Howard, Commissioner Catherine Marler, Commissioner Jerilyn Miller, and Commissioner David Swain

Against: 0

#### VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Commissioners discussed whether or not they wanted to continue granting money to organizations in the future.
  - Application process could change in future and more closely reflect the Health and Human Services application process; Commission feels for such little amounts of money, organizations may not bother to apply
  - This is city money and there needs to be checks and balances; someone in the city that is monitoring these programs for compliance
  - After this current cycle, Commission will have completed 3 years of grant funding and will have a better picture of impact had on community
  - This item can be more thoroughly considered in a subcommittee in the fall
2. Commission's reporting period fell in the middle of the San Marcos Housing Authority's program period. Commission feels that rather than changing reporting period (this has been done before and it creates a staggered reporting period and thus, more work), they will just ask SMHA to instead draft a letter asking for an extension.

#### VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Small group conversations about roles of each member of SMCCY
- Discussion on how to proceed with SMYC and recruiting
- Mental Health Coalition report
- If needed, budget amendment for Seedlings program (if it goes over previously stated amount)

#### IX. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH PRESS AND PUBLIC

None.

X. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52pm by Chair Anne Halsey

  
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Staff Liaison

  
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Board/Commission Chair