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As authorized by Governor Newsom’s Executive Order, N-25-20, dated March 12, 2021, the meeting will be held via teleconferencing with members of the Commission attending from separate remote locations. The meeting will be livecast via Zoom; where members of the public shall have the right to observe and offer public comment. This altered format is in observance of the recommendation by local officials that certain precautions be taken, including social distancing, to address the threat of COVID-19.

Special Meeting
Wednesday March 17, 2021
1:00 – 4:00pm
Minutes

1. Call to Order

1:01 pm

2. Approval of Agenda—ACTION - Attachment 1

Motion was made to approve the Agenda. Motion/Second/Carry Laura/Sue/ (4-0)

3. Introductions

Scott W. Lay, Ryan Gruver, Laura Brown, Sue Hoek, Melody Easton, Rosemary Gonzalez, Darlene Waddle, Laura Harter, Jenny Toedtmeier, Tim Giuliani, Marina Bernheimer, Nataly Zarate, Karen Keegan, Patty Lawrence, and Carol Meagher

4. Public Comment

No Public Comment

5. Commissioner Comment

No Commissioner Comment

6. Funding Process - ACTION – See supplemental binder with applications and scoring sheets

The Commission will review and score formal proposals submitted for Fiscal Year 2021/2022- 2023/2024.

a. Explanation - Staff will explain the scoring process and answer questions from Commissioners and the public.

Application was released to the public in December and closed in February. Each response is worth 5 points. All commissioners reviewed the application and scored the responses on a scale of 1-5 including the budget and the budget narrative. All preliminary scores have been provided to the Executive Director, Melody. Each application will be reviewed individually.

The commissioners will have the opportunity to discuss the application and ask any questions

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Commission Chair
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Laura Brown
Executive Director,
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Sue Hoek
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Supervisor,
District 4

to anyone that is representing the application response and give them an opportunity to answer. After the discussion commissioners will have the opportunity to change their scores if need be and submitted to Melody through private message in the chat. Commissioners can choose to fund all or partially or not at all, based on the funding available.

b. Proposal review and scoring

The Chairperson will call proposals one at a time. Commissioners may discuss the ideas contained in the proposals, propose contingencies, and/or ask questions of the proponents. Commissioners will then reference their preliminary scores (submitted to Staff prior to the meeting and displayed during the meeting) and discuss any potential changes to their scores.

Commissioners had a discussion on the proposals. Quick summary on each proposal.

- **Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation-Read Me a Story - \$5,000.00**
Read Me a Story (RMAS) provides books and educational cards to encourage parents of children 6mos to 8 years to read with their children. At each well-child appointment pediatricians and nurse practitioners speak with parents about early literacy and their child's development and provide an age-appropriate book in English or Spanish.
- **Tahoe Truckee Unified School District-Early Learning School Readiness - \$42,000.00**
These funds would mainly support the Coordinator staff position, which provides crucial coordination and administration support of on-site activities related to early learning. The Coordinator position holds the big picture vision for young children by providing support, collaboration, and implementation for a variety of community activities designed to benefit School Readiness outcomes for children and families in the Truckee community.
- **Nevada Sierra Connecting Point Public Authority-Ready to Grow - \$23,695.00**
Connecting Point will continue the existing Ready to Grow program starting with asking each caller if there is a child 5 or under in the household and providing referrals for the family. The Community Data Exchange is in development and organizations are being recruited to participate. By the end of the three years, the Community Data Exchange should be a first choice for families and organizations alike to identify resources and make and track referrals and share case management information.
- **Sierra Community House-Family Support & Community Engagement - \$55,000.00**
Sierra Community House (SCH) will offer culturally- and linguistically-appropriate services rooted in the family resource center model to Eastern Nevada County families with children 0 – 5 years old. SCH Family Support Advocates and Promotoras will promote parental resilience by providing concrete support in times of need, including resource referrals, system navigation assistance, case management and peer support
- **Nevada County Superintendent of Schools-PARTNERS FRC's - \$164,000.00**
The FRCs provide strength-based, trauma-informed services for any family seeking information or support in Western Nevada County. The Centers are located at school sites in Grass Valley

(GV), Penn Valley (PV), and the San Juan Ridge (SJR). FRC staff help parents navigate and connect to community resources and provide playgroups for families with children under 5 to improve social connections and knowledge of child development and parenting. Each year, three 8-week series of Nurturing Parenting classes are offered. To alleviate stress and create a welcoming hub for parents seeking help, each FRC offers clothes, diapers, and computer access; additionally, the SJR offers Food Pantry items. The FRCs are a one-stop resource for families and an important referral for teachers and community members who identify families in crisis.

- **Sierra Nevada Children’s Meseum-Kids Reach - \$31,000.00**
Through outreach and partnerships, KidZone Museum will help support socioeconomically disadvantaged children ages 5 and under and their families in early literacy and early childhood development through virtual socialization opportunities, live streaming events such as puppet shows and story time, and monthly newsletters

- **Child Advocates of Nevada County-Healthy Babies Home Visiting Program - \$150,000.00**
Healthy Babies is an intensive, long-term home visiting program accredited by Prevent Child Abuse/Healthy Families America, an evidence-based national home visiting model. Home Visitors establish long-term, strength-based relationships with at-risk new parents to reduce child abuse and ensure vulnerable families have the tools, knowledge and resources needed to raise healthy children in loving homes. The program tracks babies’ immunizations, screens for developmental progress, assesses maternal depression, domestic violence, and home safety.

- **Nevada County Diaper Project**
NC Diaper Project strives to provide diapers to families who may not be able to afford them on their own. They create partnerships with local organizations to ensure they always have a consistent supply for diapers. Current partners include food banks, FRCs, medical facilities, substance abuse facilities etc.

c. Tabulation

After all proposals are reviewed, staff will tabulate the Commissioners’ scores and display the ranked proposals.

The commissioner’s tabulation came out as follows:

215 points	Family Support & Community Engagement
213 points	Healthy Babies Home Visiting Program
208 points	PARTNERS Family Resource Centers
200 points	Early Learning-School Readiness
190 points	Kids Reach
183 points	Ready to Grow
179 points	Read Me a Story Program
157 points	Nevada County Diaper Project

d. Commission discussion

The Commission will discuss the ranked proposals, will consider how they align with Commission priorities and initiatives, and will create a funding plan which includes multiple proposals.

Commission discussed the ranked proposals and awarded each contract as follows:

\$52,500.00	<i>Family Support & Community Engagement</i>
\$150,000.00	<i>Healthy Babies Home Visiting Program</i>
\$163,905.00	<i>PARTNERS Family Resource Centers</i>
\$39,900.00	<i>Early Learning-School Readiness</i>
\$10,000.00	<i>Kids Reach Ready to Grow</i>
\$23,695.00	<i>Ready to Grow</i>
\$3,000.00	<i>Read Me a Story Program</i>
\$0.00	<i>Nevada County Diaper Project</i>
Total =\$443,000.00	

e. Approval

The Commission will then vote to award proposals to the successful applicants.

Motion was made to award the proposals. Motion/Second/Carry Scott/Ryan (4-0)

7. Contract Extensions – ACTION – Tab 2 in Commission Meeting Binder

The Commission will receive a proposal regarding the extension of two existing contracts for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

Moving Beyond Depression and Children’s Behavioral Health were not able to apply for the 2021-2024 funding cycle. Both contracts were underspent and will have a significant amount of funds left over at the end of the fiscal year. Melody proposed extending their existing contracts for one year so they can still serve the community, spend down the remaining funds and plan for sustainability. Melody also proposed that the contract extension will include the stipulation that neither program will be eligible to apply to First 5 Nevada County for additional funds until the next funding cycle.

Sue made the motion to allow a 1-year extension on the contract for Moving Beyond Depression and Children’s Behavioral Health with the understanding that they will not be able to apply for the 2021-2024 funding cycle and will need to wait until the next cycle. Motion/Second/Carry Sue/Laura (3-0) Ryan had to leave at 3:05 pm and did not vote.

Adjournment

3:11 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 1:00pm – Regular Meeting – Location TBD