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## MEETING MINUTES via TELECONFERENCE

**Thursday, January 20, 2022  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Please note this is a summary of the meeting not a “verbatim” transcription.

### Roll Call/Commissioners Present:

Veronica Lewis (Vice-Chair)  
Joe Brown  
Yvonne Chan  
Sue ElHessen  
Mary Galvan Rosas

Mihran Kalaydjian  
Summer McBride  
Booker Pearson  
Paige Pelonis  
Dynasty Taylor

### Commissioners Absent:

Raúl Estrada (E)  
Michael Flood (E)  
Frank G. De Balogh (E)

Adele Andrade-Stadler (E)  
Lori Stein (E)

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLCALL / ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Veronica Lewis, Vice Chairperson

Meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m. A quorum was established.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Antonia Jiménez, DPSS  
Julia Almanzan, County Counsel

Luther Evans, DPSS  
Lorraine Sinelkoff, DPSS

### Commission Staff:

La France Toliver  
Tina Phan

**2.0 REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2021 MEETING**

Veronica Lewis, Vice Chairperson

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chan moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner ElHessen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**CALL FOR VOTE:** Minutes were approved by majority vote.

Veronica Lewis (Vice-Chair) - Aye  
Yvonne Chan - Aye  
Sue ElHessen - Aye  
Booker Pearson - Aye  
Joe Brown – Aye

Mary Galvan Rosas - Abstained  
Summer McBride - Abstained  
Dynasty Taylor - Abstained  
Paige Pelonis - Abstained  
Mihran Kalaydjian - Aye

**REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2021 MEETING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chan moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner ElHessen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**CALL FOR VOTE:** Minutes were approved by majority vote.

Veronica Lewis (Vice-Chair) - Aye  
Yvonne Chan - Aye  
Sue ElHessen - Aye  
Booker Pearson - Aye  
Joe Brown – Abstained

Mary Galvan Rosas - Aye  
Summer McBride - Aye  
Dynasty Taylor - Aye  
Paige Pelonis - Abstained  
Mihran Kalaydjian - Abstained

**3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items)**

Veronica Lewis, Vice Chairperson

There were no written nor verbal comments from the public.

**4.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Antonia Jiménez, Director

Ms. Jiménez provided updates on the following topics:

DPSS hired two new Chief Deputies Directors. Delfino Neira was appointed over Operations and Program on December 13, 2021 and Jackie Contreras was appointed over Administrative Services on January 3, 2022. Both bring with them their vast experience, commitment, and leadership skills, and will make an impact on our efforts to improve the lives of the customers and community we serve.

On December 7, 2021, Supervisor Holly Mitchell became the Chair of the Board of Supervisors.

LAHSA announced the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count is postponed until February 22-24, 2022. Typically, it's held in January but due to the recent COVID-19 surge, the count has been pushed back. The youth homeless count will be moved to February 23-March 4, 2022.

Good news, effective May 1, 2022, Medi-Cal will be expanded to provide full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to persons 50 years of age or older, regardless of immigration status. On January 10, 2022, Governor Newsome released his proposed 2022-23 budget to expand full-scope Medi-Cal coverage to undocumented adults, aged 26 through 49, regardless of immigration status, effective no sooner than January 1, 2024.

Because of continued support, the Adopt-a-Family program has earned local and national recognition for helping families in under-resourced communities. Last year, with the help of more than 1300 sponsors, we supported 1862 families, comprised of 4474 children. Thank you all for your support.

**Follow Up Action:** Send a copy of the DPSS Organizational Structure to Commissioners.

## 5.0 **NEW BUSINESS:**

Veronica Lewis, Vice-Chairperson

- By-Law AD-Hoc Committee Update: Commissioner Lewis provided a status update to commissioners. Draft document estimated for sharing at the February meeting.
- Work Plan Goals Ad Hoc Committee Update – Commissioner El Hessen provided the committee's draft update verbally. Draft document estimated for sharing at the February meeting.

## 6.0 **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

**PRESENTATION:** CALWORKs Families Student Tutoring Program

CalWORKs & GAIN Program Division

Luther Evans, Division Chief

Lorraine Sinelkoff, HSA III

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), are offering online academic tutoring services to English and Spanish speaking CalWORKs school age children and youth, kindergarten to grade 12, including children/youth with special needs and children/youth experiencing homelessness.

Tutoring was implemented to assist children who were impacted academically due to the school closures during the pandemic. Although children have returned to in-classroom learning, we continue to offer tutoring services because children fell behind academically due to the challenges they encountered when schools were operating virtually.

In-person tutoring may become available in the future consistent with social distancing guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control. LACOE serves as the administrative entity and oversees the tutoring subcontractors, who are skilled in tutoring children and youth with various needs and circumstances. Tutoring services are offered to the following:

**Kindergarten through Age 15 in Family Stabilization (FS):**

- Children/youth in a CalWORKs household in which at least one parent/caretaker relative qualifies for the FS Program
- FS policy deems the need for tutoring a destabilizing barrier and a qualifying factor for the FS Program
- Voluntary activity and not subject to non-compliance procedures
- Referrals for tutoring services are initiated by the FS GAIN Services Worker (GSW)

**High School Youth Age 16 through 18 Exempt Volunteers:**

- Youth who are receiving CalWORKs
- Youth registered into the program are enrolled as Exempt Volunteers
- Not subject to non-compliance procedures, only case deregistration if youth fail to attend their tutoring activity
- Referrals for tutoring services are initiated by the case carrying GSW

Upon receiving referrals, LACOE matches the students with a tutor who develops an Individualized Learning Plan (ILP). The ILP is developed with input from the parent/caretaker relative(s), school, tutor, and child/youth. The ILP identifies the subjects for which the child/youth need tutoring services and establishes one to three goals for the child/youth based on his/her needs.

Referrals for the program began on March 1, 2021. Eighty-two percent of the children/referred to tutoring enrolled in the program. Tutoring Services were provided to 171 children from March 2021 to June 2021. The average improvement in Language Arts scores for students who used tutoring services was 13.22% for elementary school students, 7.89% for middle school students, and 24.88% for high school students. Additionally, students increased their Math scores in elementary school, middle school, and high school by 13.94%, 13.54%, and 14.38%, respectively. In July 2021, the referral period ended for the summer.

Referrals resumed in August, with the start of the Fall semester. Two hundred sixty-one children/youth were referred to tutoring from August 2021 through December 2021. As of December 31, 2021, 209 students were actively attending tutoring.

**Follow Up Action:** Provide Commissioner Kalaydjian's contact information to Luther Evans to discuss CALWORKs Families Student Tutoring Program.

**7.0 COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Veronica Lewis, Vice-Chairperson

Ms. Toliver thanked Commissioners for their donations to support five CalWORKs Families through the DPSS Adopt-a-Family. A family from each Supervisorial District was helped, and each parent and child showed their appreciation. Commission raised \$990.

**8.0 COMMISSIONER'S REQUEST FOR FUTURE TOPICS**

Veronica Lewis, Vice-Chairperson

Topics were requested, none no were given.

**9.0 CHAIR'S REPORT**

Veronica Lewis, Vice-Chairperson

Commissioner Lewis suggested extending the meeting to 90 minutes.

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended the meeting at 11:45 a.m.