

Orange County
2018-2019 Spring Citizens' Review Panel for Human Services
Fund Distribution Process
Appeals Hearing

July 9, 2019

Citizens' Review Panel (CRP) Chairperson, Dr. Beena Parikh, welcomed everyone to the Appeal Hearing for the Spring Fund Distribution process for fiscal year 2018-2019. She introduced the housekeeping issues and procedures, the Sunshine Laws, and explained the purpose of the meeting-to fulfill the role of making funding recommendations for the allocation of County dollars to nonprofit agencies. Panel members worked to review and evaluate submitted funding proposals with the goal of making funding recommendations for agencies who will be contracted to provide needed services to the citizens of Orange County.

Present were members of the CRP Appeal Panel:

- Dr. Beena Parikh, Ph.D.
- Joey Barnes
- Kinda Haddad
- Lonnie Bell, Jr. Director of the Community and Family Services Department
- Louise Fragala
- Luis Nieves Ruiz
- Willie J. Patterson

Present were members of the Citizens' Commission for Children staff:

- Angela Chestang, Division Manager, CCC
- Charise N. Liburd, Sr. Program Manager, CCC
- Deja Barnes, Quality Assurance Coordinator, CCC
- Lasheena Williams, Sr. Monitoring & Evaluation Coordinator, CCC
- Mary Davis, Sr. Monitoring & Evaluation Coordinator, CCC
- Nalita Bheecham, Administrative Specialist, CCC

Other Orange County Staff:

- Cristina Berrios, Assistant County Attorney

Public Comments:

Public comments were invited by Dr. Beena Parikh. Public comments were made by Thomas Laris and Maurice Edwards regarding human trafficking-both spoke in support of Paving the Way Foundation.

Review of Appeals Process:

Dr. Parikh provided an overview of the appeals process. To fulfill the role of making funding recommendations for the allocation of County dollars to nonprofit agencies, the Orange County Citizens' Review Panel for Human Services Board engaged in the review, evaluation and scoring of numerous funding proposals. Panel members worked tirelessly to review and evaluate submitted funding proposals with the goal of making funding recommendations for agencies who will be contracted to provide needed services to the citizens of Orange County. Information submitted in the proposals and follow-up requests was utilized by panel members when making funding recommendations. Panel members took their responsibilities seriously and spent countless hours reviewing proposal documents which include, program design, proposed performance measurement, agency and program budgets, and a slew of requested supporting documentation such as financial statements, strategic plans, and annual reports. In addition, panel members had the opportunity to participate in optional Panel Review Sessions to allow us to further discuss proposals, as was deemed necessary. All Panel Review Sessions were open to the Public. During this process, we had several members of the public that attended these sessions to witness our informal conversations about our review. It should be noted that scoring of the funding proposals did not take place during the Panel Review Sessions, instead all panel members scored proposals independently. Keeping in line with what was voted on in the past by the CRP, it was determined that to be funded during this process agencies must meet the following criteria:

- Agencies competing as a part of the General CRP category must receive a minimum score of 70 on the scoring tool
- Agencies competing in the Small Scale CRP category must receive a minimum score of 60.

Agencies with the highest score(s) in the Request for Proposal areas were recommended for funding.

Per our current appeal procedure, agencies applying for funding from the Orange County may request an appeal of the initial decision made by the Citizens' Review Panel. In determining whether a change in allocation should occur, the Appeal Panel will use new or additional information that was not initially available. This information was submitted to the panel prior to the appeals hearing for review and evaluation.

Each appealing agency is given the opportunity to present their appeal and then panel will have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions. Preliminary awarded agencies will also be given the opportunity to briefly address the panel. During deliberation, the panel will have the option to

uphold the preliminary funding decision or remand the appealing agency's proposal to the CRP for rescoring.

Cristina Berrios, Assistant County Attorney, made remarks:

Grant dollars to non-profits are exempt from the County's procurement ordinance. The CRP appeals procedure was created by the County, not under obligation by any ordinance. The County wanted to make sure that the CRP selected agencies for funding, that they were the agencies who were best suited to do the services for the communities and create the best impact for the target communities. This is not an appeals process for procurement.

Agency Presentations:

The following agencies presented an appeal to the Appeal Panel:

Every Kid Outreach - Michelle Reynolds, Executive Director

- Request for Proposal: Arts and Innovation Program-Sector 3
 - Preliminary Score: 74.25

IDEAS for Us - Clayton Ferrara, Executive Director

- Request for Proposal: Small Scale CRP Life Skills Training and Development for Youth
 - Preliminary Score: 74.5

Legal Services Clinic of the Puerto Rican Community, Inc. - Anthony Suarez, President

- Request for Proposal: Sector 1-Group Parenting and Advocacy
 - Preliminary Score: Score 94
- Request for Proposal: Sector 2-Group Parenting and Advocacy
 - Preliminary Score: 93.50
- Request for Proposal: Sector 2-Supportive Services for Children of Incarcerated Parents
 - Preliminary Score: 94.25
- Request for Proposal: Sector 4-Supportive Services for Children of Incarcerated Parents
 - Preliminary Score: 94.25

Pace Center for Girls - Rosene Johnson, Executive Director

- Request for Proposal: Alternative to Suspension Program-Sector 3
 - Preliminary Score: 88.67
- Request for Proposal: Entrepreneurship Financial Innovation Program for Youth-Sector 3
 - Preliminary Score: 94

Paving the Way Foundation, Inc. - Jan Edwards, Founder and President

- Request for Proposal: Small Scale CRP Life Skills Training and Development for Youth
 - Preliminary Score: 73

Pearson Children’s Charities Inc.,-Ryan Pearson

- Request for Proposal: Entrepreneurship/Financial Innovation for Youth-Sector 1
 - Preliminary Score: 50.33
- Request for Proposal: Entrepreneurship Financial Innovation for Youth-Sector 2
 - Preliminary Score: 50.33
- Request for Proposal: Entrepreneurship Financial Innovation for Youth-Sector 3
 - Preliminary Score: 50.33
- Request for Proposal: Entrepreneurship Financial Innovation for Youth-Sector 5
 - Preliminary Score: 50.33

- Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming -Sector 1
 - Preliminary Score: 34.67
- Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming -Sector 2
 - Preliminary Score: 34.67
- Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming -Sector 3
 - Preliminary Score: 34.67
- Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming -Sector 4
 - Preliminary Score: 34.67
- Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming -Sector 5
 - Preliminary Score: 34.67

Professional Opportunities Programs for Students, Inc. - Walter Hawkins, Chairman

- Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming -Sector 3
 - Preliminary Score: 64
- Request for Proposal: Small Scale CRP Life Skills Training and Development for Youth -Sector 3
 - Preliminary Score: 71

The Purpose Network - Bruce Francois, President

- Request for Proposal: Innovation Programming for Youth-Sector 4
 - Preliminary Score: 65.33
- Request for Proposal: Small Scale CRP Life Skills Training and Development for Youth
 - Preliminary Score: 69.67

United States Fight League - Rubin Saldana, Coach

- Request for Proposal: Arts Innovation Programming-Sector 5
 - Preliminary Score: 46
- Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming -Sector 5
 - Preliminary Score: 43.33
- Request for Proposal: Group Parenting and Advocacy-Sector 5
 - Preliminary Score: 69.33
- Request for Proposal: Innovation Programming for Youth-Sector 5
 - Preliminary Score: 45
- Request for Proposal: Supportive Services for Children of Incarcerated Parents-Sector 5
 - Preliminary Score: 75

Preliminary Awarded Agencies:

The following agencies that received a preliminary award made brief remarks:

- **8 Cents in a Jar**
 - Request for Proposal: Small Skills Training and Life Skills Development
- **Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Florida**
 - Request for Proposal: Supportive Services for Children of Incarcerated Parents -Sector 5
- **Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida, Inc.**
 - Request for Proposal: Arts Innovation Programming-Sector 3
 - Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming -Sector 2
 - Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming -Sector 3
- **Devereux, Inc.**
 - Request for Proposal: Innovation Programming for Youth-Sector 4
 - Request for Proposal: Innovation Programming for Youth-Sector 5
- **Early Learning Coalition of Orange County**
 - Request for Proposal: Group Parenting and Advocacy-Sector 5
- **Florida Citrus Sportz Foundation, Inc.**
 - Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break-Sector 2

- **Foundation for Orange County Schools**
 - Request for Proposal: Arts Innovation Programming-Sector 5

- **Friends of Children & Families**
 - Request for Proposal: Group Parenting and Advocacy-Sector 1
 - Request for Proposal: Group Parenting and Advocacy-Sector 2
 - Request for Proposal: Innovation Programming for Youth-Sector 4
 - Request for Proposal: Innovation Programming for Youth-Sector 5
 - Request for Proposal: Supportive Services for Children of Incarcerated Parents -Sector 2
 - Request for Proposal: Supportive Services for Children of Incarcerated Parents -Sector 4

- **Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, Inc.**
 - Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming -Sector 4

- **GRAYS Project, Inc.**
 - Request for Proposal: Small Scale CRP Life Skills Training and Development for Youth

- **New Journey Youth Center, Inc.**
 - Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School Break Programming -Sector 1

- **Puerto Rican Action Initiative**
 - Request for Proposal: Small Scale CRP Life Skills Training and Development for Youth

- **Redeeming Light Community Services, Inc.**
 - Request for Proposal: Alternative to Suspension Program-Sector 3

- **Thaise Educational and Exposure Tours, Inc.**
 - Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming -Sector 3

- **The Gift of Swimming**
 - Request for Proposal: Small Skill CRP Life Skills Training and Development for Youth

- **The Impact Outreach Ministry of Central Florida**
 - Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming -Sector 5

Appeals Panel Deliberation and Final Recommendation:

Dr. Parikh reminded the panel that during this portion of the meeting, the panel may uphold the preliminary funding decision or remand the appealing agency's proposal to the CRP for rescoring.

- **Every Kid Outreach**

Request for Proposal: Arts Innovation Program-Sector 3

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Kinda Haddad seconded the motion.

Vote: Six were in favor. Lonnie Bell opposed. Motion carried.

- **Ideas for Us**

Request for Proposal: Small Scale CRP Life Skills Training and Development for Youth

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Louise Fragala seconded the motion.

Vote: Six were in favor. Luis Nieves Ruiz abstained from voting. Motion carried.

- **Legal Services Clinic of the Puerto Rican Community, Inc.**

Request for Proposal: Group Parenting and Advocacy-Sector 1

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Louise Fragala seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Group Parenting and Advocacy-Sector 2

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Louise Fragala seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Supportive Services for Children of Incarcerated Parents-Sector 2

Lonnie Bell made a motion to remand the funding proposal for rescoring. Louise Fragala seconded the motion.

Vote: Six were in favor. Joey Barnes opposed. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Supportive Services for Children of Incarcerated Parents-Sector 4

Lonnie Bell made a motion to remand the funding proposal for rescoring. Willie Patterson seconded the motion.

Vote: Six were in favor. Joey Barnes opposed. Motion carried.

- **Pace Center for Girls**

Request for Proposal: Alternative to Suspension Program-Sector 3

Louise Fragala made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Willie Patterson seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Entrepreneurship/Financial Innovation Programming for Youth -Sector 3

Luis Nieves Ruiz made a motion to remand the funding proposal for rescoring. Willie Patterson seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

- **Paving the Way Foundation**

Request for Proposal: Small Scale CRP Life Skills Training and Development for Youth

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Louise Fragala seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

- **Pearson's Children's Charities**

Request for Proposal: Entrepreneurship/Financial Innovation Programming for Youth -Sector 1

Louise Fragala made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Willie Patterson seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Entrepreneurship/Financial Innovation Programming for Youth -Sector 2

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Louise Fragala seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Entrepreneurship/Financial Innovation Programming for Youth -Sector 3

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Louise Fragala seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Entrepreneurship/Financial Innovation Programming for Youth
-Sector 5

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Louise Fragala seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming
-Sector 1

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Kinda Haddad seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming
-Sector 2

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Kinda Haddad seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming
-Sector 3

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Kinda Haddad seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming
-Sector 4

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Kinda Haddad seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming
-Sector 5

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Kinda Haddad seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

- **Professional Opportunities Program for Students, Inc.**

Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School-Break Programming
-Sector 3

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Kinda Haddad seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Small Scale CRP Life Skills Training and Development for Youth
Lonnie Bell made a motion to remand the funding proposal for rescoring. Kinda Haddad seconded the motion.

Vote: Three in favor. Dr. Beena Parikh, Willie Patterson, Joey Barnes, and Luis Nieves Ruiz opposed. Motion failed.

New motion: Luis Nieves Ruiz made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Joey Barnes seconded the motion.

Vote: Five in favor. Lonnie Bell and Kinda Haddad opposed. Motion carried.

- **The Purpose Network**

Request for Proposal: Innovation Programming for Youth-Sector 4

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Louise Fragala seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Small Scale CRP Life Skills Training and Development for Youth
Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Kinda Haddad seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

- **United States Flight League**

Request for Proposal: Arts Innovation Programming-Sector 5

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Kinda Haddad seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Community Based Summer and School Break Programming
-Sector 5

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Kinda Haddad seconded the motion.

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Group Parenting and Advocacy-Sector 5

Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Kinda Haddad seconded the motion.

Vote: Six were in favor. Luis Nieves Ruiz abstained from the vote.

Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Innovation Programming for Youth-Sector 5
Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Kinda Haddad seconded the motion.
Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Request for Proposal: Supportive Services for Children of Incarcerated Parents-Sector 5
Willie Patterson made a motion to uphold the CRP's preliminary funding recommendation. Kinda Haddad seconded the motion.
Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

General Discussion:

The panel discussed the possibility of making additional funding recommendations should funding become available for Supportive Services of Incarcerated Parents Sectors 2 and 4 and Entrepreneurship/ Financial Innovation Programming for Youth-Sector 3. Dr. Parikh made a motion that at the end of the process, if there are funds still available, the CRP can make a determination to allocate funding the next highest scored agency based on the existing pool of already evaluated funding proposals for Supportive Services of Incarcerated Parents Sectors 2 and 4 and Entrepreneurship/ Financial Innovation Programming for Youth-Sector 3.
Vote: Six were in favor. Joey Barnes opposed. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

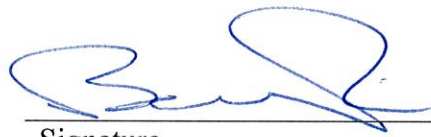
Dr. Parikh adjourned the Appeals Meeting.

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Approved by:

Beena M. Parikh

Name



Signature

9/24/2019

Date