



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board

### Summary of Subcommittee Meeting

#### Ad-hoc Committee:

Foster Alumni and Youth Community Empowerment Subcommittee (FAYCES)	6:00 -7:30 pm
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**Date:** Thursday, July 15, 2021

**Location:** Virtual via Zoom

**Facilitators:** Sandra McBrayer

**Meeting Staff:** Jocelyn Nunez, Kayla Iliff

#### **Foster Alumni and Youth Community Empowerment Subcommittee Summary:**

**32 attendees took part in the Subcommittee.**

Advisory Members Participating: Simone Hidds-Monroe, Ana España, Scott Huizar, Jessica Heldman, Sade Burell.

Sandra McBrayer opened the meeting and ask for individuals to introduce themselves in the chat. Sandra then turned it over to Simone Hidds-Monroe. Simone introduced herself and encouraged participation via the chat and raise your hand feature. Simone then turned it to her co-chair, Stephanie Gioia-Beckman for an introduction. Sandra then explained how the meeting was being conducted via the Zoom platform and provided attendees multiple ways to ask questions during the meeting. She also reminded current foster youth to turn off their camera for confidentially purposes.

#### **Requirement for Family First and Congregate Care**

Sandra introduced the agenda item and turned it over to Simone Hidds-Monroe to introduce the presenters. Simone then introduced James Coloma and Kay Casey to present on Family First Prevention Services Act. James and Kay presented on the below topics.

- Federal Influence on Child Welfare Services
- Federal Laws Impacting Child Welfare
- California’s Laws Impacting Child Welfare
- Family First Prevention Services Act

Throughout the presentation audience member asked questions and shared thoughts on the presentation. Simone, Stephanie, and Sandra thanked the presenters and members stated how important the information is.

#### **San Pasqual Academy (SPA) Board of Supervisors Action Update**

Sandra introduced the agenda topic and turned it over to Lillian Asoera from Child Welfare Services. Lillian provided the below updates:

- There are currently 60 youth at SPA and CWS is looking at appropriate placement for each youth individually or with their sibling set.
- The County Board of Supervisors extended the current contract for New Alternatives

until June 2022.

- Meetings will begin occurring over the summer with SPA stakeholders to look at reimagining the SPA campus.

#### **The Story of SPA – Survey Update**

- Sandra explained due to time constraints this agenda item will be moved to the August meeting.

Sandra concluded the meeting and reminded everyone that the next meeting is taking place on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.