Social Service Human Relations Board Minutes of the Special Meeting, Thursday, April 11, 2013

1. <u>CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL</u> President Wasko called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Present were: Vice-President Villareal, members Biggs, Radding, Watkinson, Williams, and Robles-Wong

1.-A <u>WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER MICHAEL ROBLES-WONG</u>

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting, February 28, 2013 were approved as amended. M/S Biggs / Radding 6 Yes 1 Abstention Robles-Wong

3. **AGENDA ITEMS**

3.-A REQUEST FOR BOARD TO CO-SPONSOR A CITY OF ALAMEDA "ENOUGH ABUSE CAMPAIGN" TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IRENE KUDARAUSKAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALAMEDA FAMILY SERVICES

Irene Kudarauskas, Executive Director Alameda Family Services (AFS) shared that AFS is taking the lead in the launch of an "Enough Abuse Campaign" in Alameda, and would like the Board to partner with AFS in helping identify and engage other Alameda organizations to take part in this effort. She presented a Power Point presentation that detailed the campaign's message.

Child sexual abuse is a silent, violent epidemic. It's so widespread that each of us probably knows someone who has been victimized or who has abused.

The Enough Abuse Campaign is a grassroots movement gaining momentum across the country. Developed in Massachusetts, the Campaign has been adopted by New Jersey and Maryland and has now been launched in New York and California. The campaign is providing adults and communities with the knowledge and skills they need to put an end to the silence, and eventually, the epidemic. The movement against child sexual abuse starts with a single word – ENOUGH.

Its symbol - a hand raised outward indicating our unwillingness to let the problem go unchallenged any longer.

Its hope – that by being united we can end the secrets, shame, hurt, confusion, and denial that for too long have allowed child sexual abuse to operate, and even thrive, in our homes and communities.

Its commitment – to bring together parents, professionals, adult survivors, concerned citizens, elected leaders, policymakers, and funders to engage them in this historic movement.

The Campaign's Mission is to create a groundswell of focused action aimed at preventing child sexual abuse by providing families and professionals with evidence-based knowledge and real-

world strategies. Through this focused action, it hopes to empower the Greater Bay Area communities to stand up and say ENOUGH child sexual abuse!

Ms. Kudarauskas explained that she would like to present the PP at a meeting on Non-profit EDs in preparation for the launch. Campaign materials will include trailers that hopefully can be run at the Alameda Theatre.

Member Robles-Wong enquired about the campaign's capacity to reach non-English speaking Alamedans.

Ms Kudarauskas shared that there will be the opportunity to train multi-lingual presenters. We will check to see in which languages the PP is available.

Motion recommending the Board co-sponsor the Enough Abuse Campaign in Alameda, in partnership with Alameda Family Services.

M/S Wasko/Villareal Unanimous

3-B. WORKGROUP PROGRESS REPORTS - Information – 30 minutes

Assessment and Awareness Workgroup

President Wasko said she was prepared to put together a "Survey Template" but wanted feedback from others regarding whether or not it was needed. The consensus was to provide basic information as opposed to a complete "How To" package. The next survey conducted by the Board will most likely be one dealing with Human Relations.

Resource Sharing Workgroup

Member Biggs announced that there was a meeting of non-profit EDs on March 20. President Wasko was there to suggest collaborative grant application opportunities, but the group expressed that they would like more time to gel as a group before taking on collaborative projects. They plan to meet again soon.

Alamedans Together Against Hate Workgroup

Member Villareal shared that ATAH met a few weeks ago and is in the process of drafting a letter to the Scouts that might also be shared with the media.

He also announce plans for the upcoming 4th Annual Harvey Milk Day Celebration. Jim Franz has joined Henry as co-chair for the event.

- 4. **BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA** Information 10 minutes Member Robles-Wong announced that he is helping coordinate the Asian Pacific Island Cultural Festival at South Shore on May 19. One of the roles he is playing on the committee is recognition of Asian Pacific Island former armed forces members.
- 5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** Information 3 minutes per speaker

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. M/S Villareal/ Watkinson Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by: Jim Franz Secretary