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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY FIRST FIVE HUMBOLDT COMMISSION

APPLICANT NAME: Leah Lamattina

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OCCUPATION: Director, Foster & Homeless Education Services

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

(1) Peter Stoll PHONE: [REDACTED]

(2) Colby Smart PHONE: [REDACTED]

PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE? NO X YES

PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON
THE FIRST FIVE HUMBOLT COMMISSION.

I want to serve on the First 5 Commission because I've seen firsthand through my work on the First 5 Humboldt Parent and Family Support Advisory Committee how critical these early years are for our community's children and families. Being involved at the subcommittee level has given me a clear understanding of the real challenges facing underserved families in Humboldt County, and I'm committed to making sure their voices are heard and their needs stay prioritized in decision-making. I feel my experience has prepared me to contribute at the commission level, where I can help advocate for equitable access to resources and support systems that truly reflect the diverse needs of all families in our county.

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.

DATE: 12/09/25

SIGNATURE: Leah Lamattina

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO:

HUMBOLDT COUNTY FIRST FIVE HUMBOLDT COMMISSION, Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth Street, Suite 111, Eureka, CA 95501-1153.

DATE TO SUPERVISOR _____ DATE APPROVED _____ NOT APPROVED _____

Leah Lamattina

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PROFILE

Compassion-driven education administrator committed to transforming systems so young people experiencing housing instability and foster care can thrive. Builds aligned partnerships, strengthens service infrastructure, and translates complex initiatives into practical supports using trauma-informed and culturally responsive approaches.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Homeless and Foster Youth Student Services
- Youth Leadership Development
- Child Welfare System Practice
- Trauma Informed Care Approaches
- Community Building Strategies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Humboldt County Office of Education – Director, Foster and Homeless Youth Education Services

July 2021 - Present

- Supervise Program Specialist and two Case Managers
- Coordinate annual projects and events.
- Grant writing and grant and contract management.
- Collaborate with school districts, community based organizations, and other public entities to ensure service coordination.
- Provide technical assistance and professional development to school and cross systems staff.

Eureka City Unified School District — Homeless & Foster Youth Liaison

November 2018 - June 2021

- Supervise Americorps members, and HSU MSW interns.
- Grant writing and grant and contract management.
- Member of the district Student Services Leadership Team.
- Provide professional development for school staff related to Homeless and Foster Youth student services and training related to trauma responsive care.
- Participate as a member of the Eureka Regional SARB Board.

COMMITTEES

Vice-President, Humboldt County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council

Member, North Coast Health Improvement and Information Network, CIE Coordinating Committee

Member, Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition Executive Leadership Team

Member, First 5 Humboldt, Parent and Family Support Oversight Committee

AWARDS

2014 SAMHSA Excellence in Community Communications and Outreach (ECCO) – Silver

2014 SAMHSA ECCO – Bronze

2016 Humboldt State University Department of Social Work – Certificate of Appreciation

2017 SAMHSA ECCO – Silver

PUBLIC SPEAKING

2024 – Testimony on AB 2137 California State Assembly on Education

Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services — Social Worker III / Lead Youth Organizer

August 2013 - November 2018

- Supervise and support Youth Advisory Board Members
- Coordinate annual projects and events.
- Lead policy development initiatives for local youth systems and services.
- Coordinate and facilitate youth leadership development trainings.
- Participates in local and state policy meetings.
- Collaborate with state and local community organizations in system improvement initiatives.

Redwood Community Action Agency, Youth Services Division— Lead Case Manager

April 2008 - July 2013

- Coordinated Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Grant for 18-24 year old population.
- Implemented Transitional Housing Program Plus (THP+) for young people exiting out of the foster care system.
- Supported runaway and homeless youth in education goals, employment goals, and independent living skills. Mentored and helped train incoming residential and case management staff.

YouthServe Americorps, HCOE Court and Community Schools— Academic Mentor

August 2006 - July 2007

- Led weekly groups for residents at the Regional Facility, a juvenile justice correctional facility.
- Evaluated students' progress in credit recovery.
- Supported in the completion of graduation portfolios.

EDUCATION

Lafayette College, Easton, PA

August 1999 - May 2004

Bachelor of Arts in American Studies

Concentration in Social Justice

Center for Systems Awareness, Compassionate Systems Framework, Certified Master Practitioner

Completion June 2024