



Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

330 North D Street, Fifth Floor, San Bernardino, California 92415

Meeting Location San Bernardino County Government Center
Covington Chambers
385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, California

Date, place Date: February 02, 2011 - Agenda 02-2011
Place: Covington Chambers

Call to order and Convene Meeting to closed Session Vice-Chair Haugan called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. and then covered the meeting to the Closed Session.

Closed Meeting Conducted Covington Chambers – Conference Room
Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Reconvene Regular Meeting Vice-Chair Haugan reconvened the regular meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chair Haugan

Attendees

Commissioners Present

- Mark Daniels
- Leslie Egge
- Linda Haugan
- Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D.
- Guillermo Valenzuela, M.D.
- Nancy Ruth White

Staff Present

- Karen Scott, Executive Director
- Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager
- Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant
- Debora Dickerson, Administrative Supervisor II
- Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant
- Regina Coleman, Commission Counsel
- John Pi, Supervisor

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- Scott McGrath, Supervisor
- Mary Jaquish, Staff Analyst II
- Jeffrey Pontius, Staff Analyst I
- Ronnie Robinson, Staff Analyst II
- Trinh Wong Macdonald, Staff Analyst II
- Bonnie Woodrome, Media Specialist II

Report – Leslie Egge, Advisory Committee Chair

The Advisory Committee was well attended. We were able to welcome Ed Parre as a new Advisory Committee Member. He has been an active member of the Preschool Services Parent Advisory Committee and brings a wealth of experience in the field of Early Care and Education.

It was also announced that there are three seats that have termed and need to be filled with qualified members. If you are interested in becoming an Advisory Committee member, I encourage you to contact First 5 for more information or attend our next meeting in March.

During the meeting, we were provided with a legislative update regarding the potential initiative to reduce local First 5 Commission funding by 50%. The final decision will obviously have a direct impact on the availability of future funds.

The Committee also received a presentation on health care access activities during 2009-2010, an update on the new fiscal process and also discussed the end to school readiness matching funds from First 5 California with no future school readiness funding opportunities available to First 5 Commissions.

Our next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2011. The meeting will be held at the First 5 San Bernardino office from 12:00 – 1:30 and lunch will be served.

Closed Session Report

Vice-Chair Haugan asked whether there was anything to report out of Closed Session. Commission Counsel stated there was nothing to report.

Report – Karen E. Scott, Executive Director

Save the Date

- Southern Region Commissioners Forum – March 21, 2011
- Commission Planning Session – March 2, 2011
An opportunity to review Strategic Plan, Long Range financial plans, receive updates and information from the Advisory Committee and establish initial direction for development of next year's budget, future initiatives and funding opportunities dependent upon the fiscal capacity of First 5 San Bernardino.
- Commission Budget Workshop - tentatively scheduled for April 6, 2011

Proposal for State to take First 5's fund balance and 50% of revenue on-going to pay for Medi-Cal benefits for children birth to age 5.

Summary of what we can do over the next few weeks as the Legislature completes the budget process:

- **Recognize that most members of the Legislature are not aware of the take-away from Prop 10 in the Governor's budget proposal.** Make them aware and ask them to oppose the Prop 10 take-away.
- **Mobilize as much communication with local representatives as quickly**

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as possible. There are no legal constraints on commissions to prevent advocating against the proposal NOW because it is not yet a ballot initiative. The minute the Legislature votes to put it on the ballot, county commissions will be prohibited from advocacy work.

- **Share outreach materials.** First 5 San Bernardino has developed materials to reach out to all our contracted agencies and the families served by First 5-funded programs. We are launching a postcard campaign.
- **Don't worry about a single statewide message.** The most real and motivating statement would support - "The take-away from Prop 10 is out of proportion with other budget cuts, and there are ways for Prop 10 revenues to help without decimating First 5 forever."

Changes to Agenda

Ann Calkins, Executive Assistant announced the following changes:

The Presenter for Agenda Item 4 will be Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 387-1504, in place of Karen Scott, Executive Director.

Agenda Item 3 will be continued to the March 2 meeting.

Agenda Item 5 has been pulled from the calendar.

Consent

A motion was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Daniels to approve the following consent items. With Chair Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.

Item No.	CONSENT ITEMS
1	Approve minutes of January 05, 2011 Commission Meeting (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant, 387-1502)
2	Approve employment contract with Bonnie Woodrome, Media Specialist II for the Children and Families Commission for the County of San Bernardino, for a total annual cost of \$79,337 (\$55,536 Salary, \$23,801 Benefits), effective February 26, 2011. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)

Item No.	DISCUSSION ITEMS
3	Select Chair and Vice-Chair for the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502) <i>This item was continued to the March 2, 2011 Commission Meeting.</i>

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4	<p>Approve contract Amendments with Alternative Payment Agencies Pomona Unified School District and San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools for an additional two months of transitional child care services without additional funding for San Bernardino County children, ages birth to 5, who were enrolled in CalWORKs Stage 3 when the funding was eliminated. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Daniels and seconded by Commissioner Valenzuela to approve Item 4. With Chair Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
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Item No.	INFORMATION ITEMS
5	<p>Receive overview of change in fiscal process by First 5 San Bernardino and information about challenges experienced by contracted agencies. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)</p> <p><i>This item was pulled from the calendar.</i></p>
6	<p>Receive Information on the School Readiness Program. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)</p>
7	<p>Receive information on "Read Aloud" and "Oral Health" Educational Campaigns. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Bonnie Woodrome, Communication and Resource Specialist, 387-1515)</p>

**Public
Comment**

Laurel Mullaly, Chino Valley Unified School District; Tina Cherry, City of Chino; Bonnie Mooney, Brenda Mason, Ontario-Montclair School District; Lizzeth Ordonez, School Readiness TYKES; Kathy King, Rialto Unified School District; Moe Mendoza, Ontario-Montclair School District.

**Commissioner
Roundtable**

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Daniels to adjourn the meeting. With Chair Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, Vice-Chair Haugan adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

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Attest

Linda Haugan, Vice-Chair

Ann M. Calkins, Commission Secretary
