



Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

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

Meeting Location San Bernardino City Hall
300 North D Street
San Bernardino, California

Date, time, place Date: June 16, 2010 - Agenda 06-2010
Time: Chair Gonzales called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers

Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Gonzales.

Attendees

Commissioners Present

- Mark Daniels
- Leslie Egge
- Josie Gonzales, Chair
- Linda Haugan
- Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D.
- Nancy Ruth White

Staff Present

- Karen Scott, Executive Director
 - Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager
 - Stacy Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant
 - Regina Coleman, Commission Counsel
 - Miki Carpenter, Supervisor
 - John Pi, Supervisor
 - Debora Dickerson, Administrative Supervisor
 - Mary Alvarez, Staff Analyst II
 - Julie Burnette, Staff Analyst I
 - Inez Denson, Staff Analyst II
 - LuCretia Dowdy, Office Assistant II
 - Dorcus McCrary, Staff Analyst II
 - Rosy Nichols, Staff Analyst II
 - Jeffrey Pontius, Staff Aide
 - Ronnie Robinson, Staff Analyst II
 - Shirley Simmons, Staff Analyst II
 - Trinh Wong Macdonald, Staff Analyst II
 - Bonnie Woodrome, Communication and Resource Specialist
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Report – Advisory Committee

Leslie Egge, Advisory Chair reported the San Bernardino Advisory Committee met on May 13, 2010 at the offices of First 5 San Bernardino. The Committee received updates on the May Commission meeting and information on upcoming events.

Discussion items included a recommendation from the Special Needs Workgroup to schedule a meeting on May 27, 2010 to define the term *Special Needs Children* and determine how to define *Special Needs* within the context of the Strategic Plan's Focus Areas. The committee also recommended identifying additional resources that would be beneficial to the workgroup as they move forward with making recommendations to the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee also received information from the Strategic Plan Workgroup and reviewed final recommended revisions to the First 5 Strategic Plan. These recommended revisions will be presented by First 5 Supervisor Miki Carpenter at today's meeting under Agenda Item 3.

The next scheduled Advisory Committee is scheduled for July 22, 2010 at 12:00 PM at the offices of First 5. (330 North D Street, 5th Floor, San Bernardino).

Report – Executive Director

Happy Father's Day

Happy Father's Day to all fathers and those that support children in a father role.

Save the Date

Regional Commissioner Workshop for Southern Region

Ontario Convention Center – August 21, 2010 (full day meeting)

We anticipate that at least 2 Commissioners per First 5 Commission will participate. ED's from those Commissions will also be present to serve as a resource to their Commissioners.

AmeriCorps

Save the date for July 7th. Our AmeriCorps workers, Tawny Soto and Paul Heredia are ending their terms of assignment with us. Join us for a graduation ceremony and farewell at the next Commission meeting.

Partner Orientation

The annual and mandatory First 5 partner orientation will be held on Wednesday, July 14 at Etiwanda Gardens from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. To ensure that they have "saved the date" and know that this meeting is mandatory, we will notify all of the potential partners whose contracts are scheduled to come before the Commission on July 7th, to "Save the Date."

Commission Meetings archived and available to public

Beginning with this meeting, our monthly Commission meetings will now be available for **public** viewing via our website, on the Monday following the Commission Meeting.

The meetings will remain online for 6 months. Anyone may access the meeting from our website. Internally, staff and other County employees will be able to access the live broadcast via "County Vision" as it has been in the past.

Water Safety Campaign Update

We are continuing our summer water safety campaign which was kicked off in May in collaboration with First 5 Riverside and the Boy Scout project we reported. We currently have billboards up throughout both counties, so keep your eyes open in Yucaipa, San Bernardino, Victorville/Barstow and Fontana. Also radio ads are

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running on KGGI 99.1, Radio Disney, Que Buena – Spanish station, Y102 in the High Desert, and Copper Mountain Radio in Yucca Valley. We are seeing great success with our recently launched “first5safety.com” website- with approximately 60- 90 page views a day.

Safe Surrender Project Update

Almost 2 years ago, First 5 San Bernardino was able to be involved in establishing a public/private partnership to address Senate Bill No. 1368, the Safely Surrendered Baby Law that provides a safe alternative to desperate mothers who are unwilling or unable to keep their babies. Under the Safely Surrendered Baby law, a parent or person with lawful custody can safely surrender a baby confidentially and without fear of prosecution within 72 hours of birth. The law requires the baby be taken to a public or private hospital, designated fire station or other safe surrender site. No questions will be asked.

Recently, we completed a phase of our project related to a media plan, to inform the public of the Safe Surrender law and provide resources for those seeking help. Resource includes a telephone number that is manned by San Antonio Community Hospital, 24/7 and provides the caller with confidential information. Look for messages on billboards, bus shelters and bus transit locations throughout the County.

Annual Audit

Work begins in late July, early August.

Economic Impact Report

In July of 2008, First 5 San Bernardino published a local Economic Impact Report based on the number of jobs supported in San Bernardino County because of the work and investments of the Commission. Once all of the proposed contracts are in place for the next 3 fiscal years, we will update and publish this report again.

Other

The State of California has before us an opportunity to receive 10.7 million in federal funding for Early Care and Education. This includes the provision of child care as well as standardizing quality improvement and establishing a statewide quality rating system for child care facilities. There are many, many partners throughout the State working on this project and First 5 is one of the major players. We at First 5 San Bernardino are positioning ourselves to be part of this total quality improvement effort and recipients of matching funding opportunity.

First 5 California is set to release \$12 million per year for 3 years, beginning with FY 2010/11, for their CARES Plus signature program. CARES stands for Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards.

First 5 California and the participating county commissions collectively have invested in the past 8 years over \$224 million to this program. The investment of \$50.23 million from First 5 California enabled a leverage of over \$174 million with matching.

The newly designed CARES Plus investment will cover:

- Stipends/incentives and education support services to support obtainment of educational units and degrees by the early learning workforce
- Improved higher education pathways to increase efficiency and success
- A competencies based career pathway and certification system
- On-going evaluation and web-based workforce registry to ensure accountability and support data collection
- Training and technical assistance to the local CARES Plus programs

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As the RFA develops, we will share information and bring forth a proposal to apply for funding when the Request for Applications is released.

About 18 months ago, the Governor established the Early Learning Advisory Council, ELAC to enable California to apply for the aforementioned federal funding. That application is due in September. A good deal of the planning and goals for seeking the funding is related to the development and implementation of a Statewide Quality Rating System.

Our Desired Results RFP 10-01 included an opportunity for child care providers to receive child care subsidies as well as participate in quality improvement activities as we await the final plan for California.

Agenda Item # 10 seeks an Early Care and Education Facilitator to assist our child care partners through the process. With your approval today, the contract for the selected Facilitator will be presented on August 4th and they will "hit the ground running."

We have met with the proposers being recommended to move forward from the ECE focus area of the RFP and have shared the program design and timeline. Our proposers are very excited about this new opportunity to improve quality in their center based and home based facilities.

In the month of August, the ECE Facilitator will visit each proposer's facility and give the "green light" to proceed based on specific State Licensing criteria for operations and any additional First 5 requirements.

Clarity reviews and contract negotiations will occur with our proposed partners through the month of August 2010. Contracts will come before the Commission on September 1. Those approved will be eligible to begin receiving an allocated number of subsidized slots effective with the traditional school year and that contract date. Proposed partners will also begin participation in the quality improvement requirement as outlined in RFP. The Early Care and Education contracts will cover FY 2010 – 2013. Upon your approval of Agenda Item #10, we will add an addendum to the Desired Results RFP 10-01 timeline related to the Early Care and Education focus and post on our website on Thursday, June 17.

Through this project and our providers, we will be able to pull in resources and our children will benefit from our work around total quality improvement and teacher support and retention.

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Changes to Agenda

Ann Calkins, Executive Assistant announced the following changes to the agenda:

Agenda Item 4

The word "amendment" has been deleted in the first sentence.

Agenda Item 5

The item will read as follows:

Approve Direct Services Contract Amendments for Program Year 2010-2011 to provide Countywide services as follows:

- A. The Regents of the University of California, Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards (CARES), DS148 A3 to increase by \$864,437 for a total amount of \$3,463,171.
- B. The Regents of the University of California, SBC-Connections Project, DS149A3, to increase by \$465,080 for a total amount of \$1,884,940

Agenda Item 7

Item 7D City of Montclair, contract number FS011 will be continued to July's meeting

Agenda Item 9

There is a correction to the contract number and the item will read as follows:

Approve Amendment of Contract IC018A1 with Persimmony International Inc., in the amount of \$214,622 for the Program year 2010-2011 for a cumulative total of \$429,244 to provide a web-based data system.

Agenda Item 11

Item taken off calendar

Consent

A motion was made by Commissioner Ohikware and seconded by Commissioner Egge to approve the following consent item:

Item No.	CONSENT ITEM
1	Approve minutes of May 5, 2010 Commission Meeting

Item No.	DISCUSSION ITEMS
2	Approve Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Debora Dickerson, Administrative Supervisor II, 387-1505) A motion was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Haugan to approve Item 2. With Commissioner Valenzuela absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.
3	Approval of Strategic Plan 2010-2015 for Children and Families Commission of San Bernardino County (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Miki Carpenter, Supervisor, 909-387-1524) A motion was made by Commissioner Daniels and seconded by Commissioner Ohikware to approve Item 3. With Commissioner Valenzuela absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.

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4	<p>Approve Direct Services Contract Amendment with the Inland Empire United Way 2-1-1, contract number SI001, in the total amount of \$825,000 to provide Countywide Resource and Referral Services. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: John Pi, Supervisor, 387-1526)</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Haugan and seconded by Commissioner Egge to approve Item 4. With Commissioner Valenzuela absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
5	<p>Approve Direct Services Contracts, in the total amount of \$5,348,111 for Program Year 2010-2011, to provide Countywide Services with the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The Regents of the University of California, Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards (CARES), DS148 A3 in the total amount of \$3,463,171B. The Regents of the University of California, SBC-Connections Project, DS149 A3 in the total amount of \$1,884,940 <p>(Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: John Pi, Supervisor, 387-1526)</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Daniels and seconded by Commissioner Ohikhuare to approve Item 5. With Commissioner Valenzuela absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
6	<p>Approve Desired Results Contract in the amount of \$9,329,855 for Program Year 2010 – 2013 for services in Health and Well-Being, with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. County of San Bernardino Arrowhead Regional Medical Center Dental Program, HW002 in the total amount of \$4,103,598B. Community Health Systems, HW008 in the total amount of \$1,035,797A. El Sol Neighborhood Education Center, HW003 in the total amount of \$285,390B. Inland Behavioral and Health Services, HW006 in the total amount of \$1,005,654C. Inland Regional Center, HW005 in the total amount of \$894,475D. Kids Come First Community Clinic, HW001 in the total amount of \$1,172,364E. St. Mary's Medical Center, HW007 in the total amount of \$534,557F. Victor Valley Dental, HW004 in the total amount of \$298,020 <p>(Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 387-1504)</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Egge and seconded by Commissioner Haugan to approve Item 6. With Commissioner Valenzuela absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>

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7	<p>Approve Desired Results Contract in the amount of \$15,822,282 for Program Year 2010 – 2013 for services in Family Support, with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Barstow Unified School District, FS021, in the total amount of \$705,933B. Boys Republic, FS009 in the total amount of \$370,500C. Building A Generation, FS001 in the total amount of \$750,000D. City of Montclair, FS011 in the total amount of \$385,836 – this contract continued to July 7, 2010 Commission MeetingE. Community Hospital of San Bernardino, FS005 in the amount of \$1,050,000F. Desert Sanctuary, Inc., FS012 in the total amount of \$562,272G. Foothill Family Shelter, FS017 in the total amount of \$312,000H. Heart and Lives, FS015 in the total amount of \$559,875I. Hesperia Unified School District, FS022, in the total amount of \$941,256J. High Desert New Beginnings FS010 in the total amount of \$960,000K. Lucerne Valley Unified School District, FS004 in the total amount of \$570,000L. Mary’s Mercy Center, FS002 in the total amount of \$383,898M. Morongo Basin Mental Health, FS006 in the total amount of \$861,000N. Moses House Ministries, FS018 in the total amount of \$895,680O. Para Los Niños FS003 in the total amount of \$1,214,457P. Priscilla’s Helping Hands, FS023 in the total amount of \$1,647,093Q. Reach Out West End, FS008 in the total amount of \$324,000R. Rim Family Services, FS016 in the total amount of \$604,941S. San Bernardino City School – Adult Ed, FS014 in the total amount of \$1,222,692T. Solomon Ujamaa Center, Inc., FS019, in the total amount of \$608,004U. St. Mary’s Medical Center, FS013 in the total amount of \$517,845V. Victor Community Support Services, FS007 in the amount of \$375,000 <p>(Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 387-1504)</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Egge to approve Item 7. With Commissioner Valenzuela absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
8	<p>Approve and authorize issuance of Request for Applications for Capacity Building Academy Sustainability Project (RFA 10-03) and authorize release to provide training and technical assistance to applicants who are chosen to participate in the First 5 San Bernardino Capacity Building Academy Sustainability Project in FY 2010 – 2011.</p> <p>(Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Miki Carpenter, Supervisor, 387-1524)</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Egge and seconded by Commissioner White to approve Item 8. With Commissioner Valenzuela absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
9	<p>Approve renewal of Contact No. IC01A1 with Persimmony International Inc., in the amount of \$214,622 for Program Year 2010-2011 to provide a web-based data system.</p> <p>(Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Miki Carpenter, Supervisor, 387-1524)</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Ohikhuare and seconded by Commissioner Daniels to approve Item 9. With Commissioner Valenzuela absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>

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10	Approve and authorize issuance of Request for Qualifications for an Early Care and Education (ECE) Quality Improvement Facilitator (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502) A motion was made by Commissioner Haugan and seconded by Commissioner White to approve Item 10. With Commissioner Valenzuela absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.
11	Approve MOU Agreements between THINK Together and Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County to reflect the commitment by the Commission. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 387-1504) This item was taken off calendar.
12	Approve and authorize issuance of Request for Applications for Direct Services in the focus areas of Child Safety Education, Special Needs Family Education and Support, Health Related Mobile Medical Services and Early Screening and Intervention Support for fiscal years 2010 – 2013. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502) A motion was made by Commissioner Egge and seconded by Commissioner Ohikhuare to approve Item 12. With Commissioner Valenzuela absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.

Public Comment Beverly Speak, Kids Come First; Sheryll Prinz-McMillan, Christian Counseling Services; Janelle Munongo, Perinatal Services Network

Commissioner Roundtable None

Adjournment A motion was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Ohikhuare to adjourn. Without further comment or objection and with Commissioner Valenzuela absent, Chair Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Next Commission Meetings July 7, 2010, 3:30 p.m.
County of San Bernardino Government Center
Board of Supervisors Chambers
385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, California

Attest _____
Josie Gonzales, Chair

Ann M. Calkins, Commission Secretary
