



## Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

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

---

### Meeting Location

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

---

### Date, time, place

Date: October 28, 2010 - Agenda 10-2010  
Time: Chair Gonzales called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.  
Place: Covington Chambers

---

### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Gonzales

---

### Attendees

#### Commissioners Present

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

#### Staff Present

- Karen Scott, Executive Director
  - Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager
  - Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant
  - LuCretia Dowdy, Office Assistant II
  - Regina Coleman, Commission Counsel
  - John Pi, Supervisor
  - Debora Dickerson, Administrative Supervisor
  - Jeffrey Pontius, Staff Analyst I
  - Ronnie Robinson, Staff Analyst II
  - Trinh Wong Macdonald, Staff Analyst II
- 

### Report – Advisory Committee, Leslie Egge Chair

The Advisory Committee met on September 23. Commissioner Nancy Ruth White acted as chair. At that time, the state budget was still not passed and the committee discussed how the legislature will look to First 5 to backfill cuts. The Committee discussed strategies such as having parents speak to the legislature about F5 and how the F5 program has affected them. First 5 staff is currently working on sending out letters to legislators letting them know what F5 programs are in their particular district.

The Committee was updated on community events and F5 sponsored events such as the following:

## Minutes: Children and Families Commission 10-2010

October 28, 2010

Page 2 of 4

- The Children's Network Conference recently held on September 29 and 30.
- "Munchin at the Mansion" to support CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) held on September 29. Nancy Ruth White attended along with F5 leadership team.
- All Aboard the Reading Railroad" will be held on November 7 at the San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands.

The Committee members also reviewed the first meeting of the F5 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The purpose of TAC is to bring together evaluation professionals and the public to review current First 5 evaluation efforts. They will provide guidance on determining if the data collected is best meeting the commission's desired results for measurable outcomes. TAC will be looking at the Healthy Communities and Promising Neighborhood models which are both place-based initiatives.

The Advisory Committee will be dark in November and reconvene on January 27, 2011.

---

**Report –  
Karen E. Scott,  
Executive  
Director**

The number 5 is king this month and First 5 is proud to be connected to that number. Did you know that this month of October has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays? This happens once in 823 years.

Stage 3 Child Care Crisis on page 1 of the Executive Director's newsletter will be discussed today under agenda item 5.

Our First 5 Staff Corner features Shirley Simmons, Staff Analyst II. She has quite a story to tell of her life. Take a look on page 2.

Our Third Annual Read for the Record event for 2010 was a great success. This year's world record breaking story was "A Snowy Day." See page 3 for details about accomplishments and outreach.

Finally, Paul Heredia, one of our AmeriCorps members was among those honored by Assemblymember Wilmer Amina Carter at her 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 30 under 30 Latino/Native American Recognition event. Not only did Mr. Heredia do an excellent job working with our local preschool programs, he was also known and recognized for his life-long commitment and motivation to volunteering and community activism. First 5 would like to say "Congratulations" to Paul!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Friday, December 3, 2010** - First 5 Southern Region Commissioner Forum in Los Angeles.

**Sunday, November 7, 2010** – All Aboard the Reading Railroad, our annual literacy and school readiness event to be held at the San Bernardino County Museum.

### **AUDIT**

We will present our annual audit shortly in today's agenda. I would just like to acknowledge the strides we have made to improve our success in the annual audit. As you may remember, we received "findings" due to our accounting procedures and we made course corrections. The State Controller's office commended us on our success in August 2010. Great job to Debora Dickerson, Delia Barreto, the fiscal team, supporting First 5 staff and San Bernardino County Auditor Controller for setting our course in the right direction.

**Minutes: Children and Families Commission 10-2010**

**October 28, 2010**

**Page 3 of 4**

---

**Changes to Agenda**

Supervisor Gonzales announced that Consent Item No. 2 moved to the Discussion calendar.

---

**Consent**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ohikhuare and seconded by Commissioner White to approve the following consent item:

---

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>CONSENT ITEM</b>
1	Approve minutes of September 8, 2010 Commission Meeting

---

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>
2	<p>1. Rescind approval of Amendment A3 to Contract no. IC015 with Harder+Company Community Research.</p> <p>2. Approve Amendment A4 to Contract no. IC015 with Harder+Company Community Research to extend the contract term for one year in the amount of \$299,825 resulting in a total amount for Program Years 2007-2011 of \$1,251,554 to provide external evaluation consulting services. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 909-387-1504)</p> <p>After correcting the total contract amount from \$1,251,254 to \$1,251,554, a motion was made by Commissioner Daniels and seconded by Commissioner Egge to approve Item 2. With Commissioners Haugan and Valenzuela absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
3	<p>Conduct public hearing of the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County Annual Audit for Program Year 2009-2010. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Debora Dickerson, Administrative Supervisor II, 387-1505)</p> <p>The Public Hearing was conducted. No comments were presented on the item.</p>
4	<p>Conduct public hearing of the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County Annual Report for Program Year 2009-2010. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)</p> <p>The Public Hearing was conducted. No comments were presented on the item.</p>

**Minutes: Children and Families Commission 10-2010**

**October 28, 2010**

**Page 4 of 4**

5	<p>Consider State's request regarding subsidized Stage 3 child care. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)</p> <p>After much discussion, Chair Gonzales asked that this item be brought back to the Commission with a recommended contract with KidsNCare to include proposals for different scenarios, i.e., how much would it cost to serve 250, 300 or 400 children for 90 days. The Commission would like this to be known as a loan only and also possibly include in the contract an amendment portion in case there is a need to increase the amount.</p> <p>Chair Gonzales also asked that information be brought back to the Commission regarding Prop 98. Where is the 4.7 million going? Can the Commission be reimbursed from Prop 98? What happened to the funds in 2009-10? Was all of it used?</p> <p>If needed, a special meeting will be called before the next scheduled Commission meeting of November 17.</p>
---	---

---

**Public Comment** Anthony Rubio, Superintendent of Schools, San Bernardino County; Rasmey Sam, Asian-American Resource Center; Mary Sheets, Foothill Family Shelter

---

**Commissioner Roundtable** None

---

**Adjournment** Without further comment or objection and Commissioners Haugan and Valenzuela absent, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

---

**Next Commission Meeting** November 17, 2010  
First 5 San Bernardino  
Large Conference Room  
330 North "D" Street, Fifth Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

---

**Attest**

---

Josie Gonzales, Chair

---

Ann M. Calkins, Commission Secretary

---