



Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

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

Meeting Date, Time and Location November 2, 2011
3:30 p.m.
Chair Haugan called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.
San Bernardino County Government Center, Covington Chambers
350 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

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

Attendees **Commissioners Present**

- Mark Daniels
- 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
- Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant
- Regina Coleman, Commission Counsel
- Debora Dickerson, Administrative Supervisor II
- Mary Jaquish, Interim Supervisor
- Scott McGrath, Supervisor
- Mary Alvarez, Naseem Farooqi, Larry Hernandez, Pattie McGinty-Hagedorn, Ronnie Robinson - Staff Analyst II
- Jeffrey Pontius, Staff Analyst I

Report – Cindy Faulkner, Advisory Committee New Advisory Committee Members were introduced: Alesia Fuller, MaDear, Inc.; Patty Neff, Hesperia Head Start; Venus Mixson, Volunteers of America; Dr. Sybil Carrere, California State University, San Bernardino; Dr. Pat Krizek, San Bernardino City Unified School District; and Donovan Turner, Heritage Education Group.

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

Annual Audit

Completion of the FY 2010/11 audit has been delayed and the State has been notified. The completed audit will be much more comprehensive than we have seen to date and includes all information relative to the Extraordinary Item/Expenditure for the AB 99 obligation in the amount of \$49,818,468 and GASB 54 requirements. The completed audit will be brought forth to the Commission at the December 7 meeting along with our Annual Report.

Save the Date

Sunday, November 6 – “All Aboard the Reading Railroad” annual event will be held at the San Bernardino County Museum from 9 am – 2 pm. This is a hallmark literacy event for F5SB with attendance topping more than 4,000 children and families on that day. Invitations to attend have been extended to Supervisors Gonzales and Derry and we look forward to their participation.

Happening Around the State

Litigation challenging the legality of the State’s AB99 action is moving forward and a hearing was held in Fresno Superior Court on August 30, 2011. All of the First 5 Commissions await the court’s decision due by November 30, at which time the parties will have 60 days to file an appeal.

First 5 California (State) has announced the launch of the Child Signature Program in 2012. The program is based on the best and most promising practices from School Readiness, Power of Preschool, EduCare, and other state and national programs.

The State Commission approved funding for the Child Signature Program for 3 years at up to \$45 million per year. The investment will continue the Power of Preschool program, increase access to it, and further enhance quality.

Happening at First 5 San Bernardino

Today, with Agenda Item 3, we bring forth the recommendation to approve and release the Investing in Children RFP, in an amount not to exceed \$57,450,000 for the total three year period from July 2012 through June 2015 to cover services to children in the focus areas of Health, Education and Family Services.

Our staff corner feature is Larry Hernandez, our newest Staff Analyst II.

**Changes to
Agenda**

No changes to report.

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

Item No.	CONSENT ITEMS
1	Approve minutes of November 2, 2011 Commission Meeting (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant, 387-1502)
2	A. Approve employment contract between the County of San Bernardino, Children and Families Commission and Walid Wahba for Accountant II services for a total annual cost of \$66,887 (\$46,820 Salary, \$20,067 Benefits) effective November 19, 2011. B. Approve employment contract between the County of San Bernardino, Children and Families Commission and Vanessa Lee for Office Assistant II services for a total annual cost of \$38,212 (\$26,748 Salary, \$11,464 Benefits) effective November 19, 2011. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)

Item No.	DISCUSSION ITEM
3	Approve the <u>Investing in Children</u> Request for Proposals (RFP) for three separate investment opportunities distinguishable by focus areas, which are Health, Education and Family, in the total amount of \$57,450,000 and authorize release to provide services to children zero to five years of age and their families in the County of San Bernardino for program years 2012-2015. A. RFP 11-02 Health, \$19,950,000 B. RFP 11-03 Education, \$18,750,000 C. RFP 11-04 Family, \$18,750,000 (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502) A motion was made by Commissioner Valenzuela and seconded by Commissioner Daniels to approve Agenda Item 3. With Commissioners Egge and Gonzales absent, and without further comment or objection, motion carried.

Public Comment Teresa Healey, Superintendent, Barstow Unified School District

Commissioner Roundtable None

Adjournment A motion was made by Commissioner Valenzuela and seconded by Commissioner White to adjourn the meeting. With Commissioners Egge and Gonzales absent, and without further comment or objection, motion carried. Chair Haugan adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

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**Next
Commission
Meeting**

December 7, 2011
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
San Bernardino County Government Center
Covington Chambers
385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino

Attest

Linda Haugan, Chair

Ann M. Calkins, Commission Secretary
