

## Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

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

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**Meeting Date, Time and Location** August 01, 2012  
3:30 p.m.  
Vice-Chair Ohikhuare called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.  
First 5 San Bernardino  
330 North D Street, Fifth Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

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**Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chair Ohikhuare

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**Conflict of Interest Disclosure** Commission members shall review agenda item contractors, subcontractors, and agents, which may require member abstentions due to conflict of interest and financial interests.  
A Commission member with conflicts of interests shall state their conflict under the appropriate item. A Commission member may not participate in or influence the decision on a contract for which their abstention has been recorded.

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**Attendees**

**Commissioners Present**

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

**Staff Present**

- Karen E. Scott, Executive Director
- Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager
- Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant
- Mary Jaquish, Interim Supervisor
- Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant
- Scott McGrath, Supervisor
- Ramona Verduzco, County Counsel
- Mary Alvarez, Staff Analyst II
- Larry Hernandez, Staff Analyst II
- Pattie McGinty-Hagedorn, Staff Analyst II
- Jeffrey Pontius, Staff Analyst I
- Ronnie Robinson, Staff Analyst II

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**Report –  
Leslie Egge,  
Advisory  
Committee**

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2012 at noon at First 5 San Bernardino.

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

8th Annual National Night Out – a movement to get families connected with their community. First 5 San Bernardino will participate at the event in downtown Rialto on Tuesday, August 7 from 5 pm to 8:30 pm. F5SB will provide valuable family resource materials.

First 5's Batter Up - "Standing Up and Standing In" Supporting Fatherhood event will be held Friday, August 24 from 5 pm to 9 pm at the 66ers stadium, 280 South 'E' Street with 4,000 seats available on a first come – first served basis. Ted Hendricks will attend providing his wonderful DVD "Daddy's Tool Bag" to the first 1,000 new dads that visit his booth. (See event flyer on page 2)

What Families Should Know About Changes to the Healthy Families Program?

In this year's state budget, Governor Brown and state lawmakers decided to move all 875,000 children enrolled in the Healthy Families Program into the Medi-Cal program in order to combine the state's health care services for children into one program.

A Fact Sheet regarding when this movement will occur, assurance of continued coverage, and open enrollment periods as well as contact information for questions or problems can be found on page 3.

In addition, F5SB consulted with the SB County Transitional Assistance Director and programs staff, asking several key questions related to the transition of families from HF to M/C:

#1: How will this affect the work of TAD in relation to families in San Bernardino County?

- TAD is looking at approximately an additional 62,000 children that will become part of the TAD Medi-Cal caseload.
- TAD will make the eligibility determinations for the new expanded Medi-Cal eligibility Federal Poverty Level (FPL) standards for children who would have been previously eligible under the Healthy Families program.
- DHCS will implement a premium, (not a share of cost) for children who have family incomes above 150% and up to 200% FPL.

#2: If the majority of Healthy Families enrollees were making co-payments/premium contributions, how does that translate for Medi-Cal? Will these be "share of cost" Medi-Cal cases?

- No, those children with premiums will not show as a share of cost. A special aid code has been created to reflect the premium program. The State will continue to contract with Maximus as the administrative vendor for premium collections. However as of today, counties have not received state direction on how the premiums will look in our data systems.

#3: What does the relationship with IEHP look like if Healthy Families is eliminated?

- IEHP and Molina will continue to be the managed care plan for San Bernardino County.

#5: How can First 5 partner with TAD and IEHP to be part of any identified solutions?

- Dissemination of the changes and guidance to parents/guardians will be a key component to a successful transition.

Resource Guide - A beautiful new Resource Guide with all First 5 contracted agencies and services has been created and will be available for distribution by the end of next week. The guide lists services by focus area and geographic areas served.

A First 5 Contracted Agencies List from the Investing in Children funding initiative is on the F5 website. This resource includes not only the agency name, but the total funding amount for FY 2012-15 and the geographic areas served.

Staffing - Agenda Items 3 & 4 under today's Consent Calendar are for approval of staff positions of and with:

Accountant II Willmar Gultom

Media Specialist II – Leslie Fountain

Today's Agenda Item 9 is informational and gives an overview of the Investing in Children RFP process, now complete. The same report is included on page 1 & 4 of the ED report.

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**Changes to Agenda**

Ann Calkins, Executive Assistant, announced the following change:

Agenda Item 5 taken off calendar.

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**Consent**

A motion was made by Commissioner Egge and seconded by Commissioner Daniels to approve the Consent Items. Commissioner Valenzuela abstained from Item 2F and 2G under Health Care Access, and 2I under Oral Health. With Commissioners Gonzales and Haugan absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.

Item No.	CONSENT ITEMS
1	Approve minutes of July 11, 2012 Commission Meeting. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant, 387-1502)

	<p>Approve contract amendments adding Program Requirements and Expectations Attachment C to 23 recently approved <u>Investing in Children</u> contracts in the focus areas of Health, Education and Family, for program years 2012-2015.</p> <p>The following contracts are recommended to be amended to reflect the addition of Attachment C:</p> <p><b><i>Investing in Children – Health Attachment C:</i></b>  <b><u>Early Screening and Intervention</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. American Lung Association of California,HW034A1</li> <li>B. County of San Bernardino, Department of Public Health, Child and Family Health Services, HW032A1 - <i>Item to be returned to Commission for reconsideration at next regular meeting.</i></li> <li>C. Inland Behavioral and Health Services, Inc. HW031A1</li> <li>D. Kids Come First, HW047A1</li> <li>E. Social Science Services, Inc., HW037A1</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Health Care Access</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>F. Community Health Systems, Inc., HW038A1</li> <li>G. Community Health Systems, Inc., HW040A1</li> <li>H. Kids Come First, HW042A1</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Oral Health</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Community Health Systems, Inc., HW049A1</li> </ul>
2	<p><b><i>Investing in Children – Education Attachment C:</i></b>  <b><u>Access to Quality Child Care</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Easter Seals Southern California, EC005A1</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Investing in Children – Family Attachment C:</i></b>  <b><u>Parent Education-Nurturing Parenting</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Moses House, FS045A1</li> <li>B. Volunteers of America, FS051A1</li> <li>C. WestCare Arizona, FS049A1</li> <li>D. Walden Family Services, FS052A1</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Family Resource Center and Case Management</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E. Building a Generation, FS042A1</li> <li>F. Catholic Charities San Bernardino/Riverside, FS058A1</li> <li>G. Community Hospital of San Bernardino, FS061A1</li> <li>H. Desert Sanctuary, FS044A1</li> <li>I. Hearts and Lives, FS041A1</li> <li>J. Mary’s Mercy Center, FS047A1</li> <li>K. Priscilla’s Helping Hands, FS062A1</li> <li>L. Volunteers of America, FS050A1</li> <li>M. WestCare Arizona, FS048A1</li> </ul> <p>(Affected Districts: All)  (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 387-1504)</p>
3	<p>Approve employment contract between, the County of San Bernardino, Children and Families Commission, and Willmar Gultom, Accountant II, for a total annual cost of \$71,549 (\$48,191 Salary, \$23,358 Benefits) effective August 25, 2012.  (Affected Districts: All)  (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)</p>

4	<p>Approve employment contract between the County of San Bernardino, Children and Families Commission, and Leslie Fountain, Media Specialist II, for a total annual cost of \$76,974 (\$51,824 Salary, \$25,150 Benefits) effective August 25, 2012. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)</p>
5	<p>Approve employment contract between the County of San Bernardino, Children and Families Commission and Merri McIntyre, for Office Assistant II services, for a total annual cost of \$14,176 (\$13,374 Salary, \$802 Benefits) effective August 25, 2012. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)</p> <p><i>This item taken off calendar.</i></p>

Item No.	DISCUSSION ITEMS
6	<p>Authorize \$38,810 funding match for two (2) AmeriCorps service member positions to provide school readiness services. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 387-1524)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion:</u></b> None.</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment:</u></b> None.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Valenzuela and seconded by Commissioner White to approve Item 6. With Commissioners Gonzales and Haugan absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
7	<p>Authorize an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for purchase of Daddy's Tool Bag DVD to be included as a customized item in First 5 San Bernardino's allocation of Kit for New Parents. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 387-1524)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion:</u></b> Commissioner Ohikhuare suggested looking at other avenues to distribute the DVD, such as Lamaze classes since some parents do not have DVD players at home. Commissioner Ohikhuare stated that most mothers with newborns attend a class before being discharged from the hospital and this would be an ideal time to view the DVD. Commissioner Ohikhuare also asked if 10,000 copies is enough since that number represents only one-third of deliveries in the County. Executive Director Scott stated it was a cautious decision to invest in that number of DVD's because staff would like to first receive feedback and obtain good data from the dads who view the DVD prior to investing any further dollars. Ms. Scott also remarked that, depending on the outcomes, First 5 California could be notified to consider inclusion of the DVD in future kits.</p> <p>Commissioner Ohikhuare asked how we plan to engage fathers to view the DVD. Ms. Scott stated First 5 is currently working on that process and one of the first places to distribute the video is at the August 24 66'ers baseball game which is a First 5 sponsored event. Staff will ask all those who receive a DVD to contact First 5 with their feedback. Another way to receive feedback is through the Fatherhood Initiative Coalition.</p> <p>Commissioner Valenzuela suggested contacting two or three hospitals to request they add this DVD as part of their prenatal care programs.</p>

	<p><b>Public Comment:</b> Pastor Owusu Hodari from Solomon Ujamaa Center stated that he would like to add the DVD in the kits remaining at his agency. Donna Cordero from Community Health Systems Inc., stated she would like several copies as well and it would be great to hold a class for their clients on this subject.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Daniels and seconded by Commissioner Egge to approve Item 7. With Commissioners Gonzales and Haugan absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
8	<p>Receive approval from Commission for First 5 San Bernardino to pursue and coordinate participation in the “Help Me Grow” Learning Community. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Commissioner White stated this is a great opportunity for San Bernardino County. Commissioner Ohikhuare asked what is the criterion to select participating counties? Executive Director Scott replied there are no specific requirements. Commissioner Egge asked what staff time is involved with this project. Ms. Scott stated it is minimal; part time at the very least. Commissioner Ohikhuare asked that staff report back to the Commission on this project.</p> <p><b>Public Comment:</b> Ben Jauregui, Program Manager, Inland Empire Health Plan. Mr. Jaurequi stated he facilitates a group called “Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative” and feels this group comprised of 426 members would be a great resource for the Commission relating to this agenda item. The group meets monthly and would be interested in partnering with First 5 on this project.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Daniels to approve Item 8. With Commissioners Gonzales and Haugan absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>

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<b>INFORMATION ITEM</b>	
9	<p>Receive information regarding the Investing in Children Request for Proposals procurement process and the final results. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 387-1504)</p>

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**Public Comment**      None.

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**Commissioner Roundtable**      None.

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**Adjournment**      A motion was made by Commissioner Egge and seconded by Commissioner White to adjourn the meeting. With Commissioners Gonzales and Haugan absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.

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**Next Commission Meeting**      September 05, 2012  
3:30 p.m.  
San Bernardino County Government Center  
Covington Chambers  
385 North Arrowhead Avenue  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

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**Attest**

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Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D, Vice-Chair

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Ann M. Calkins, Commission Secretary

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