

Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

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

Meeting Date, Time and Location September 05, 2012
3:35 p.m.
Chair Haugan called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
San Bernardino County Government Center
385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Covington Chambers
San Bernardino, CA 92415

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

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.

Attendees **Commissioners Present**

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

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
- Regina Coleman, County Counsel
- Leslie Fountain, Media Specialist II
- Merri McIntyre, Office Assistant II
- Jeffrey Pontius, Staff Analyst I
- Ronnie Robinson, Staff Analyst II

**Report –
Leslie Egge,
Advisory
Committee**

Two special presentations were given at the meeting: Asian-American Resource Center and Daddy's Tool Bag program.

The Committee also received a summary on the Investing in Children RFP and the Gap Fill contracts.

Lastly, the Advisory Committee revisited First 5 San Bernardino's "tipping point" challenge of \$25 million in direct service contracts and reviewed the established funding priorities. Also discussed were future projects to be considered for funding four of which are included as agenda items today under Discussion and two agenda items under Information.

The next Advisory Committee is scheduled for November at the offices of First 5 San Bernardino.

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

Save the Date: Through the months of September, October and November, First 5 will be hosting a campaign and several community literacy events highlighting the importance of early reading.

On the back page of the ED report, you will find the beautiful ad that is showing in local movie theaters as part of our "Read Early, Read Aloud" campaign which is scheduled to run through the end of November.

October 4 Jump Start's Read for the Record: This is an annual event where more than 2 million voices will unite to call for an end to America's early education achievement gap by breaking a record for the number of children who read or are read to the same book on the same day. This year's selection is "Ladybug Girl and the Bug Squad." I think each year our nation does break the record of the previous year! If you are interested in serving as a reader on October 4 at a participating site, please let me know.

Our annual event, "All Aboard the Reading Railroad" will be held at the High Desert Victor Valley Museum on Saturday, October 6 and at the San Bernardino County Museum on Saturday, November 3. For more information, visit our website.

Financial Update: The financial standing report as of June 30, 2012 provides a breakdown of the 2011/12 budgeted amount, actual expenditures, and the actual YTD percentage of expenditures for each budget component:

- Program and Evaluation Support
- Program Focus areas of Health, Family, Education and Commission Responsive Initiatives
- Community Engagement Support
- Operations

From our total budgeted amount, actual expenditures were 69.90% and our administrative costs percentages to actual are 11.36%.

Staffing: Agenda Items 2 and 3 under today's Consent Calendar are for approval of staff positions of and with Christopher Espinoza as a Staff Analyst II and Merri McIntyre as a part-time Office Assistant II.

Because of timing issues and the prospective employee being out of the country for this meeting, another Staff Analyst II position will be brought back to you for

ratification at the October meeting.

In our adopted budget for 2012/13, we have an additional Staff Analyst II and Accountant positions that will be filled and brought before you as soon as possible.

First 5 County Commission Brochure: For the first time, we have an instrument that describes what we do and the Commissioner Responsibilities and Duties. These have been distributed to the BOS for circulation as needed and the Clerk of the Board to accompany the standard application for board, committee and commission appointments.

Changes to Agenda

Ann Calkins, Executive Assistant, announced the following change:

Agenda Item 3: The total annual cost of compensation listed as \$14,176 (\$13,374 Salary, \$802 Benefits) effective August 25, 2012 is revised to reflect a total annual cost of \$17,376 (\$13,374 Salary, \$4,002 Benefits) effective September 22, 2012.

Consent

A motion was made by Commissioner Daniels and seconded by Commissioner Valenzuela to approve the Consent Items. Commissioner Haugan abstained from Item 4 (Assistant Executive Officer for Public Health Department). With Commissioner Haugan's abstention noted and Commissioners Gonzales and Ohikhuare absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.

Item No.	CONSENT ITEMS
1	Approve minutes of August 01, 2012 Commission Meeting. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant, 387-1502)
2	Approve employment contract between the County of San Bernardino, Children and Families Commission and Christopher Espinoza for Staff Analyst II services, for a total annual cost of \$80,593 (\$54,455 Salary, 26,138 Benefits) effective September 22, 2012. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)
3	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)
4	1. Rescind the August 1, 2012 approval of Amendment No. 1 adding Attachment C to County of San Bernardino, Department of Public Health, Child and Family Health Services, Contract No. HW032, for program years 2012-2015. 2. Approve resubmitted Amendment No. 1 adding Attachment C to County of San Bernardino, Department of Public Health, Child and Family Health Services, Contract No. HW032, for program years 2012-2015. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 387-1504)

Item No.	DISCUSSION ITEMS
5	<p>Authorize First 5 staff to enter into negotiations with Children’s Fund Inc. for Daily Referral/Voucher Program. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)</p> <p>Commissioner Haugan abstained from Item 5 (Approver of Children’s Fund projects and allocations for the County of San Bernardino).</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Valenzuela and seconded by Commissioner Egge to approve Item 5. With Commissioner Haugan’s abstention noted, and Commissioners Gonzales and Ohikhuare absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
6	<p>Authorize First 5 staff to enter into negotiations with Children’s Fund Inc. for oversight of First 5 funding to support the Children Assessment Center (CAC). (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)</p> <p>Discussion: Commissioner Valenzuela stated because there are other sources of funding for the fellowship component of this project, he prefers that this not be included in negotiations and to bring back the item as a separate piece. He does not feel First 5 should fund fellowships.</p> <p>Executive Director Scott stated that other First 5’s are looking into such funding as it strengthens the systems and providers. First 5 Riverside invested 5 million dollars over a four-year period into University of California Riverside’s School of Medicine for pediatric residency, scholarship-to-loan programs and research. Marin County opted out of direct service plans and now support direct systems.</p> <p>Public Comment: Dr. Clare Sheridan from Loma Linda University Medical Center addressed the Commission. Dr. Sheridan spoke on the difficulties of obtaining child abuse pediatricians. She stated she understood Dr. Valenzuela’s concern about First 5 not being in the business of funding medical education. She stated that in the United States, there are 300, maybe 350 board-certified child abuse pediatricians and suggested if the Commission does not invest in the future, there will not be enough of these pediatricians.</p> <p>Dr. Sheridan stated even if she gets the fellowship program up and running there is no guarantee she will get any applicants because it’s so difficult to find qualified people. The first thing that does need to be in place is a top-quality fellowship program and then advertise for applicants. She stated she has not heard of any physicians in the Inland Empire who want to do this job or are trained to do the job. She reiterated if the Commission does not invest in the future, we will be here in five years’ time without any physicians and say “why didn’t we help train someone?”. Dr. Sheridan said she is only asking for training and not anything else and then we will have a child abuse pediatrician of good caliber.</p> <p>Dr. Amy Young from Linda Linda University Medical Center addressed the Commission. Dr. Young stated she has been doing this for seven years and child abuse cases are her passion. She states San Bernardino County is a shining light for child abuse cases because nobody partners like we do, and nobody has the caliber of the multi-disciplinary team meetings like we do. Dr. Young stated we are in a breed of physicians that do not exist. We do not have the physicians to meet the needs. If we show these new physicians what the County can do and show</p>

	<p>them the support from the County, we can get them to stay. Dr. Young stated that today five children will die from child abuse and most of them will be five years of age and under.</p> <p>Commissioner Daniels asked what is the difference between a pediatrician and a child abuse pediatrician? Dr. Sheridan returned to the podium and answered the pediatrician starts off by becoming a board-certified pediatrician which is broad-based in pediatric knowledge. They require knowledge of trauma and the dynamics of trauma since the abuse may be sexual, emotional or physical. Child abuse pediatricians must know what to look for relating to child development and child reaction to stress. Since child abuse cases are a crime, they also need to be knowledgeable about the legal system, how to testify, what is an expert witness, and what testimony is appropriate and inappropriate. They also need to know about child abuse prevention. They are more involved with the total child well-being, which includes their families and psycho-social problems. They also work with detectives and social services.</p> <p>Commissioner Haugan abstained from Item 6 (Children's Assessment Center Advisory Board member).</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Valenzuela and seconded by Commissioner Egge to approve Item 5 without the fellowship component. With Commissioner Haugan's abstention noted and Commissioners Gonzales and Ohikhuare absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
7	<p>Authorize First 5 staff to enter into negotiations with Loma Linda University Children's Hospital for Maternal Transport Services. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)</p> <p>Discussion: Commissioner Valenzuela asked if we can use Pomona Valley Medical Hospital for these services. Ms. Scott replied that Pomona Valley is in Los Angeles County and 50 miles away from the high desert area. The idea is to strengthen the system within our local children's hospital.</p> <p>Public Comment: Dr. Bryan Oshiro from Loma Linda University Medical Center stated that the intent of the program is to consolidate a regional network in San Bernardino County since a regional plan for maternal medical care does not currently exist. This program would help facilitate an easier transport of moms in a fashion well-versed in proper medical care.</p> <p>Dr. Oshiro stated that recently there have been a few neo-natal deaths in transit and the mother was transported from one of the high desert hospitals. Currently, there are no adequately trained personnel. He stated they just use ambulance companies. Dr. Oshiro expressed that the intent is not to bring patients just to Loma Linda. The intent is to transport maternal cases to the appropriate level of care, for example, Ridgecrest to St. Mary Hospital or St. Mary Hospital to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Valenzuela and seconded by Commissioner White to approve Item 7. With Commissioners Gonzales and Ohikhuare absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>

8	<p>Authorize First 5 staff to enter into negotiations with Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital for implementation of Telemedicine Project to serve the High Desert communities. (Affected Districts: First) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)</p> <p>Discussion: None</p> <p>Public Comment: Dr. Oshiro reiterated the intent is not for Loma Linda University Medical Center to dominate maternal care; it’s just that the infrastructure is not in place to be able to care for patients within our County. Dr. Oshiro stated that by establishing tele-medicine systems of care we can create protocols and guidance of care that are uniform within the County. Once established, the hope is to partner with Dr. Valenzuela and other maternal medicine specialists within the County system to participate in a global regional network. This is just the first step in the pilot project to help establish this kind of program.</p> <p>Originally, Commissioner Valenzuela made a motion to approve Item 8, however, then withdrew his motion and abstained following Dr. Oshiro’s statement of wanting to partner with Dr. Valenzuela on this project.</p> <p>A motion was then made by Commissioner Egge and seconded by Commissioner Daniels to approve Item 8. With Commissioner Valenzuela’s abstention noted and Commissioners Gonzales and Ohikhuare absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
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INFORMATION ITEM	
9	<p>Receive information from Harder+Co related to “Data Sharing Countywide Initiative”. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 387-1524)</p>
10	<p>Receive status on F5SB’s participation in the San Bernardino County Capacity Building Consortium. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 387-1504)</p>

Public Comment None.

Commissioner Roundtable Commissioner Egge appreciated the comments from the doctors and stated the Advisory Committee continues to look at different avenues to assist the children who have been abused. Commissioner Daniels expressed his appreciation for forensic specialty doctors. Relating to Discussion Items 5, 6, 7, and 8, Commissioner White thanked the First 5 staff for working towards these goals.

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

Next Commission Meeting October 24, 2012 ***NOTE DIFFERENT DATE AND LOCATION IN OCTOBER***
3:30 p.m.
Hilton San Bernardino (Room: Arrowhead North/South)
285 East Hospitality Lane
San Bernardino, CA 92408

Attest

Linda Haugan, Chair

Ann M. Calkins, Commission Secretary
