

## 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**      March 6, 2013  
3:30 p.m.  
Chair Haugan called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.  
San Bernardino County Government Center, Covington Chambers  
385 North Arrowhead Avenue  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

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

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**Swearing-in Ceremony**      James Ramos, Third District Supervisor, was sworn in as Commissioner.

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**Special Presentation**      Chair Haugan presented resolutions to outgoing Commissioners Nancy Ruth White and Dr. Guillermo Valenzuela

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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
- Linda Haugan
- Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D.
- James Ramos
- Elliot Weinstein, M.D.

**Staff Present**

- Karen E. Scott, Executive Director
- Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager
- Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant
- Regina Coleman, County Counsel

- Mary Jaquish, Supervisor
  - Debora Dickerson-Sims, Administrative Supervisor II
  - Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant
  - Scott McGrath, Supervisor
  - Leslie Fountain, Media Specialist II
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Report –  
Karen E. Scott  
Executive  
Director

**Save the Date:**

**Advisory Committee Meeting** - March 14 at First 5 from noon to 3:00 p.m.

**Budget Workshop** - May 15 at First 5 from 12:30p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Shine A Light Breakfast**

Children's Network Annual Award Ceremony related to Child Abuse Prevention will be held at the National Orange Show in San Bernardino on March 28 at 7:30 a.m.

**Early Education Contracted Provider Convening**

March 18 from 10 am – noon at First 5 – looking at expansion of our preschool programs in order to serve more children; couldn't come at a better time as we learn more about sequestration and its impacts on early education opportunities for our children.

**Staffing:**

Upon Commission approval, Cindy Peterson will begin employment at First 5 as an Office Assistant II, effective March 23. Cindy has more than 17 years of experience working with the County of San Bernardino, spending time with the Flood Control District, Sheriff's Department and HR County Rideshare Program.

**Asset Mapping:**

With nearly \$318 million invested in program and services for children in San Bernardino County since its inception, and as First 5 continues to promote, support and enhance the health and early development of children prenatal through age five, it makes sense that we would weigh in with the community that we serve to find out what kind of assets and resources they find available.

With the leadership of Harder + Co., our contracted evaluator, First 5 is embarking on an **Asset Mapping** project.

Asset Mapping is a community discussion about needs and assets related to many, social, service, and economic environments. We can verify existing assets and barriers to accessing services as well as clarify where new resources can do the most good, building on community strengths.

The purpose of Asset Mapping is to engage parents, residents and service providers in conversations about the formal and informal resources, social supports and strengths in their community. This approach treats those who live and work in the communities as the experts in the strengths and needs of their communities.

Asset Mapping will allow First 5 San Bernardino to identify strategic areas for future funding and strengthen the service infrastructure within San Bernardino County. Regional results will be shared widely.

Harder+Co.'s Community Research team along with First 5 staff will be conducting six community asset mapping sessions throughout the five districts of San Bernardino County between March 14 and April 30, 2013. The first Asset Mapping session will be held on Thursday, March 14 in Victorville.

We will utilize a central community friendly venue for parents and service providers to attend. Food and childcare will be provided. All sessions will be conducted in English and Spanish.

We are asking everyone to please help spread the word for maximum participation! Contact information is included on page 4 of this ED report.

**Changes to Agenda**

No changes.

**Consent**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ramos and seconded by Commissioner Ohikhuare to approve the corrected Consent Items. Without further comment or objection, motion carried.

Item No.	CONSENT ITEMS
1	Approve minutes of February 6, 2013 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 Cynthia L. Peterson, Office Assistant II, for a total annual cost of \$38,855 (\$26,852 Salary, \$12,003 Benefits), effective March 23, 2013. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)

Item No.	DISCUSSION ITEMS
3	<p>Approve funding of staff positions and activities occurring within a four month strategic planning period to enable Loma Linda University Medical Center - Children's Hospital Perinatal Institute to complete work necessary to implement the First 5 Commission approved telemedicine project by July 1, 2013 to support prenatal health in the High Desert region of the County in an amount not to exceed \$46,682 for FY 2012/13. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)</p> <p><i>Continued from February 6, 2013 Commission Meeting, Agenda Item 4</i></p> <p><b>Discussion</b> Commissioner Ramos asked if Morongo Basin is included in this proposal. Ms. Scott stated it is not included and since this is in the planning phase and Loma Linda is in the middle of obtaining agreements from participating hospitals, it may be possible at a future date.</p> <p>At this time, Dr. Bryan Oshiro from Loma Linda University Medical Center approached the podium and gave a brief background summary. Dr. Oshiro stated that most of the County's residents are located in the westernmost part of the County. It is not coordinated as far as perinatal care. There are babies being born and pregnant mothers who are being treated by doctors who don't have the where withal to take care of them. LLUMC has the ability to do that, however, babies should not be born there if it's not necessary. Physicians can at least offer their support and services electronically and that is what he is trying to coordinate. The</p>

	<p>first step is to create the local associations with the hospitals so that they become familiar with the services involved. Dr. Oshiro said we will provide the screening for those babies and mothers and triage them at the local level. The most important thing is that they are treated at the local level since mothers and children should be taken care of in their communities.</p> <p>The second thing is to educate the local physicians and their nursing staff and other community workers. Finally, if the babies and mothers need additional services, he does advise they visit LLUMC for services that are essential and necessary. The practice of medicine has changed dramatically and with the advent of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) implementation and the need for an accountable care organization (ACO) to take care of these things, we can extend our region and give our expertise to the facilities at the local level that are necessary to keep patients informed and practitioners informed so they can deliver the care.</p> <p>In answer to Commissioner Ramos's question, Dr. Oshiro replied that the infrastructure needs to be developed first. We did not want to over-promise because the technology is not yet in place. This is a pilot program to get the first few hospitals in line. These services will be extended to the entire San Bernardino valley and high desert as much as possible.</p> <p>Commissioner Ramos asked if it's possible to include the hospital in Morongo Basin in this initial study if we truly are reaching out to hospitals in our area. He also asked if Dr. Oshiro would be opposed to meeting with his staff for further discussion on this topic. Dr. Oshiro agreed to the meeting and stated that no hospitals were specifically identified in the initial proposal and if he receives a request for a certain hospital to be included, he will include it.</p> <p>Commissioner Ohikhuare stated he is happy this is coming to fruition. Dr. Oshiro stated that the telemedicine project is trying to match the needs of the community with the level of care for the babies and mothers. The first step is establishing a relationship with the different facilities.</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Weinstein and seconded by Commissioner Ohikhuare to approve Agenda Item 3. Without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Receive update on status of funding in FY 2012-13 and strategic development for FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director)</p> <p>The report was received by the Commission.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Select Chair and Vice-Chair for the Children and Families Commission of San Bernardino County. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b> Executive Director Scott asked for nominations from the floor.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Daniels and seconded by Commissioner Ohikhuare to nominate Linda Haugan as Chair. Linda Haugan accepted the</p>

	<p>nomination.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Daniels and seconded by Commissioner Egge to nominate Commissioner Ohikhuare as Vice Chair. Dr. Ohikhuare accepted the nomination.</p> <p>As no further nominations were received from the floor, the nominations were closed and the slate was put to a vote. Without further comment or objection, the slate was elected.</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Approve Contract Number HW052 with the County of San Bernardino Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to administrator early childhood mental health services through Screening, Assessment, Referral, and Treatment (SART) and Early Identification and Intervention Services (EIS) in the total amount of \$15,456,234, not to exceed \$5,152,078 per year for fiscal years 2013/14 through 2015/16. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 387-1504)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b> Commissioner Egge asked how can we be assured all areas are served? Ms. Faulkner stated the Department of Behavioral Health will serve the areas as outlined and according to the terms of the contract.</p> <p>Commissioner Ramos requested an update be brought back to the Commission regarding the areas of the county being served and a list of the providers.</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Ramos and seconded by Commissioner Egge to approve Agenda Item 6. Chair Haugan abstained as she is the appointing authority for the Department of Behavioral Health. Without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>

Item No.	INFORMATION ITEM
<p>7</p>	<p>Receive information regarding First 5 San Bernardino's Oral Health Campaign (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 387-1524)</p> <p>Commissioner Weinstein suggested First 5 staff contact the Tri-County Dental Association for collaboration efforts as well as the Academy of Pediatrics Dental Health office.</p>

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<b>Public Comment</b>	None
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<b>Commissioner Roundtable</b>	None
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**Adjournment**                    A motion was made by Commissioner Ohikhuare and seconded by Commissioner Daniels to adjourn the meeting. Without further comment or objection, motion carried.

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**Next Commission Meeting**    April 3, 2013  
   3:30 p.m.  
   San Bernardino County Government Center  
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**Attest**

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Linda Haugan, Chair

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Ann M. Calkins, Commission Secretary

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