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Report –
Karen E. Scott
Executive
Director

PROGRAM/BUDGET WORKSHOP

Monday, May 11, 2015 from 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR FIRST 5 RIVERSIDE

First 5 Riverside has announced their new Executive Director as Tammi Graham. She came from County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health most recently serving as a Deputy Chief overseeing clinic operations. Ms. Graham takes the reins effective May 18th.

ANNUAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 2014

Commission received a letter from the California State Controller that the review of our audit is completed and we successfully met the reporting standards for CFC entities as prescribed in the CA Health and Safety Code.

QRIS STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Work began with VIVA Consultant and County stakeholders. Refer to pages 1 and 4 of the ED Report.

HELP ME GROW

Our designation as an Affiliate with the National Center is on page 3 of the ED Report.

TOBACCO TAX INCREASE INITIATIVES MOVING AHEAD

The *Save CA Lives Coalition* stated Monday they will begin circulating petitions to put an initiative on the November 2016 ballot to hike the levy on cigarettes. The *Save Lives California Coalition* is comprised of the American Heart Association, American Lung Association, American Cancer Society, California Medical Association, SEIU California, California Dental Association, Tobacco Free Kids and Health Access California.

The group is working with two versions. Both versions cap the administrative costs at 1% and include backfill for Proposition 10 and Proposition 99. The difference in the two versions is that one includes e-cigarettes and one does not. The one version would extend the tax to include electronic cigarettes if the state follows through with a current proposal to label them as tobacco products.

Like the legislation, the initiatives would raise the tobacco tax by \$2 per pack of cigarettes to raise \$1.5 billion annually for smoking prevention and smoking-related medical costs now borne by taxpayers through Medi-Cal.

AB 1161 - A PRIVATELY FUNDED PILOT PROGRAM FOR PRESCHOOL THAT ENABLES TAX CREDITS *Co-authored by Assemblymember Marc Steinorth*

This bill would authorize the Department of Education, as part of a pilot program, to accept monetary contributions made to the California Preschool Investment Fund which this bill would create for purposes of preschool education.

The bill would require the money in the fund to be used, among other things, to fund state preschools that are part of the California state preschool program located in one of the 5 participating counties that would be selected for the pilot.

This bill would allow a credit equal to 40% of the amount contributed by the taxpayer during the taxable year to the California Preschool Investment Fund, with the aggregate amount limited to not exceed \$250,000,000 for personal income and corporation tax.

This sounds like a “win-win” for business and community in San Bernardino County. Relying on the proof from research about the benefits of early childhood education, businesses investing in preschool would not only receive the tax breaks, they would also help ensure that our future workforce is ready and able.

FIRST 5 STATE COMMISSION MEETING

This meeting was held on April 23, 2015. George Halvorson, Commission Chair, spoke on the power of the First 5 work and that we need to get this right! He stated, “Brain science is changing our paradigm. We need to make sure everyone understands that exercising brains in the first years of life children are stronger for their entire lives.”

Commissioner Halvorson also highlighted the commitment from the Superintendent of Schools Torlakson and Secretary Diana Dooley to work with First 5 California to help ensure that 100% of all mothers in California understand that they can make a difference in their children’s development.

The Commissioners discussed the role they would take on tobacco bills – both those focused on regulation and taxation.

The commission will take active positions on bills that

- 1) Decrease consumption and
- 2) Are supported by other tobacco cessation groups

The Commission then had a more extended discussion on how to engage on e-cigarettes and marijuana legislation.

In general, Commissioners were careful to articulate that their engagement on e-cigarettes would include consideration of growing research on the health effects of e-cigarettes. However, Commissioners indicated interest in understanding how changing regulation of e-cigarettes might open the door to increased taxation of e-cigarettes, and inclusion of e-cigarettes within other tobacco tax proposals. The Commissioners agreed to stay neutral on marijuana legalization at this time.

Changes to the Agenda

Ann Calkins, Commission Secretary, announced the following changes:

Agenda Item 3 relating to the Family and Community Support contracts, Item I (“eye”) St. Joseph Health-St. Mary, Contract FS073 will be continued to June’s Commission Meeting.

The Presenter for Agenda Item 3 will be Scott McGrath, Supervisor in place of Ronnie Thomas, Staff Analyst.

Consent

A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the Consent Item. Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

| Item No. | CONSENT |
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| 1 | Approve minutes of April 1, 2015 Commission Meeting (Presenter: Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant, 252-4252) |

| Item No. | DISCUSSION |
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| 2 | <p>Approve Amendment A2 to Contract EC010 for San Bernardino City Unified School District in the amount of \$692,653 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (Continued from April 1, 2015 Commission Meeting) (Presenter: Chrystina Smith-Rasshan, Staff Analyst II, 252-4267)</p> <p>Commissioner Hill abstained due to her position as a member of the San Bernardino City Unified School District Board.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Weinstein and seconded by Commissioner Ohikhuare to approve Agenda Item 3. With Commissioner Hill's abstention noted and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Approve the Family and Community Support Partnerships (FCSP) - Family Support Services (FSS) Contracts for FY 2015-2018, in the total amount of \$11,720,413 for Fiscal Years 2015-2018 with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Bear Valley Community Hospital District, Contract FS066, in the total amount of \$798,481 B. Building a Generation, Contract FS065, in the total amount of \$849,949 C. Chino Valley Unified School District, Contract FS067, in the total amount of \$684,432 D. El Sol Neighborhood Education Center, Contract FS068, in the total amount of \$1,360,004 E. Family Service Association, Contract FS069, in the total amount of \$1,498,307 F. Moses House Ministries, Contract FS070, in the total amount of \$1,290,806 G. Parents Anonymous, Contract FS071, in the total amount of \$1,267,122 H. Reach Out, Contract FS072, in the total amount of \$1,519,293 I. St. Joseph Health-St. Mary, Contract FS073, in the total amount of \$908,869 <i>Continued to June Commission Meeting</i> J. Walden Family Services, Contract FS074, in the total amount of \$1,087,299 K. West Care Arizona, Inc., Contract FS075, in the total amount of \$455,581 <p>(Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 252-4259)</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> None</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Vargas to approve Agenda Item 3. Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Approve Contract SI021 with Children's Fund in the total amount of \$791,700 for Fiscal Years 2015-2018 to provide services to San Bernardino County children through the Children's Assessment Center. (Presenter: Bobbi Albano, Staff Analyst II, 252-4266)</p> |

Discussion

Commissioner Gonzales asked if the Commission had previously funded Children's Fund. Ms. Scott answered yes. Commissioner Gonzales asked if this item was an increase to the contract. Ms. Albano answered yes. Commissioner Gonzales asked based on how much have we funded in the past, where are we relative to the number of increased cases? Karen Scott answered that as far as what's changed the County's position is that every child that goes into custody will now be seen by the Children's Assessment Center, which has tremendously increased their workload.

Public Comment

Dr. Amy Young, Children's Assessment Center stated that, in the past, the center did not see large numbers of children. The center has a strong partnership with the Sheriff's Department and Children and Family Services. An increase of children seen at the center began about three years ago. With the new building and more exposure in the community, there are a lot more children being referred to the center. A recent policy change from Children and Family Services states that any child with suspicious injuries under five years of age be seen at the assessment center even before the case is closed.

In the first three months of 2015, Dr. Young stated the center saw an increase of 150 more children receiving services than the prior year. That number doesn't include the children seen at Loma Linda Children's Hospital. Dr. Young sees babies in the NICU who may be drug exposed and post-partum depression issues. In cases that are egregious and the child is sick enough to be hospitalized, those children are usually under the age of five years.

Commissioner Gonzales asked Dr. Young to keep the Commission apprised in case there is a need for additional support from the Commission so that possible discussion may occur.

Dr. Young stated statistics are published for the governing board meeting every quarter which could be presented to the Commission. Being that she is at Loma Linda Children's Hospital, Dr. Young stated she is normally unaware of other programs in the County, for instance, SART, and most of the children she sees end up going to SART for therapy and services. Dr. Young stated her staff do not communicate to SART personnel as to what the child has suffered and suggested that perhaps her staff could be of more assistance to SART in order to help guide the child's care. This is something she would like to do; to get more involved in a larger multi-disciplinary team.

Commissioner Powell asked if the assessment center received referrals from the entire County or only from the Inland Empire. Dr. Young answered from the entire County. Commissioner Powell asked if children referred from the desert region were transported to the center. Dr. Young answered yes. She stated her office is currently in the works of a regional assessment station to be located in the high desert. Currently, there are challenges because her team is small; there are only three board-certified child abuse doctors who cover the entire Inland Empire. Because of this, the delivery of medical services has been kept to only one location. That wouldn't have to be the case for forensic interviewing.

Commissioner Powell asked if children under the age of five who are removed from drug endangered environments are referred to the assessment center. Or is the center only zeroing in on allegations of abuse?

Dr. Young answered that, historically, advocacy centers only dealt with sexual abuse cases. Due to the McMartin Preschool case in the 1980's, the centers at that time

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| | <p>were designed to respond to sexual abuse so that there was one location for a forensically sound interview. As time went on, it was determined that medical services from a trained specialist were needed. In some advocacy centers, medical is co-located with the forensic interview. Currently, the cases run about 50 percent physical abuse and 50 percent sexual abuse.</p> <p>Nancy Wolfe, Children’s Assessment Center Manager also commented that a research finding recently published regarding child advocacy centers stated that if children are sent to a forensic interview for a forensic medical exam more information will be revealed about the abuse of a child and child protection and prosecution efforts will be more fruitful. This is in part due to the County’s efforts.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Weinstein and seconded by Commissioner Gonzales to approve Agenda Item 4. Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Approve Amendment A1 to Contract IC022 with Persimmony International Inc., for two years in the amount of \$155,390, for a cumulative total amount of \$921,919 for Fiscal Years 2012 - 2017 to provide a web-based data system. (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 252-4259)</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> None</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales and seconded by Commissioner Ohikhuare to approve Agenda Item 5. Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Approve CFC SB Policy 15-02 to establish the First 5 San Bernardino policy for capitalizing, safeguarding, and depreciating capital assets. (Presenter: Debora Dickerson, Administrative Supervisor II, 252-4269)</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> None</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Vargas to approve Agenda Item 6. Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p> |
| Item No. | INFORMATION |
| 7 | <p>Receive Information regarding “Potter the Otter Day” Video Contest. (Presenter: Leslie Fountain, Media Specialist II, 252-4283)</p> |

Public Comment Gary Madden and Maritza Pelayo, 2-1-1; Dr. Amy Young, Children’s Assessment Center

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Commissioner Roundtable

Vice-Chair Ohikuare thanked Dr. Young for her and the assessment center's services for the County.

Adjournment

Without further comment or objection, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Future meetings at First 5 San Bernardino

May 11, 2015
Program and Budget Workshop
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

June 3, 2015
Commission Meeting
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Attest

Linda Haugan, Chair

Ann M. Calkins, Commission Secretary
