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Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

735 East Carnegie Drive, Suite 150, San Bernardino, California 92408

Meeting Date, Time and Location Commission Meeting
November 2, 2016
3:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Ohikhuare called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

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

Special Presentation None

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**

- Margaret Hill
- Stacy Iverson
- Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D.
- Paul Vargas
- Elliot Weinstein, M.D.

Staff Present

- Karen E. Scott, Executive Director
- Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager
- Debora Dickerson-Sims, Administrative Supervisor II
- Scott McGrath, Supervisor
- Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant
- Sophie Akins, Commission Counsel
- Amanda Ferguson, Staff Analyst II
- Leslie Fountain, Media Specialist II

- William Kariuki, Staff Analyst II
- Chrystina Smith-Rasshan, Staff Analyst II
- Ronnie Thomas, Staff Analyst II
- Walid Wahba, Accountant II

Changes to the Agenda Presenter for Item 4 will be Scott McGrath, Supervisor.

Due to a delay in audit preparation, Item 6, "Conduct Public Hearing for Annual Audit", has been pulled from the agenda. This action necessitates a December meeting where the item will be presented on December 7th.

Report - Margaret Hill Advisory Committee Chair

The Full Advisory Committee met on September 22. Committee members heard recommendations for sun-setting First 5 funded perinatal services. Members also reviewed fund balance policies from other entities. A recommendation was made to revise the current fund balance policy to include the Commission's directive to set aside a minimum of one year's worth of revenue outlining parameters for expenditure. Members also heard a brief update regarding the Inland Empire Asthma Coalition.

Currently, there is no new meeting scheduled.

Report – Karen E. Scott Executive Director

Upcoming Events

- Welcome and Swearing-in Ceremony at the January 2017 Commission meeting for our newest Commissioner, CaSonya Thomas.
- Save the Date – Friday, January 6, 2017, 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. F5SB's "The State of Young Children: A Community Town Hall – Developing Policy/Developing Relationships" - A discussion on how stakeholders are addressing early childhood development needs for young children and families in San Bernardino County. Join a community of elected officials, community representatives, early child development professionals, parents, and interested parties championing quality early childhood development at California State University, San Bernardino. This event is funded with a grant of \$7,950 from First 5 California.

Recognition

Dignity Health's Community Hospital of San Bernardino Children's Subacute Center and staff doing amazing work at this fantastic facility:

Lisa Timmons, RN BSN, RAC-CT – RN Service Coordinator

Leeann Sanders, RN, BSN, NHA – Administrator

Lisa Teran, MSW – Social Worker

This center is dedicated to children who have long-term, clinically complex conditions. These children have a wide range of diagnoses, some with multiple disabilities including cerebral palsy, rare genetic disorders and problems that stem from conditions in utero or at birth, as a result of child abuse or neglect. The staff of highly trained nurses, case managers and therapists at this facility are exceptional in the tender care they give these children.

Western Days

The San Bernardino Valley Riders organization, in partnership held F5SB, was held on October 29. This great event is for children with special needs and served to connect children to equestrian activities in the Inland Empire.

Kudos to LuCretia Dowdy, F5SB Community Engagement Specialist and Leslie Fountain, F5SB Media Specialist for their excellent planning and coordination which resulted in a very successful event.

Talk, Read, Sing Fest

Our next event will be held on Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Highland Branch Library.

Bravo to LuCretia, Leslie and all of the First 5 Staff and AmeriCorps members that came out and helped put on an a great Talk, Read, Sing Fest in Hesperia on October 1st.

Ballot Proposition Updates and Education Related Measures

The First 5 Association's Executive Committee voted to endorse Prop 55 & 56. Takes No Position on Prop 64.

Proposition 55 is a measure that would permanently extend income taxes on California's highest income earners. Prop 55 extends the income tax rates established under Proposition 30 (2012), while allowing the sales tax increase to expire. Over half of the generated funds from Prop 55 would be directed toward K-12 education. Medi-Cal and the state's Rainy Day Fund would receive the remaining funds.

Impact on First 5: While funding will not directly affect First 5, many First 5 children and families will receive additional health services and educational supports under the measure. Furthermore, the additional funding to the K-12 system and the local discretion provides school boards with the option to expand early education programs, especially programs already embedded in certain school districts – e.g.: State Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten.

Proposition 56 – the CA Research, Health Care & Tobacco Tax of 2016

Increases the existing State Tobacco Tax from 87 cent to \$2.87 per pack of cigarettes, with an equivalency tax on other tobacco products. For the first time, this measure would also apply the excise tax on e-cigarettes.

Specifically, the measure would place an equivalency tax of \$3.37 on e-cigarettes, although the Board of Equalization has not yet provided specifics on how the tax will be applied to e-cigarettes (e.g.: ounces, refills, etc.). Of these funds, \$1.37 would go towards the existing tobacco taxes under Prop 10 and Prop 99.

The tax increases would take effect in April 2017.

“By significantly boosting the price of cigarettes and other tobacco products, Prop. 56 is expected to immediately reduce tobacco consumption.”

The LAO reports the measure would generate \$1 - \$1.4 billion in 2017-18, with declining revenues in subsequent years.

Revenues are primarily generated for existing health care programs and research. However, funds are distributed annually in a four-step process:

Step 1: Replace lost revenue under existing state tobacco taxes and sales programs due to decreased consumption

Step 2: Board of Equalization receives 5% of funding to cover administrative costs (\$50 - \$70 million)

Step 3: Set amounts are allocated to various programs, including:

- o \$48 million for enforcement of Tobacco laws
- o \$40 million for UC Physician training to increase the number of primary care and emergency care physicians
- o \$30 million for Department of Public Health State Dental Program
- o \$400,000 for state auditor

Step 4: Remaining funds are distributed as follows:

- o 82% for Medi-Cal Department of Health Care Services (\$710 million - \$1 billion)
- o 11% CA Tobacco Control Program under DPH (\$100 - \$130 million)
- o 5% Tobacco-related disease program (\$40 - \$60 million)
- o 2% School-related tobacco prevention programs (\$20 million)

Impact on First 5: The equivalent of Prop 10's current 50-cent per pack of cigarettes would be applied to e-cigarettes. LAO predicts this would generate "low-to-mid tens of millions". The Association has been using \$10 - \$40 million as a range in cost projections dedicated for Prop 10 annually.

Additionally, the Medi-Cal and Denti-Cal funding would have an indirect impact on First 5 programs and services, many of which we support.

Proposition 64 – Adult Use of Marijuana Act

Overview: This measure would legalize and tax non-medical marijuana use for adults over the age of 21. According to the measure, 2017 would be used as a planning year for enforcement, regulations, and training. Legalization would take effect January 2018.

Impact on First 5: In terms of funding, it does not appear that early education will be a recipient of Proposition 64 revenues. However, there could be an indirect connection to First 5 with funds allocated to schools and public health for the purposes of youth drug prevention and treatment. For example, funding could support drug treatments and education programs that focus on pregnant teens or young families.

With legalization, marijuana use will become more integrated in the lives of families and communities. For First 5, educating communities on the consequences of marijuana use in respect to child development and environmental concerns could become an increased priority for local commissions. Some Commissions are already involved in these conversations and have been for years, and are willing and available to share helpful frameworks for Commission roles.

I have shared the anticipated impact on F5SB revenues with the recent tobacco bills and proposed Propositions from the upcoming election but here is a recap of those basic estimates:

A cap imposed on the Board of Equalization for their Annual Licensing Fee Program
+ \$ 225,279

Impact of raising the smoking age to 21 -
- \$1,200,347

Net - \$975,068

Prop 56, if passed, would generate some revenue from e-cigarettes +\$1,469,213

Total Net revenue increase of \$494,145

If Prop 56 does not pass, the Commission will address the nearly \$1M drop in revenue in our budget next year.

First 5 Legislative and Advocacy News

ESSA Guidelines

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (which replaced No Child Left Behind) defines early childhood education as programs that address children's full learning needs (cognitive, social, emotional, physical development) for children ages zero to six. This new emphasis on early education provides opportunities for expansion and alignment to the K-12 system.

The Department of Education recently released their non-regulatory guidance of how states and LEAs can expand opportunities for early learners under ESSA.

This guidance addresses:

- Expanding access to high-quality early learning using Title I funds to support district-operated or school-operated preschool programs.
- **Encouragement of Charter Schools** to support expanding early learning opportunities.
- Ways to reach special populations such as English learners, homeless children and those in Foster Care.
- Ensuring vertical and horizontal alignment between early education and the K-12 system to include improved coordination of programs, professional standards across programs and settings and the development of standards from birth through third grade that provide a continuum for children's knowledge and skills.
- The use of Titles I, II, and III funds, where available to support high-quality teaching and learning in schools and other early childhood settings to support educators.

The First 5 Association, working closely with the State Office of Ed, has asked how our local school districts are investing in and expanding early education. Are we using LCFF, Title I, Title II, Title III, CCDBG, or other funds towards to this end? I have contacted the key Early Education partners in the field and will report back to the Association once I have received the information.

QRIS Briefing in Sacramento

First 5 CA and the Association held a legislative briefing on QRIS on October 5th in the Capitol. The briefing consisted of two parts: 1) QRIS 101 (how QRIS supports child care providers as part of a continuous improvement system); and 2) QRIS 201 (a deep dive into the Matrix).

The QRIS briefing included an overview of why quality matters, the history of the fund streams (local, state, and federal investments), and how local consortia have implemented and integrated systems.

The briefing was well-attended, with staff from legislative offices, budget and education committees, the Legislative Analyst’s Office, and the Department of Finance in attendance.

A special thanks to Erin Gable from First 5 CA and all the panelists for their work in helping ensure a successful event.

Our consultant Viva Strategy and Communications is working with the Association on a QRIS project to develop policy recommendations that will strengthen statewide QRIS efforts. One of the first products from this work is a scan of systems-building policy proposals from across the nation.

This work is being fueled by a group of First 5 and non-First 5 ECE experts from across the state, including COE, R&R, and provider association representatives. I’ll share that compilation when it is available.

Consent

A motion was made by Commissioner Weinstein and seconded by Commissioner Iverson to approve the Consent Items. Commissioners. With Commissioner Gonzales absent, and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item No.	CONSENT
1	Approve minutes of September 7, 2016 Commission Meeting.
2	Approve Commission Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2017. (Presenter: Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant, 252-4252)
3	1. Approve employment contracts between the County of San Bernardino and Children and Families Commission with the following individuals for the period of November 26, 2016 through November 25, 2019. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jessica Cain as a Staff Analyst II, for the total annual cost of \$79,334 (\$55,869 Salary, \$23,465 Benefits). b. Victor Hernandez as a Staff Analyst II, for the total annual cost of \$79,334 (\$55,869 Salary, \$23,465 Benefits). c. Jennie Randolph as an Accountant III, for the total annual cost of \$84,495 (\$58,677 Salary, \$25,818 Benefits). d. Walid Wahba as a Staff Analyst II, for the total annual cost of \$79,334 (\$55,869 Salary, \$23,465 Benefits). 2. Authorize the Assistant Executive Officer for Human Services to execute amendments to extend the term of the contracts for a maximum of three successive one-year periods on behalf of the County, subject to County Counsel review. 3. Direct the Assistant Executive Officer for Human Services to transmit all documents in relation to contract amendments to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of execution. (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 252-4252)

Item No.	DISCUSSION
4	<p>Conduct Public Hearing of the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 252-4259)</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> None</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p> <p>The Public Hearing was conducted. No comments were presented on this item.</p>
5	<p>Approve Contract FS076 with San Bernardino County Library in support of the Career Online High School Initiative for Fiscal Year 2016-2018. (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 252-4253)</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> Commissioner Hill asked if this training is available for non-English speaking parents. Michael Jimenez, Regional Manager for the San Bernardino County Library Fontana Branch answered that this program is not available in any other language besides English. This nation-wide accredited high school program is strictly for parents to earn credits towards their high school diploma.</p> <p>Commissioner Iverson asked what is the likelihood that the parents we serve will move toward that goal of Nurturing Parenting/family support altogether? Ms. Faulkner answered that First 5 staff can follow up with PSD to obtain that information.</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve Item 5. With Commissioner Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
6	<p>Conduct Public Hearing for the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (Presenter: Debora Dickerson-Sims, Administrative Supervisor II, 252-4269)</p> <p><i>Item pulled from agenda – will presented in December.</i></p>
7	<p>Approve Amendment A1 to CFC 06-11 Fund Balance Policy. (Presenter: Debora Dickerson-Sims, 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 Iverson and seconded by Commissioner Weinstein to approve Item 7. With Commissioner Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
8	<p>Approve non-financial Memorandum of Understanding with the County of San Bernardino Preschool Services Department (PSD) to provide literacy, math skills, and social and emotional development skills for eligible PSD children through the use of AmeriCorps members for the period of September 28, 2016 through August 31, 2017. (Presenter: Mary Jaquish, Supervisor, 252-4254)</p>

	<p><u>Discussion</u> None</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p> <p>Vice Chair Ohikhuare abstained due to his seat on Preschool Services Governing Board.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve Item 8. With Commissioner Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
9	<p>Approve IMPACT (Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive) Region 9 Hub Agreement Number 43580 with Orange County Office of Education in the amount of \$268,600 for Fiscal Years 2016-2017 through 2019-2020 to support regional coordination, training and technical assistance for the First 5 California IMPACT initiative. (Presenter: Chrystina Smith-Rasshan)</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> None</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Iverson and seconded by Commissioner Vargas to approve Item 9. With Commissioner Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>

Public Comment Diana Alexander, Director, Preschool Services Department

Commissioner Roundtable

Commissioner Hill wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and gave thanks and appreciation to the First 5 staff. Karen Scott reminded Commissioners to contact Stacy Iverson with issues to be addressed at the upcoming 2016 Child Health, Education and Care Summit - First 5 Conference in Sacramento. Stacy will be serving on a panel of commissioners at the conference.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Vargas and seconded by Commissioner Iverson. With Commissioner Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Vice Chair Ohikhuare adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Next meeting at
First 5 San
Bernardino

DECEMBER 7, 2016
3:30 p.m.

Attest

Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D., Vice Chair

Ann M. Calkins, Commission Clerk
