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Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

Meeting Date and Location October 28, 2020
3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This meeting utilized the “ZOOM” conferencing platform pursuant to the provisions of the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Thomas.

Commission members shall review agenda item contractors, subcontractors, and agents, which may require member abstentions due to conflict of interest and financial interests.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

A Commission member with conflicts of interests shall state their conflict under the appropriate item and abstain or recuse from that item, as appropriate. A Commission member may not participate in or influence the decision on a contract for which their abstention or recusal has been recorded.

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Attendees

Commissioners

- Jorge Escalante
- Josie Gonzales
- Margaret Hill
- Gary Ovitt
- Corwin Porter
- CaSonya Thomas
- Elliot Weinstein, M.D.

Staff

- Karen Scott, Executive Director
 - Ann Calkins, Executive Assistant
 - Traci Homan, Business Support Manager
 - Scott McGrath, Deputy Director of Systems and Impact
 - Alejandro Gutierrez-Chavez, Staff Analyst II
 - William Kariuki, Staff Analyst II
 - LuCretia Dowdy, Community Engagement Specialist
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Changes to the Agenda

None

Report - Executive Director, Karen Scott

Legislative News Update

Although we indicated that there would be no legislative report read today, I would like to bring to your attention as well as our partners and participants at today's meeting, the section of the report related to child care.

A coalition of 78 organizations sent a letter to Governor Newsom, President pro Tempore Atkins, and Speaker Rendon urging the state leaders to take immediate action to save California's child care system, and thus support California's frontline workers as well as a just and equitable economic recovery.

The letter specifically asks for:

- Adequate reimbursement rates for children participating in distance learning
- Financial support for providers who have to close their doors following potential COVID-19 exposure so they can reopen
- Restoration of the unilateral cut to providers' pay by continuing to cover families' portion of fees for children who receive child care subsidies when families keep children home to prevent COVID-19 spread or exposure

The letter calls for state leaders to ensure that every child has access to quality early learning and care, and that family child care providers, and all early educators, receive the pay, respect, and resources they need as essential workers to provide invaluable service during this critical time.

This effort and advocacy is very important to First 5 San Bernardino and all of our County partners supporting families and early childhood education. We will continue to follow any developments.

New Commission Counsel member

Welcome Kristina Robb, our new Deputy Counsel. Ms. Robb was assigned to F5SB effective September 14th. Although we were sad to have Sophie Akins reassigned, we are more than thrilled to work with Kristina who jumped in and hit the ground running. Welcome, Kristina!

Quarterly Report

Review of Budget Status Quarterly Report for the 4th Quarter 2019-2020.

Motion by Commissioner Weinstein and seconded by Commissioner Gonzales to approve the Consent Items.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:

Consent
 Commissioner Escalante: Aye
 Commissioner Gonzales: Aye
 Commissioner Hill: Aye
 Commissioner Ovitt: Aye
 Commissioner Porter: Aye
 Commissioner Weinstein: Aye

Without further comment or objection, motion carried.

Item No.	CONSENT
1	Approve Minutes of September 2, 2020 Commission Meeting. (Presenter: Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant, 252-4252)
2	Approve Commission Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2021. (Presenter: Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant, 252-4252)
3	Approve retroactive Amendment No. 2 to Contract 18-558 to authorize a Non-Financial Memorandum of Understanding between the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County and the County of San Bernardino Preschool Services Department to provide literacy, math skills, and social and emotional development skills for eligible preschool children through the use of First 5 ServiceCorps AmeriCorps members for the period of October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2023. (Presenter: Wendy Lee, Psy.D., Staff Analyst II, 252-4254)

Item No.	DISCUSSION
4	Conduct Public Hearing for the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County's Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. (Presenter: Debora Dickerson-Sims, Chief Financial Officer, 252-4269) Public hearing conducted. No public comments were presented on this item.
5	Conduct Public Hearing for the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. (Presenter: William Kariuki, Section Manager, Evaluation and Impact, 252-4260) Public hearing conducted. No public comments were presented on this item.

<p>6</p>	<p>Approve reclassification of Contract Media Specialist II position (salary \$55,702.40-\$76,502.40) to Contract Communications Officer position (salary \$63,918.40-\$87,942.40). (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Deputy Director, Systems and Impact, 252-4259)</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Gonzales and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the Item 6.</p> <p>Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:</p> <p>Commissioner Escalante: Aye Commissioner Gonzales: Aye Commissioner Hill: Aye Commissioner Ovitt: Aye Commissioner Weinstein: Aye</p> <p>Without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Approve Contract IC045 with Harder+Company Community Research as the Home Visiting Coordination Consultant to assist First 5 with the development of a Home Visiting Strategic Plan and a Countywide Systems framework for \$181,821 for Fiscal Years 2020-2022. (Presenter: Tania Offerrall, Staff Analyst II, 252-4262)</p> <p>Chair Thomas asked if Harder+Co has plans to work with the County's Transitional Assistance Department and Preschool Services Department (PSD, who are integral partners in the home visiting program. Ms. Offerrall answered, yes. Currently in the development stages of collaboration and PSD as well as other partners, such as CFS and TAD, are part of this systems-building work. Ms. Offerrall stated they are open to any other partnerships within the County who have an interest in providing home visiting services as well as other resources for children 0-5.</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Ovitt and seconded by Commissioner Weinstein to approve the Item 7.</p> <p>Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:</p> <p>Commissioner Escalante: Aye Commissioner Gonzales: Aye Commissioner Hill: Aye Commissioner Ovitt: Aye Commissioner Porter: Aye Commissioner Weinstein: Aye</p> <p>Without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>

Item No.	INFORMATION
<p>8</p>	<p>Receive information on EVALCORP serving as First 5 San Bernardino's evaluation and professional services consultant and their current progress pertaining to their scope of work. (Presenter: William Kariuki, Section Manager, Evaluation and Impact, 252-4260)</p>

9	Receive information regarding the First 5 San Bernardino music contest. (Presenter: LuCretia Dowdy, Community Engagement Specialist, 252-4279)
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**Public
Comment**

None

**Special
Presentation**

Farewell to Supervisor Gonzales

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 - 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Attest

CaSonya Thomas, Chair

Ann M. Calkins, Commission Secretary
