



Agenda: Children and Families Commission

November 04, 2026 at 03:30 PM
Commission Conference Room
735 East Carnegie Drive, Suite 150
San Bernardino, California 92408

Commissioners: Chair, Dr. Elliot Weinstein, Vice Chair, Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers, Ted Alejandre, Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr., Gary Ovitt, Janki Patel and Gilbert Ramos

Others: Dawn Martin, County Counsel, Cindy Faulkner, Executive Director, Traci Homan, Commission Clerk and Michael Limon, Supervising Office Assistant

1. Call to Order

1.1 Roll Call

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair or designee will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Special Presentation

Updates from Help Me Grow Inland Empire - The Regional Safety-Net for Families, presented by Megan Daly, Director of HMGIE.

Mapping a Brighter Future: The Early Development Instrument (EDI) and San Bernardino County's Children, presented by Josh Bader, Director at UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families & Communities.

4. 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.

5. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director's Report by Cindy Faulkner

6. Consent Item

6.1 Commission October 7, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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Approve First 5 San Bernardino Commission October 7, 2026 Meeting Minutes.
(Presenter: Traci L. Homan, Executive Assistant, 386-7706)

6.2 Amendment to agreement for a one-year term extension with Inland Empire Health Plan to continue implantation of HealthySteps in San Bernardino County.

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Approve First Amendment to Contract No. 26-067 with Inland Empire Health Plan for continued implementation of HealthySteps with no additional increase to the total contract amount of \$1,200,000, extending the contract term for an additional year for a total contract period of March 11, 2025 through December 31, 2027.
(Presenter: Erin Meier, Administrative Supervisor I, 386-7706)

7. Discussion Items

There are no discussion items on today's agenda.

8. Information Item

8.1 2026-2027 Quarter 1 Commissioner's Report

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Receive information from EVALCORP for First 5 San Bernardino's 2026-2027 Quarter 1 Commissioner's Report. (Presenter: Joshua Roche, Statistical Analyst, 386-7706)

9. Public Comment

Persons wishing to address the Commission will be given up to three minutes and pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3) "no action or discussion will be undertaken by the Commission on any item NOT posted on the agenda."

10. Commissioner Roundtable

Open to comments by the Commissioners

11. Adjournment

The next Children and Families Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2026, at the First 5 San Bernardino office located at 735 E. Carnegie Drive, Suite 150, San Bernardino beginning at 3:30 pm in the Commission Conference Room.



Minutes: Children and Families Commission

October 07, 2026 @ 03:30 PM

Commission Conference Room, 735 East Carnegie Drive, Suite 150, San Bernardino, California 92408

1. Call to Order

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call was observed: Chair Dr. Weinstein, Vice-Chair, Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers, Ted Alejandre, Gary Ovitt, Janki Patel, Gilbert Ramos were present.

Absent: Supervisor Baca Jr.

Others Present: Dawn Martin, County Counsel, Cindy Faulkner, Executive Director, Michael Limon, Supervising Office Assistant, Traci Homan, Commission Clerk

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair, Dr. Weinstein led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Special Presentation

Special presentation was taken off calendar because the presenter was unable to attend.

4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

4.1 Gilbert Ramos - Memorandum of Understanding 26-057 with San Bernardino County

County Employee

4.2 Janki Patel - Memorandum of Understanding 26-057 with San Bernardino County

County Employee

5. Advisory Committee Report

An update on the Advisory Committee, including recent actions taken, was provided by Commissioner Dowdy-Rodgers.

6. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director, Cindy Faulkner, acknowledged the Advisory Committee's efforts and expressed appreciation for the significant work accomplished at their first meeting back in session. She also provided updates from the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health regarding the car seat safety awareness event in which staff member Erin Meier participated. Lastly, Ms. Faulkner shared details about the upcoming Pop-Up Literacy Tour scheduled for October 19–23.

7. Consent Items**7.1 First 5 San Bernardino Commission July 8, 2026, Meeting**

Minutes Moved By Vice Chair, Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers

Seconded By Gilbert Ramos

Carried

7.2 2027 First 5 San Bernardino (Children and Families Commission) meeting dates.

Moved By Vice Chair, Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers

Seconded By Gilbert Ramos

Carried

7.3 Community Partner Collaboration and Support Policy 26-01

Moved By Vice Chair, Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers

Seconded By Gilbert Ramos

Carried

7.4 Commission Rules of Order Policy 03-01 A5

Moved By Vice Chair, Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers

Seconded By Gilbert Ramos

Carried

7.5 Administrative Costs Policy 06-01 A4

Moved By Vice Chair, Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers

Seconded By Gilbert Ramos

Carried

7.6 Memorandum of Understanding 26-057 with San Bernardino County

Gilbert Ramos declared a conflict on this item. (County Employee)

Janki Patel declared a conflict on this item. (County Employee)

Moved By Vice Chair, Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers

Seconded By Gilbert Ramos

Carried

8. Discussion Items

8.1 Contract with Loma Linda University Children's Hospital - Help Me Grow initiative.

Moved By Ted Alejandre

Seconded By Gary Ovitt

Carried

8.2 Request for Application No. 26-02: Family First Prevention Services - Champion for Primary Prevention

Moved By Gilbert Ramos

Seconded By Vice Chair, Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers

Carried

9. Information Item

9.1 Employment Contract: Cindy Faulkner, Executive Director

Commissioner Ramos announced the Board of Supervisors' and the Commission's decision to appoint Cindy Faulkner as Executive Director. He also provided a brief overview of her history with First 5 and expressed that he looks forward to working with her.

10. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

11. Commissioner Roundtable

Commissioners congratulated Cindy Faulkner on her new appointment as Executive Director. Vice Chair, Dowdy-Rodgers announced the third annual Magic Music of Motown to benefit hunger relief on October 17, 2026.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, at 735 E. Carnegie Drive, Suite 150, San Bernardino in the Commission Conference room beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Elliot Weinstein, MD

Commission Clerk, Traci L. Homan



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AGENDA ITEM 6.2
November 4, 2026

Subject	Amendment to agreement for a one-year term extension with Inland Empire Health Plan to continue implantation of HealthySteps in San Bernardino County.
Recommendation	Approve First Amendment to Contract No. 26-067 with Inland Empire Health Plan for continued implementation of HealthySteps with no additional increase to the total contract amount of \$1,200,000, extending the contract term for an additional year for a total contract period of March 11, 2025, through December 31, 2027. (Presenter: Erin Meier, Administrative Supervisor I, 386-7706)
Financial Impact	None

Background Information

On October 2, 2024, the Commission approved the acceptance of \$1,200,000 from Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) for implementing a HealthySteps initiative for San Bernardino County in the amount of \$1,200,000. The Commission also delegated authority to the Executive Director to execute the Agreement (Contract No. 26-067) for receipt of the funding.

The First Amendment to the Agreement will extend the contract term for an additional year and is needed to continue the complex work of integrating dyadic care into the pediatric setting. Through collaboration with IEHP, First 5 San Bernardino (F5SB) established a relationship with Social Action Community Health System (SAC Health) to integrate HealthySteps into two of the clinical sites - Barstow and San Bernardino. These sites were selected based on SAC Health's 0–3-member population.

ZERO TO THREE's HealthySteps program provides early childhood development support to families where they are most likely to access it: the pediatric primary care office.

HealthySteps is an innovative healthcare delivery model that improves access to developmental and behavioral services for children and their families by embedding trained professionals, known as HealthySteps Specialists, into pediatric primary care. These specialists offer enhanced well-child visits, home visits, child development and parent screenings, parenting guidance, referrals to services and many other resources.

The HealthySteps network spans over 77 pediatric and family practice sites across 13 states and serves over 25,000 children annually. In 2015, ZERO TO THREE, a national nonprofit with deep early childhood expertise, acquired HealthySteps to revamp the program and increase its impact.

Approval of this item supports the Child Health and Family Support Strategic Priority Areas in the Commission's 2023-2028 Strategic Plan:

Child Health:

- Children are screened and connected to appropriate developmental services.
- Children’s health is promoted through community education about local health issues.
- Health care providers are aware of and able to connect children and families to existing mental and behavioral support and services.

Family Support:

- Families are connected to services that support children’s development and parent/caregiver resiliency.
- Families are connected to resources that support their caregiving skills and social/family engagement.
- Families and providers are aware of and know how to access existing county support and resources.
- First 5 San Bernardino partners with agencies throughout the county to promote prevention and early identification of child abuse and neglect.

Review

Dawn Martin, Commission Counsel

Report on Action as taken	
Action:	
Moved: _____	Second: _____
In Favor:	
Opposed:	
Abstained:	
Comments: _____	
Witnessed:	

**FIRST AMENDMENT
TO THE FUNDING AGREEMENT
FOR THE HEALTHYSTEPS PROGRAM**

**BETWEEN
INLAND EMPIRE HEALTH PLAN**

AND

THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Inland Empire Health Plan (“IEHP”), a local public entity of the State of California and The Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County (“CONTRACTOR”), agree to amend the **Funding Agreement** (the “Agreement”) between them dated *March 11, 2025*.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

- A. **Section 2 (PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE) of the Funding Agreement**, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced, in full, as follows: “The term of this Agreement shall become effective as of March 11, 2025 (the “Effective Date”), and shall continue in effect until December 31, 2027, unless terminated as specified in Section 7 (TERMINATION PROVISIONS).”
- B. Notwithstanding the date of execution, unless otherwise referenced, this **First Amendment** shall be effective from the date of the last signature.
- C. Except as amended hereby, all of the other terms and conditions of the Agreement are to remain in full force and effect.
- D. CONTRACTOR certifies that the individual signing below has the authority to execute this Amendment on behalf of CONTRACTOR and may legally bind CONTRACTOR to the terms and conditions of this Amendment, and any attachments hereto.

(SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed this **First** Amendment to the **Funding Agreement** as set forth below.

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
COMMISSION FOR SAN
BERNARDINO COUNTY:**

By: _____
Elliot Weinstein, M.D.
Commission Chair

Date: _____

By: _____
Dawn Martin
Commission Counsel

Date: _____

INLAND EMPIRE HEALTH PLAN:

By: _____
Jarrod McNaughton, MBA, FACHE
Chief Executive Officer

Date: _____

By: _____
Chair, IEHP Governing Board

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Secretary, IEHP Governing Board

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____
Anna W. Wang
Vice President, General Counsel
Inland Empire Health Plan

Date: _____

*Stronger starts, better life***AGENDA ITEM 8.1****November 4, 2026**

Subject	2026-2027 Quarter 1 Commissioner's Report
Recommendation	Receive information from EVALCORP for First 5 San Bernardino's 2026-2027 Quarter 1 Commissioner's Report. (Presenter: Joshua Roche, Statistical Analyst, 386-7706)
Financial Impact	None
Background Information	<p>The 2026-2027 Quarter 1 Commissioner's Report represents collaborative efforts to assess the impact of First 5 San Bernardino (F5SB) initiatives for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2026-2027. This report presents a quarterly and year-to-date (YTD) snapshot of individuals served, expenditures made, and key metrics across the three Strategic Priority Areas (SPA) of the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Health• Family Support• Early Learning <p>The 2026-2027 Quarter 1 Commissioner's Report was prepared in partnership with EVALCORP who has served as the evaluation consultants for F5SB since 2020.</p>
Review	Dawn Martin, Commission Counsel

Report on Action as taken	
Action:	
Moved: _____	Second: _____
In Favor:	
Opposed:	
Abstained:	
Comments: _____	
Witnessed:	