



Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

Date, time, location

May 7, 2025
3:38 p.m.
First 5 San Bernardino Commission Conference Center, 735 E. Carnegie Drive, Suite 150, San Bernardino, CA 92408

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance by Chair, Dr. Weinstein

Special Presentation

Greg Bradbard, Chief Executive Officer at Inland Empire Health Plan Foundation presented Advancing Vibrant Health in the Inland Empire.

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**

- Chair, Dr. Weinstein
- Commissioner Ted Alejandre
- Vice Chair, Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers
- Commissioner Josh Dugas
- Commissioner Gary Ovitt
- Commissioner Gilbert Ramos

Absent

- Supervisor Baca, Jr.
- Karen E. Scott, Executive Director

Legal Counsel

- Dawn Martin, Deputy County Counsel

Staff

- Cindy Faulkner, Assistant Director
- Traci Homan, Commission Clerk
- Scott McGrath, Deputy Director of Systems and Impact

Changes to the agenda

Commission Clerk announced the following changes: Agenda Item 4 pulled and will be brought back at a later date. Agenda Item 6 - Fiscal Year for the Public Hearing on the California Children and Families Commission Annual Report should be 2023-2024.

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| Executive Director's Report | None given |
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| Item No. | CONSENT |
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| 1 | <p>Approve Minutes from March 5, 2025 and April 2, 2025 Commission Meetings.</p> <p>Roll Call Motion/Second: Commissioner Dugas/Commissioner Ovitt Ayes: Commissioner Alejandre, Vice Chair Dowdy-Rodgers, Commissioner Dugas, Commissioner Ramos and Chair, Dr. Weinstein. Absent: Supervisor Baca, Jr. Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote to approve consent items.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Approve Amendment A3 to Contract SI042 with San Bernardino County Children's Network to increase the contract amount by \$3,855,213 from \$1,558,559 to \$5,413,772, for Fiscal Years 2023-2028 community engagement and system improvement. (Presenter: Erin Meier, Administrative Supervisor I, 386-7706)</p> <p>Roll Call Motion/Second: Commissioner Dugas/Commissioner Ovitt Ayes: Commissioner Alejandre, Vice Chair Dowdy-Rodgers, Commissioner Dugas, Commissioner Ramos and Chair, Dr. Weinstein. Absent: Supervisor Baca, Jr. Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote to approve consent items.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Ratify approval of No-Cost Extension execution of a contract by the Executive Director with Heluna Health extending the project end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026. (Presenter: Wendy Lee, Psy.D. Systems Integration Officer, 386.7706)</p> <p>Roll Call Motion/Second: Commissioner Dugas/Commissioner Ovitt Ayes: Commissioner Alejandre, Vice Chair Dowdy-Rodgers, Commissioner Dugas, Commissioner Ramos and Chair, Dr. Weinstein. Absent: Supervisor Baca, Jr. Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote to approve consent items.</p> |

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| 4 | <p>Approve Amendment A1 for Contract HW062 with Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital to extend the contract term to June 30, 2026 with no change to the total contract amount of \$675,000 for the California Department of Health Care Services – Child Youth Behavioral Health Initiative Evidence-Based Practices and Community–Defined Evidence Practices – Round Two Grant for Child-Parent Psychotherapy Trauma-Informed Program and Practice. (Presenter: Wendy Lee, Psy.D. Systems Integration Officer, 386.7706)</p> <p>*Agenda Item 4 was pulled from the agenda and will be revisited at a future meeting.</p> |
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| Item No. | DISCUSSION |
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| 5 | <p>A. Conduct Public Hearing on Strategic Plan 2023-2028 for the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County.</p> <p>B. Approve Strategic Plan 2023-2028 for the Approve Amendment No. 3 to Bylaws for Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County. (Presented by Scott McGrath, Deputy Director of Systems and Impact, 386-7706)</p> <p>Mr. McGrath announced the following change to the Strategic Plan: Removed Diana Alexander and replaced with Commissioner Gilbert Ramos.</p> <p>Chair, Dr. Weinstein opened Public Hearing.</p> <p>Public Comment Alejandro Gutierrez, Director for the Arts Connection/Art’s Council of San Bernardino County expressed appreciation for the work First 5 San Bernardino does. He shared interest in aligning some of their programs with First 5’s initiatives. Mr. Gutierrez highlighted the free art and music classes offered in Bloomington, including those at the Community Center, and invited everyone to visit and observe the programs in action.</p> <p>Discussion None</p> <p>Public hearing closed.</p> <p>Roll Call Motion/Second: Commissioner Alejandre/Vice Chair, Dowdy Rodgers Ayes: Commissioner Alejandre, Vice Chair Dowdy-Rodgers, Commissioner Dugas, Commissioner Ramos and Chair, Dr. Weinstein. Absent: Supervisor Baca, Jr. Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote to approve agenda item 5.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Public Hearing on California Children and Families Commission Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. (Presented by Scott McGrath, Deputy Director of Systems and Impact, 386-7706) Chair opened Public Hearing.</p> <p>Mr. McGrath announced the following highlights on page 60 of Annual Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home visiting building • Partnership with Cal-AIM. |

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| | <p>Public Comment None</p> <p>Discussion None</p> <p>Public Hearing closed by Chair.</p> |
| 7 | <p>Approve Contract HW064 with San Bernardino County Department of Public Health for \$48,000 for Fiscal Years 2025-2028 to support the Count the Kicks program to provide resources to healthcare providers and expectant parents. (Presented by Scott McGrath, Deputy Director of Systems and Impact, 386-7706)</p> <p>Public Comment None</p> <p>Discussion None</p> <p>Roll Call Motion/Second: Commissioner Ovitt/Commissioner Ramos Ayes: Commissioner Alejandre, Vice Chair Dowdy-Rodgers, Commissioner Ramos and Chair, Dr. Weinstein. Abstention: Commissioner Dugas Absent: Supervisor Baca, Jr. Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote to approve agenda item 7.</p> |

| Item No. | INFORMATION |
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| 8 | <p>Receive information on approval of employment contract entered into by San Bernardino County upon request of the Children and Families Commission Executive Director for Alicia Chavez to provide services as an Accounting Supervisor for the period of April 19, 2025 through March 31, 2028. Presented by Cindy Faulkner, Assistant Director, 386-7706)</p> |

Public Comment None

Commissioner Roundtable The Commissioners collectively thanked Debora Dickerson-Sims and team for a great job on budget workshop and presentation from Greg Bradbard. Ms. Faulkner recognized Arminda Hope Lowenstein who is leaving to the Department of Behavioral Health.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Next Meeting *Wednesday, June 4, 2025*
First 5 San Bernardino, 735 E. Carnegie Drive, Suite 150 San Bernardino

Attest



Elliot Weinstein, M.D., Chair



Traci L. Homan, Commission Clerk
