



- Amanda Ferguson, Staff Analyst II
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**Report –  
Margaret Hill  
Advisory  
Committee  
Chair**

The Committee last met on January 21, 2016. Members heard a presentation from George Lamb, President and CEO of the *Faith Advisory Council for Community Transformation (FACCT)*. FAACCT partners with faith-based organizations to strengthen their ability to support the community in the areas of: economic development, education, health and wellness, housing, public policy and public safety.

Committee members also received various updates and reports relating to performance measures and strategic plan alignment; systems support; literacy, QRIS IMPACT and early education, health and family support.

Committee members also elected Stacy Iverson to continue as Vice-Chair for another year.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 28 at the First 5 office from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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**Report –  
Karen E. Scott  
Executive  
Director**

**Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss**

Today an annual celebration called Read Across America, takes place where thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids and books. First 5 San Bernardino strives to commit to this all year long.

**Social Workers Month**

The month of March celebrates social workers as Happy Social Workers Month. F5SB sends a “shout out” to all of the social workers in our county, schools, hospitals and non-profit organizations for the wonderful work they do to improve the lives of our children ages 0 -5. They are especially vital in the area of child abuse prevention, which we will celebrate next month.

**QRIS Strategic Plan and Executive Summary**

Please note the overview of QRIS on pages 1, 3 & 4 of the ED report. The full San Bernardino County QRIS Strategic Plan and Executive Summary are available for review on the First 5 SB website.

**Budget Status Report for 2nd Quarter of FY 2015/16** – presented to Commission.

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**Changes to the  
Agenda**

Ann Calkins, Executive Assistant, announced the following changes:

- Agenda Item 2’s presenter is: Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant.
  - Agenda Item 3 should read as follows: Approve Amendment A1 to Contract HW052 with County of San Bernardino Department of Behavioral Health to extend for one year through Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in the amount of \$5,134,283, resulting in the cumulative total amount of \$20,590,517 for Fiscal Years 2013-2017, to provide Screening, Assessment, Referral and Treatment (SART) and Early Identification and Intervention (EII) programs for children 0-5 years.
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**Consent**

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

Item No.	CONSENT
1	Approve minutes of November 4, 2015 Commission Meeting (Presenter: Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant, 252-4252)
2	Approve employment contracts between the County of San Bernardino, Children and Families Commission, for the three-year period of April 2, 2016 through April 1, 2019 with options to extend the term of the contracts for a maximum of three successive one-year periods at the discretion of the Assistant Executive Officer for Human Services, with Denis Dickinson, Office Assistant II, for an annual cost of \$41,340 (\$27,560 Salary, \$13,780 Benefits).

Item No.	DISCUSSION
3	<p>Approve Amendment A1 to Contract HW052 with County of San Bernardino Department of Behavioral Health to extend for one year through Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in the amount of \$5,134,283, resulting in the cumulative total amount of \$20,590,517 for Fiscal Years 2013-2017 to provide Screening, Assessment, Referral and Treatment (SART) and Early Identification and Intervention (EIS) programs for children 0-5 years. (Presenter: Ronnie S. Thomas, Staff Analyst II, 252-4255)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b> None</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p>Chair Haugan abstained due to her position as appointing authority over the Department of Behavioral Health. Commissioner Powell abstained due to his contract work with Desert/Mountain SELPA, a subcontractor with the Department of Behavioral Health.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Weinstein and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve Agenda Item 3. With Commissioner Gonzales absent, abstentions noted by Commissioners Haugan and Powell and without further comment or objection, the motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
4	<p>Approve Amendment A2 to Contract IC023 with Harder+Company Community Research for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in the amount of \$301,600 resulting in a cumulative total amount of \$1,479,440 for Fiscal Years 2012-2017 to provide external evaluation, consultation and professional services. (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 909-252-4259)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Ohikhuare and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve Agenda Item 4. With Commissioner Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>

<p>5</p>	<p>Authorize First 5 San Bernardino to take part as the lead agency in partnership with San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools in the Infant Toddler Quality Improvement System Block Grant (I/T QRIS), a California Department of Education funding opportunity for Fiscal Years 2015-2016 through 2016-2017. (Presenter: Chrystina Smith-Rasshan, Staff Analyst II, (252-4267))</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b> None</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p>Commissioner Hill asked if First 5 will be notified when the application is accepted. Ms. Smith-Rasshan answered most likely soon after March 15 which is the application due date.</p> <p>Commissioner Powell abstained due to his contract work with San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Vargas to approve Agenda Item 5. With Commissioner Gonzales absent, an abstention from Commissioner Powell and without further comment or objection, the motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Approve Budget Revision for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (Presenter: Debora Dickerson-Sims, Administrative Supervisor II, 252-4269)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b> None</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Weinstein and seconded by Commissioner Vargas to approve Agenda Item 6. With Commissioner Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Authorize non-renewal of the Investing in Children Early Education Contracts listed below effective June 30, 2016, allowing the contracts to expire, terminate, by their own terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Barstow Unified School District, Contract EC012 A2</li> <li>B. Fontana Unified School District, Contract EC009 A1</li> <li>C. Hesperia Unified School District, Contract EC013 A2</li> <li>D. Lucerne Valley Unified School District, Contract EC014 A2</li> <li>E. Lucerne Valley Unified School District, Contract EC015 A1</li> <li>F. Rialto Unified School District, Contract EC016 A2</li> <li>G. San Bernardino City Unified School District – Adult School, Contract EC011 A2</li> <li>H. San Bernardino City Unified School District, Contract EC010 A2</li> <li>I. San Bernardino County Preschool Services Department, Contract EC007 A2</li> </ul> <p>(Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 252-4253)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b> None</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> Jeff Malan, Barstow Unified</p>

	<p>Commissioner Hill abstained from Item 7G and 7H due to her position on the school board.</p> <p>Chair Haugan abstained from Item 7I due to her position as appointing authority over the Preschool Services Department.</p> <p>Vice Chair Ohikhuare abstained from Item 7I due to his position on the governing board.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Weinstein and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve Agenda Item 7. With Commissioner Gonzales absent, abstentions noted by Commissioners Haugan and Ohikhuare, and without further comment or objection, the motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Approve investment into the Footsteps2Brilliance® Mobile Learning Technology under the Legacy XII Model Innovation County License through collaborative partnership with San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools as the lead, in an amount not to exceed \$228,500 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 252-4254)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b></p> <p>Commissioner Powell if the program aligns with the California Preschool Learning Foundation. Greg Spencer, Director, Footsteps to Brilliance answered from the audience. Mr. Spencer stated the program does align to Common Core standards and the zero to five mission, as well.</p> <p>Commissioner Hill asked how parents will receive this information. Ms. Scott stated the information will be dispersed through First 5 contractors, as well as Child Care Resource Center (CCRC), Head Start and Preschool Services Department. Staff has met with the Superintendent of Schools who agreed to help nurture relationships between family child care homes and those providers that are sending children into their district.</p> <p>Commissioner Powell asked if families can access the program through their own technology or do they need to visit a centralized location. The answer was yes, it can be accessed through their own technology. Discussion is underway with CCRC and Superintendent of Schools to help identify family child care homes and other providers who want to participate in the QRIS effort and to possibly offer whiteboards to teach a group lesson or iPads for the children in those homes.</p> <p>Vice Chair Ohikhuare asked how is progress tracked? Greg Spencer, Director, Footsteps to Brilliance was called to the podium to answer a few questions. Mr. Spencer stated progress is tracked within the system so exact usage is known, the ability of all users in the County, as well as any community, school site, any class and any child. All the data is built into the system. This is a program that is tied into the White House initiative, as well. Only 12 counties in the state and district will offer this program. This is a very unique and innovative program that has garnered nation-wide attention.</p> <p>Vice Chair Ohikhuare asked how do we know if parents are the only ones using the program? Mr. Spencer answered that the targeted students and the 2.2 million residents of the County will have access to this program. The program is available on any device (smart phone, iPad, computer, Chromebook, tablet) and available 24/7. It is available on-line and off-line so equity access is not an issue. The program is designed to work with under-served communities and enable rural access. In this County, everyone will have free access.</p>

	<p>Commissioner Powell asked if First 5 and school districts be allowed to add a hyperlink on their web sites to direct parents to this program. The answer is yes. A roll-out program is in place for this purpose.</p> <p>Mr. Spencer stressed this is a full emergence program – an award-winning curriculum that many school districts around the country are using in various strategic ways; not only to save money, but to get the information to a child’s first teacher: their parent.</p> <p>Commissioner Hill asked if there were downsides to this program. Mr. Spencer stated that a “downside” is parents do not believe this is a free program. A \$5 million grant is provided by Footsteps2Brilliance for every county or district they partner with to provide the free services. All that is asked of each county is that they track the children for their specific requested data.</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Vargas to approve Agenda Item 8. With Commissioner Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
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Item No.	INFORMATION
9	Receive 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter information on the Inland Empire United Way 2-1-1 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (Presenter: Mary Jaquish, Supervisor, 909-252-4254)
10	Receive information on Local Outcomes Brief for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 252-4259)

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**Public Comment**      None

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**Commissioner Roundtable**      None

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**Adjournment**      With Commissioner Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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Next meeting at  
First 5 San  
Bernardino

**April 6, 2016**

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Attest

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Linda Haugan, Chair

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Ann M. Calkins, Commission Clerk

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