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## Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

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

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**Meeting Date,  
Time and  
Location** Commission Meeting  
May 9, 2018 – 3:35 p.m.  
First 5 San Bernardino

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

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**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION** None

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**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.

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**Attendees**

**Commissioners Present**

- Margaret Hill
- Alan Garrett
- Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D.
- CaSonya Thomas
- Elliot Weinstein, M.D.

**Staff Present**

- Karen Scott, Executive Director
- Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager
- Scott McGrath, Supervisor
- Debora Dickerson-Sims, Administrative Supervisor II
- Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant
- Sophie Akins, Commission Counsel
- Amanda Ferguson, Staff Analyst II
- Will Kariuki, Staff Analyst II
- Ronnie Thomas, Staff Analyst II

**Changes to the Agenda**

Walid Wahba, Staff Analyst II, will present agenda Item 10.

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**Report – Advisory Committee, Alan H. Garrett, Chair**

Commissioner Garrett announced the date of May 17<sup>th</sup> as the next Advisory Committee meeting at First 5. The following topics slated for the agenda are as follows: Approving minutes of the last meeting (February 22); revising the current Strategic Plan; proposed budget overview; Local Outcomes Report update; Help Me Grow and Quality Start San Bernardino updates.

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**Report – Legislative**

See attached legislative report presented by Chekesha Gilliam:



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**Report – Executive Director, Karen Scott**

**Happy Spring!**

This issue is about the many things “blooming” these days by amazing and unified efforts to improve the lives of young children, to promote their optimal health and development and to ensure that all children have access to high quality care and early education.

**Cover Page**

Notes about the California Gubernatorial Debate entitled, *Decision 2018: The Race for Governor* that took place May 8<sup>th</sup> in San Jose.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> Advocacy Day, Sacramento**

First 5 San Bernardino and our partners were a strong presence at this 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. Partner logos were displayed on a huge banner recognizing the contributions of our many government, school, non-profit, faith and community based organizations from San Bernardino County. 16 people contributed to the success of the day, including representation from San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, San Bernardino County Preschool Services, San Bernardino County Child Care Resource Center, the nationally-acclaimed Footsteps 2 Brilliance Collaborative, Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital, Children’s Network, Center for Oral Health, Quality Start San Bernardino, First 5 San Bernardino Advisory Committee and dedicated First 5 San Bernardino staff.

I would especially like to thank two of F5 Riverside’s Commissioners, Lisa Larson and Jose Campos. They allowed some of our massive partnership to participate in their legislative visits for their districts, crediting the regional commitment these partners demonstrate. Once again, we realized the incredible benefits of First 5 San Bernardino and First 5 Riverside’s regional partnership and friendship.

**May 10<sup>th</sup> Award for Excellence**

George Potts is our 2018 department honoree for the Award for Excellence. Congratulations, George, and thank you for all you do!

**May 18<sup>th</sup> Career Online High School Graduation**

Steelworkers Auditorium at the Lewis Library and Technology Center in Fontana from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

County Preschool Services Department, First 5 and the County Library are proud to announce the first annual graduation ceremony for students who have completed our Career Online High School (COHS) program. This partnership has allowed parents with children participating in the County's preschool services the opportunity to obtain their high school diploma at no charge through this online program. COHS Career Online High School is an accredited program in which students are paired with a mentor who aids them in assessing any previous coursework and places them into courses that provide the student real-world skills in career areas such as Office Management, Childcare and Education, Retail Customer Service, Commercial Driving and much more.

We invite you to join us on May 18th to celebrate the tremendous accomplishment of these students as we recognize the first graduating class.

**Consent**

Motion by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Weinstein to approve the Consent Items. With Commissioners Ramos and Vargas absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item No.	<b>CONSENT</b>
1	Approve Minutes of March 7, 2018 Commission Meeting. (Presenter: Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant, 252-4252)
2	a. Ratify the approval (by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors) of the employment contract between the County of San Bernardino and Children and Families Commission and Tania Offerrall as a Staff Analyst II, for an annual cost of \$85,347 (\$59,529 Salary, \$25,818 Benefits) for the period of April 28, 2018 through April 27, 2021. b. Authorize the Assistant Executive Officer of Human Services to execute amendments to extend the term of the contract for a maximum of three successive one-year periods on behalf of the County, subject to County Counsel review. c. Direct the Assistant Executive Officer of 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.	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
3	Conduct Public Hearing on California Children and Families Commission Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Evaluation Supervisor, 252-4259)  The Public Hearing was conducted highlighting the support and work of the State First 5 Commission related to Family Functioning, Improved Systems of Care, Developmental Screenings and Services, and also included reports on the First 5 Revenue, First 5 IMPACT and Tobacco Cessation resources  Commissioners were directed to Page 43 for First 5 San Bernardino highlights. The Commission was also informed that First 5 California will continue to build on this year's successes and continue working toward the underlying Strategic Plan goal to ensure all children prenatal through age 5 have the resources, foundation, and systems of support they need to thrive.  No public comments were presented on this item.

<p>4</p>	<p>Approve CFC 18-01 Non-Public Personally Identifiable Information Policy for the Children and Families Commission (CFC) for San Bernardino County. (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 252-4253)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b> None</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve Item 4. With Commissioners Ramos and Vargas absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Approve Contract HW057 with County of San Bernardino Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) in the amount of \$26,250,000 for a five year contract term from July 2018 through June 2023. This continued support from the Commission enables DBH to provide services to children ages 0 – 5 and families for the Screening, Assessment, Referral and Treatment (SART) and Early Identification and Intervention (EIIS) programs. (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>Commissioner Thomas abstained from Item 5 due to her position as Appointing Authority over Department of Behavioral Health.</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Weinstein and seconded by Commissioner Garrett to approve Item 5. With Commissioners Ramos and Vargas absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Approve Contract SI027 a five-year contract with County of San Bernardino Children’s Network in the amount of \$172,648 per year for Fiscal Years 2018-2023 for a cumulative total amount of \$863,240 for the coordination of services provided by the Early Childhood Mental Health Systems Coordinator. (Presenter: Ronnie 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>Commissioner Thomas abstained from Item 6 due to her position as Appointing Authority over Children’s Network.</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Weinstein to approve Item 6. With Commissioners Ramos and Vargas absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>

<p>7</p>	<p>Approve Contract SI028 with Inland Empire United Way for a cumulative total of \$1,200,000 for Fiscal Years 2018 - 2021 for systems support of the County 211 Information and Referral Services system. (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 252-4254)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b> Commission Hill inquired how calls to 211 from a mobile phone are directed since there are different 211 call centers in each county. Gary Madden, Interim President and CEO of Inland Empire United Way, clarified that calls are directed based on the cell phone tower the call comes through and that any call placed in San Bernardino County will be directed to SB211.</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve Item 7. With Commissioners Ramos and Vargas absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Approve Contract Amendment SI020 A1 with Children's Fund in the amount of \$552,990 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 resulting in a cumulative total of \$2,211,960 for Fiscal Years 2015-2019 for the Emergency Needs Program. (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor (909) 252-4259)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b> Chair Ohikhuare inquired how many children are served through this contract. Betty Chambers, Director of Programs for Children's Fund, informed the Commission that approximately 513 children are served through the Emergency Needs vouchers and 6,000 through the Annual Celebration of Giving. Commissioner Garrett asked for more information about the vouchers. Ms. Chambers explained that after Preschool Services Department workers go into the home to verify the need, parents are issued vouchers to use at particular vendors.</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve Item 8. With Commissioners Ramos and Vargas absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Approve Contract Amendment SI021 A1 with Children's Fund in the total amount of \$263,900 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 resulting in a cumulative total of \$1,055,600 for Fiscal Years 2015-2019 to provide services to San Bernardino County children through the Children's Assessment Center. (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 252-4259)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b> Chair Ohikhuare inquired whether there is other funding for the Children's Assessment Center in addition to that provided through this contract with First 5 and about the sustainability of the Center. Chair Ohikhuare also inquired if the services of the Center are available to the uninsured. Commissioner Thomas explained that there is no charge to families using the Center and that all services can be charged to Medi-Cal.</p> <p>Commissioner Weinstein suggested that the location of the Center might be a hindrance for some families due to lack of transportation and to look into networking with local clinics. Commission Garrett commented that there is a need for more outreach in the High Desert to inform professionals about the Center. He also</p>

	<p>recommended to look for additional funding from IEHP and other commercial payers, and to consider expanding to an additional site in the High Desert or providing a bus service.</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Weinstein to approve Item 9. With Commissioners Ramos and Vargas absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Approve Contract Amendments for the Family and Community Support Partnerships (FCSP) - Family Support Services (FSS) Contracts (RFP 14-02) for Fiscal Year 2018-2020 in the amount of \$1,557,530 for a cumulative total amount for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2020 of \$3,949,359 with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Building a Generation, Contract FS065 A1, in the total amount of \$522,284</li> <li>B. Walden Environment DBA Walden Family Services, Contract FS074 A1, in the total amount of \$724,866.</li> <li>C. West Care Arizona Inc., Contract FS075 A1, in the total amount of \$310,380.</li> </ul> <p>(Presenter: Scott McGrath Supervisor, 252-4259)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b> None</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve Item 10. With Commissioners Ramos and Vargas absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>

**Public Comment**      None

**Commissioner Roundtable**

Commissioner Weinstein shared information about the American Academy of Pediatrics- Chapter 2 (AAP-C2) Town Hall Meeting that was hosted in partnership with First 5 San Bernardino on Thursday, April 19, 2018. The meeting addressed the topic of best practices in developmental screening and was well attended by over 50 medical professionals. There were great presentations by Dr. Edward Curry, President of the AAP-C2 and Dr. Marti Baum of Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital, among others. Commissioner Weinstein would like to see First 5 continue to collaborate with the AAP-C2 for additional town hall meetings, perhaps at other locations such as San Antonio Regional Hospital. Commissioner Garrett requested a town hall meeting in the High Desert area as well.

Commissioner Hill commended First 5 staff on receiving the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 12 Partners in Education Excellence award for the Footsteps2Brilliance Collaborative.

**Adjournment**      Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Vargas and seconded by Commissioner Hill. . With Commissioners Ramos and Vargas absent and without further comment or

objection, motion carried by unanimous vote. Chair Ohikhuare adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

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Next meeting at  
First 5 San  
Bernardino

**Wednesday, June 6, 2018**  
**3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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Attest

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Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D., Chair

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Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant

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