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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  
August 3, 2016  
3:30 p.m.

Chair Haugan called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

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

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**Special Presentation**                      Presentation of retirement gifts for Chair Linda Haugan

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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**

- Josie Gonzales
- Linda Haugan
- Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D.
- Paul Vargas
- Elliot Weinstein, M.D.

**Staff Present**

- Karen E. Scott, Executive Director
- Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager
- Scott McGrath, Supervisor
- Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant
- Mary Jaquish, Supervisor
- Sophie Akins, Commission Counsel
- Mary Alvarez, Staff Analyst II
- Delia Barreto, Staff Analyst II

- Amanda Ferguson, Staff Analyst II
- Leslie Fountain, Media Specialist II
- William Kariuki, Staff Analyst II
- James Kim, Accountant II
- RuthAnn Martinez, Staff Analyst II
- George Potts, Fiscal Assistant II
- Walid Wahba, Accountant II
- Ronnie Thomas, Staff Analyst II
- Chrystina Smith-Rasshan, Staff Analyst II

**Changes to the Agenda**      Agenda Item 4 is pulled off calendar.

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

**Farewell to Commission Chair Linda Haugan**

Chair Haugan will be retiring from County service effective October 15, 2016. Due to previous commitments, she will not be able to attend the September meeting. Staff is honoring her at this meeting.

Chair Haugan has been instrumental in her leadership on the Commission since her appointment in 2005. Ms. Haugan has led as Commission Chair since 2011. Staff will miss her input, strength and guiding hand as she oversaw organizational changes and numerous programs come to fruition. She will truly be missed and deserves every happiness in her retirement.

Chair Haugan also introduced CaSonya Thomas as her replacement. Ms. Thomas will assume the position of Assistant Executive Officer (AEC) for Human Services upon Ms. Haugan's retirement. As part of the AEC duties, Ms. Thomas will take her place on the First 5 Commission, effective in October.

**Commission Chair Duties**

According to F5SB Bylaws, Article V – Officers and Duties – Section 3 - in the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair. Dr. Ohikhuare shall serve as the Chair through the end of the year. Elections will be held in January to select the Commission's Chair and Vice-Chair officers for the new year.

**Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI)**

This item has been pulled from today's agenda as the work is still very much in the planning and collaboration phase and there is no clear operational framework or formal response formulated to the Local Dental Pilot Project Application.

The due date has been extended from August 16<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. All Commissioner questions and concerns will be addressed before bringing the item back to the Commission for approval in September.

As a brief overview, and as shared at last month's Commission meeting, the Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI) is part of California's Medi-Cal 2020 section 1115 waiver. The DTI represents a critical mechanism to improve dental health for Medi-Cal children by focusing on high-value care, improved access, and utilization of performance measures to drive delivery system reform. More specifically, this strategy aims to increase the use of preventative dental services for children, prevent and treat more early childhood caries, and increase continuity of care for these children.

The DTI plan for California includes four (4) domains.

Domain (1) focuses on preventative services, (2) carries risk assessment and management, and (3) on continuity of care. The participants and providers under the first three domains were selected by DHCS or CMS based on prior years data and participation and value to testing a strategy. There is no open process for applying for these domains at this time.

The call for applications for the Local Dental Pilot Project supports Domain (4) and allows for local collaborations to apply, aligned with the same objectives from the first three outlined domains, to test innovative strategies and interventions, to glean best practices, and to inform the State on how to better support these initiatives and integrate them into California's system of oral health care for Medi-Cal insured children.

The LDPP application offers funding not to exceed \$148 million annually for 5 years.

The application specified that applicants must be a county, a city and county, a consortium of counties, a Tribe or Indian Health Program, a University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campus.

For Riverside and San Bernardino counties, who do not have a managed dental care program, the first assumption was that our Department of Public Health would apply for Domain 4 or the LDPP. The leadership of both counties came together to discuss this possibility and both opted out of applying mainly due to the budgetary impact, the lack of staffing and internal capacity and the inability to mobilize quickly.

Because of the tremendous support that First 5's across the State have provided to improve oral health care for young children, the First 5 Association went to the DHCS and advocated on our behalf, sharing language in our mandate that states First 5 Commissions are eligible to apply for State funding on behalf of a county. We were then included as entities that could apply for this DTI Local Dental Pilot Project funding.

As aligned with our Strategic Plan and our role as advocate, leader and convener, with the LDPP, F5SB is simply pursuing yet another source of revenue to serve our kids. The funding is from the DHCS and the Commission has no match or funding requirements to be eligible for this funding.

San Bernardino County and Riverside County share the same two managed health care plans (plans that do not have a managed dental care component) and our two counties have experienced successful outcomes related to children's oral health in the Inland Empire through the same dental health initiatives supported directly by First 5's in both counties. Our two counties operate as a region for our Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) Technical Assistance collaborative (where children in early education settings will be targeted in the local pilot project) and the two counties share many of the same teaching and workforce supply institutions that support the objectives of the DTI.

Additional points in the application are granted for collaboration and innovation that best utilizes, expands and enhances upon existing resources and as such is the basis for a regional application approach.

Decisions as to participation in Domains 1 – 3 of the Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI) were made by the Department of Health Services alone, utilizing program data submitted by providers. Counties or other entities had no direct opportunity to apply

for work in these separate domains. The County of Riverside was chosen to participate in Domain 3. The work of the Local Dental Pilot Project (Domain 4) aims to accomplish the objectives laid out in Domains 1 – 3.

We will continue to convene and brainstorm with local stakeholders, including:

- Departments of Public Health, (esp. related to WIC, CHDP and FQHC's),
- Health Plan providers, IEHP and Molina
- Community Clinic Associations and Indian Health Leadership
- Our CSU and UC systems in the Inland Empire
- County Offices of Education from both counties
- Our teaching universities that provide dental workforce including dentists, Dental Hygienists Dental Hygienists Alternative Practice and Dental Assistants
- And other providers

The two main focuses will be on:

- The Virtual Dental Home model and
- An innovative approach to the Caries Risk Assessment, preventative services and care coordination in community settings.

F5SB, along with F5 Riverside is working to ensure our work is intentional and inclusive with the group and consists of determining the best strategy, interventions, activities, etc. to realize the most positive, impactful outcomes.

Commissioner Weinstein advised staff to contact Tri-County Dental Association as an additional resource. This association covers San Bernardino, Riverside and the eastern most parts of Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Gonzales advised that staff reach out to Western University Dental School and to ensure we partner with our "in-house" community organizations first.

**Audit Letter of Engagement**

A letter of engagement is presented to the Board of Commissioners from F5SB's contracted auditors, Vavrinek, Trine, and Day, LLC, to announce the start of this year's audit season and their responsibilities under the U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards. The results of our audit will be shared with the Commission on October 26 and the report is due to the State of California on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**Consent**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ohikhuare and seconded by Commissioner Vargas to approve the Consent Item. Commissioners Gonzales and Weinstein abstained due to their absence at the July meeting. With Commissioners Hill and Iverson absent, abstentions noted from Commissioners Gonzales and Weinstein, and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item No.	CONSENT
1	Approve minutes of July 6, 2016 Commission Meeting.
2	Approve Amendment A-1 to Contract IC024 with 521 East 11th St., LLC, a California limited liability company and 1250 Fairfax, LLC, a California limited liability company (collectively, the "Landlord") and Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County to update property management company contact information and include current lease terms for the contract term ending October 31, 2023. (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 252-4253)

Item No.	DISCUSSION
3	<p>Authorize Executive Director to execute a one (1) year contract for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 with Prevent Child Abuse California (PCA CA) in an amount not to exceed \$74,740 as a funding match for four (4) AmeriCorps service member positions to provide school readiness services. (Presenter: Mary Jaquish, Supervisor, 252-4254)</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 Gonzales and seconded by Commissioner Vargas to approve Item 2. With Commissioners Hill and Iverson absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
4	<p>Authorize First 5 San Bernardino (F5SB) to participate jointly with First 5 Riverside in applying for the Dental Transformation Initiative – Local Dental Pilot Project funding opportunity to improve dental services in the Inland Empire region, strengthening the child health system for Fiscal Years 2016 – 2020. (Presenter: Mary Jaquish, Program Supervisor, 252-4254)</p> <p><i><b>This item has been pulled from the agenda and will be presented at the September 7 meeting.</b></i></p>

**Public Comment**      Jessica Soto, Hesperia Unified School District

**Commissioner Roundtable**      Commissioner Weinstein stated his office has received an allotment of books from Reach Out and Read which he has since been distributing. Commissioner Weinstein said the books are appreciated by the children and their parents and he is happy to be a part of this program.

**Adjournment**      Chair Haugan adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Next meeting at  
First 5 San  
Bernardino

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**  
**3:30 p.m.**

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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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