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Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

Meeting Date and Location August 5, 2020
2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Thomas.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Dental Transformation Initiative Impact Report
Presenter: Scott McGrath, First 5 Deputy Director of Systems and Impact

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Attendees

Commissioners Present

- Jorge Escalante
- Josie Gonzales
- Margaret Hill
- Gary Ovitt
- Corwin Porter
- CaSonya Thomas
- Elliot Weinstein, M.D.

Staff Present

- Karen Scott, Executive Director
- Ann Calkins, Executive Assistant
- Traci Homan, Business Support Manager
- DeAnna Mitchell, Office Assistant II
- Mercedes Logans, Staff Analyst II
- Alejandro Gutierrez-Chavez, Staff Analyst II
- William Kariuki, Staff Analyst II
- Mercedes Logans, Staff Analyst II
- Tania Offerrall, Staff Analyst II
- Ronnie Robinson, Staff Analyst II

Changes to the Agenda

Ann Calkins, Executive Assistant, announced Agenda Item 2 is modified to add the following:

Ratify Executive Director's authorization of letter of intent with Prevent Child Abuse California to participate in the First 5 Service Corps program, authorize continued funding match not to exceed \$85,356 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for four (4) AmeriCorps service member positions to provide school readiness services **and authorize the Executive Director to execute a not to exceed contract of \$85,356 with Prevent Child Abuse California for four (4) AmeriCorps service members.**

Report

Legislative Report by Chekesha Gilliam
Government Relations Analyst, County Administrative Office



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Report – Executive Director, Karen Scott

Congratulations!

Our newest Commissioner, Corwin Porter, is now the Public Health Director for San Bernardino County. Congratulations on your promotion.

Happy Birthday!

Belated Birthday greetings go out to our Commission Chair CaSonya Thomas and Supervisor Josie Gonzales.

Motion by Commissioner Gonzales and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the Consent Items.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:

Consent
 Commissioner Escalante: Aye
 Commissioner Gonzales: Aye
 Commissioner Hill: Aye
 Commissioner Ovitt: Aye
 Commissioner Porter: Aye
 Commissioner Weinstein: Aye

Without further comment or objection, motion carried.

Item No.	CONSENT
1	Approve Minutes of July 1, 2020 Commission Meeting. (Presenter: Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant, 252-4252)
2	Ratify Executive Director's authorization of letter of intent with Prevent Child Abuse California to participate in the First 5 Service Corps program for and authorize continued funding match not to exceed \$85,356 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for four (4) AmeriCorps service member positions to provide school readiness services and authorize the Executive Director to execute a not to exceed contract of \$85,356 with Prevent Child Abuse California for four (4) AmeriCorps service members. (Presenter: Wendy Lee, Psy.D., Staff Analyst II, 252-4254)

Item No.	DISCUSSION
3	<p>Approve and authorize the Executive Director or designee to execute any and all forms or agreements required to accept \$200,000 in funds awarded through First 5 California under the Home Visiting Coordination Grant to support and develop a Countywide Home Visiting System for Fiscal Years 2020-2022. (Presenter: Tania Offerrall, Staff Analyst II, 252-4262)</p> <p>Discussion Commissioner Gonzales asked: Who will have the ultimate decision making and authority to design the program and implement it in a way that we can require data in order to assess our progress? Currently, under the COVID-19 event with long-distance learning in place, there is going to be a social breakdown with parents getting their children back into school. If we are going to use these funds, it needs to be done wisely to get some good data out of it in order for us to help the public schools and be able to demonstrate that the effort and money that put this together was worth it. We will need to know the consequences of families not following through on our guidelines.</p> <p>Ms. Offerrall answered that this grant opportunity is just for the development of the system that we would like to start working on. We definitely want to ensure we are setting it up in a way that we are collecting data and that the organizations who are implementing the work are experts in their field. To answer who will be in charge of the design, the answer is it will be a collaborative work between First 5 and the project lead and other home visiting organizations. All decisions will be made among these entities.</p> <p>Public Comment None</p>

	<p>Motion made by Commissioner Gonzales and seconded by Commissioner Weinstein to approve Item 3.</p> <p>Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:</p> <p>Commissioner Escalante: Aye Commissioner Gonzales: Aye Commissioner Hill: Aye Commissioner Ovitt: Aye Commissioner Porter: Aye Commissioner Weinstein: Aye</p> <p>Without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Approve and authorize release of Request for Qualifications for a Home Visiting System Consultant to assist with the development of a Home Visiting Strategic Plan and countywide framework. (Presenter: Tania Offerrall, Staff Analyst II, 252-4262)</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> None</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Gonzales to approve Agenda Item 4.</p> <p>Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:</p> <p>Commissioner Escalante: Aye Commissioner Gonzales: Aye Commissioner Hill: Aye Commissioner Ovitt: Aye Commissioner Porter: Aye Commissioner Weinstein: Aye</p> <p>Without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Approve Contract SI035 with El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center for \$153,757 for Fiscal Years 2020-2022, starting August 6, 2020, through June 30, 2022, to support implementation of a countywide Home Visiting System. (Presenter: Tania Offerrall, Staff Analyst II, 252-4262)</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> Commissioner Porter asked if there will be funding going forward for the actual implementation to sustain the program if build out is complete? Ms. Offerrall answered with information from First 5 California that states the first two years will be used to gather information. First 5 CA plans to fund an additional two years after 2022 and the duration for the funding will end in 2024.</p>

	<p>Chair Thomas asked Karen Scott to share how home visiting came to San Bernardino County in partnership with the Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) and Preschool Services.</p> <p>Ms. Scott mentioned that TAD applied for the CalWORKS Home Visiting Initiative on behalf of San Bernardino County and was approved receiving the second largest award in the state. Due to San Bernardino County's large and unique geography, it will take leadership by Human Services, First 5 San Bernardino and many partnerships throughout our County, to build a successful coordinated home visiting network.</p> <p>Ms. Scott stated the strategy that F5SB is supporting does not provide direct services yet. We are relying on TAD and Preschool Services, who are currently implementing the CalWORKS Home Visiting program, to provide for direct services collaboration. Development of a Home Visiting Strategic Plan and countywide framework is an opportunity to be inclusive and better serve our wide variety of children and families. As a Network, we will invite partners and stakeholders to the table to come up with a comprehensive countywide plan. To answer Supervisor Gonzales's question of who will give approval in making decisions, we will establish a governance for this network system and all of that will be decided together. We are getting everything aligned that we need to strengthen our system and be ready to provide increased services.</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Weinstein and seconded by Commissioner Porter to approve Item 5.</p> <p>Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:</p> <p>Commissioner Escalante: Aye Commissioner Gonzales: Aye Commissioner Hill: Aye Commissioner Ovitt: Aye Commissioner Porter: Aye Commissioner Weinstein: Aye</p> <p>Without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
6	<p>Approve Contract HW059 with County of San Bernardino Arrowhead Regional Medical Center Breathmobile Program for \$362,179 per year for Fiscal Years 2020-2023 resulting in a cumulative total of \$1,086,537 to treat children ages 0-5 with asthma. (Presenter: Mercedes Logans, Staff Analyst II, 252-4261)</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> Commissioner Hill asked with the increased number of young people who have asthma and with the current distance learning going on, is there something to provide to parents such as what they should be doing when the children are home since they do not have physical access to the services? Andrew Goldfarb from ARMC answered that distance education for children is currently underway in part due to a media campaign which includes tips and suggestions to follow at home. The team at ARMC is looking at ways to utilize the Breathmobile through more social distanced opportunities and through appointments. Mark Connelly from ARMC added that the team is still maintaining and managing the patients already in the system.</p>

	<p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Ovitt to approve Item 6.</p> <p>Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:</p> <p>Commissioner Escalante: Aye Commissioner Gonzales: Aye Commissioner Hill: Aye Commissioner Ovitt: Aye Commissioner Porter: Aye Commissioner Weinstein: Aye</p> <p>Without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
7	<p>Approve Amendment A2 for Contract IC033 with Social Entrepreneurs, Inc., for an increase of \$38,205 for a cumulative total of \$53,171 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and a cumulative total of \$1,019,832 for Fiscal Years 2017-2021 to enable completion of the Capacity Building Academy. (Presenter: Ronnie Robinson, Section Manager-Systems and Communication, 252-4255 and Kelly Marshall, President and Principal, Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.)</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> None</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Ovitt and seconded by Commissioner Escalante to approve Item 7.</p> <p>Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:</p> <p>Commissioner Escalante: Aye Commissioner Gonzales: Aye Commissioner Hill: Aye Commissioner Ovitt: Aye Commissioner Porter: Aye Commissioner Weinstein: Aye</p> <p>Without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>

Item No.	INFORMATION
	N/A

Public Comment Angelica Alvarez, El Sol: Ms. Alvarez thanked the First 5 Commission for their support to the community and its families.

Susan Gomez wished to congratulate El Sol, an IECC graduate.

Commissioner Roundtable

Commissioner Gonzales wished Chair Thomas a belated happy birthday.

Commissioner Hill gave accolades to the First 5 agencies and all the work they are doing for the young children, especially during the recent trials and tribulations. Commissioner Hill stated that for someone who has been working in the education field for almost 50 years, she can see a lot happening among the students and how they arrive to school more equipped to learn. Ms. Hill is grateful for the leadership shown by Executive Director School Karen Scott. She asked that the agencies continue to show their passion for education since all local children are so deserving of it.

Commissioner Ovitt wished Commissioner Gonzales and Chair Thomas belated birthday greetings.

Dr. Weinstein mentioned his birthday is July 1st!

Adjournment

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 - 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Attest

CaSonya Thomas, Chair

Ann M. Calkins, Commission Secretary
