Agenda: Children and Families Commission

December 02, 2026 at 03:30 PM
Commission Conference Room
735 East Carnegie Drive, Suite 150
San Bernardino, California 92408

Commissioners: Chair, Dr. Elliot Weinstein, Vice Chair, Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers, Ted Alejandre, Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr., Gary Ovitt, Janki Patel and Gilbert Ramos

Others: Sophie Curtis, County Counsel, Cindy Faulkner, Executive Director, Traci Homan, Commission Clerk and Michael Limon, Supervising Office Assistant

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1. Call to Order

1.1 Roll Call

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair or designee will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Special Presentation

The Missing Prescription: Relationships, Belonging and Childhood Resilience. Presented by Dr. Amy Young-Snodgrass and Dr. Taylor Dantuma of Loma Linda Children's Hospital.

4. 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.

5. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director's Report by Cindy Faulkner

6. Consent Item

6.1 Commission November 4, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Approve Commission November 4, 2026, Meeting Minutes.
(Presenter: Michael Limon, Supervising Office Assistant, 386-7706)

6.2 Approval of the Family Supports Initiative Contract Amendments.

Approve the Family Support Initiative Contract Amendments to extend the term from Fiscal Years 2024-2027 to add Fiscal Years 2027-2029 in the additional amount of $3,937,584 for the following:

A. The Mom & Dad Project, 26-058 A1 with an increase of $2,009,637 for a total contract amount of $4,119,679
B. Hearts and Lives, 26-059 A1 with an increase of $1,032,607 for a total contract amount of $2,265,048
C. Moses House Ministries, 26-060 A1 with an increase of $895,340 for a total contract amount of $1,795,338

(Presenter: Ronnie Robinson, Staff Analyst II,386-7706)

7. Discussion Items

7.1 Annual Audit for 2025-2026

1. Conduct Public Hearing for the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County Annual Audit for 2025-2026.
2. Adopt the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County's Annual Audit for 2025-2026.

(Presenter: Samuel Wong, Chief Financial Officer, 386-7706)

7.2 Annual Report for 2025-2026

1. Conduct Public Hearing of the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County's Annual Report for 2025-2026.
2. Adopt the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County's Annual Report for 2025-2026.

(Presenter: Joshua Roche, Statistical Analyst, 386-7706)

8. Information Item

8.1 First 5 San Bernardino Pop-Up Literacy Tour 2026

Receive information on First 5 San Bernardino's "Gift a Kid a Book" Pop-Up Literacy Tour 2026.
(Presenter: LuCretia Dowdy, Community Engagement Specialist, 386.7706)

9. Public Comment

Persons wishing to address the Commission will be given up to three minutes and pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(3) “no action or discussion will be undertaken by the Commission on any item NOT posted on the agenda.”

10. Commissioner Roundtable

Open to comments by the Commissioners

11. Adjournment

The next Children and Families Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2027, second Wednesday of the month at the First 5 San Bernardino office located at 735 E. Carnegie Drive, Suite 150, San Bernardino beginning at 3:30 pm in the Commission Conference Room.

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