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## Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

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**Date, time,  
location**

Budget and Planning Workshop  
May 11, 2022 – 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.  
Tech and Training Room

Commissioners heard presentations from staff relating to an upcoming community innovation funding opportunity, home visiting-family resource centers and a communications update relating to First 5 expanding their media reach. Commissioners also reviewed the 2022-2023 budget and five-year financial plan.

Commission Meeting  
May 11, 2022 - 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Commission Conference Center

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**Pledge of  
Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Dr. Weinstein

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*Status Update on the Maternal Health Network of San Bernardino County.*  
Presenter: Lisa Watson, Client Services Manager-Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.

**Special  
Presentations**

*Family Community Support and Partnerships-Expansion (FCSP-E) – Expansion Project to Build a Sustainable Coalition.*  
Presenters: Susan Gomez, Chief Executive Officer-IECC; Matthew Coughlin, Executive Director-Moses House; Jeff Tunnell, Program Supervisor-The Mom and Dad Project

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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**

- Ted Alejandre
- Diana Alexander
- Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr.,
- Dr. Gwendolyn Dowdy-Rodgers
- Joshua Dugas

- Gary Ovitt
- Elliot Weinstein, M.D.

**Staff**

- Karen E. Scott, Executive Director
- Ann Calkins, Executive Assistant
- Cindy Faulkner, Assistant Director
- Traci Homan, Business Support Manager
- Debora Dickerson-Sims, Chief Financial Officer
- Scott McGrath, Deputy Director of Systems and Impact
- Ronnie Robinson, Section Manager-Systems and Communication
- Wendy Lee, Section Manager-Evaluation and Impact
- Erika Willhite, Staff Analyst II
- Marian Fam, Accountant III
- Peter Tawadros, Staff Analyst II
- Ray Salamat, Staff Analyst II
- Renee Jones, Staff Analyst II

**Changes to the Agenda**

None

**Advisory Committee Report – Gary Ovitt**

The First 5 Association has made a commitment to bring Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) in the center of the work of First 5s throughout California.

With this in mind, First 5 Advisory Committees members, along with First 5 staff, participated in a REDI Workshop on April 28th.

Ms. Shiree Teng, a project consultant who is currently involved with other First 5 Commissions led the group to create and discuss a foundational framework for equity by establishing a set of four or five pillars that are most critical when looking at equity in San Bernardino County.

The end result of these meetings (next one scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>) is to create and draft a REDI policy for Commission approval.

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

**Congratulations to Commissioner Ted Alejandre**

San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) and First 5 Commissioner Ted Alejandre was awarded State Superintendent of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA).

With more than 30 years of experience in public education, Mr. Alejandre now holds the prestigious title of Superintendent of the Year in the 2022 Statewide Awards Program. The state award recipients who represent the excellence and commitment of California’s educators.

On May 2, Mr. Alejandre was honored as Superintendent of the Year for the San Bernardino County region at the ACSA Region 12 Spring Celebration Awards. Mr. Alejandre will be recognized for the State Superintendent of the Year Award at the ACSA Leadership Summit in San Diego on November 4, 2022.

**Advocacy Day Update**

Ms. Scott thanked the First 5 Commissioners and First 5 staff who took part in the April 19<sup>th</sup> Advocacy Day virtual calls with our local legislators. It was a big success! This year, more than 100 executive directors, staff, commissioners, and local partners from 49 counties participated. First 5s met with 74 legislative offices over the course of the day. The relationship that First 5 San Bernardino maintains and nurtures with our local elected officials is vital in meeting the needs of all County residents.

Out of nearly 180,000 children ages 0 to 5:

- 33,000 reside in Assemblymember Eloise Gomez Reyes’s 47<sup>th</sup> District
- 39,000 reside in Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh’s 23<sup>rd</sup> District
- 38,000 reside in Assemblymember James Ramos’s 40<sup>th</sup> District
- 42,000 reside in Assemblymember Thurston Smith’s 33<sup>rd</sup> District (High Desert and Mountain areas)

**Legislative Updates**

Ms. Scott presented updates on numerous bills under the categories of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH), Quality Early Learning, Comprehensive Health and Development, and Resilient Families. Ms. Scott also provided and reviewed the list of First 5 Association Priority Support Budget Asks.

Item No.	<b>CONSENT</b>
1	Approve Minutes from February 2, 2022 Commission Meeting.  Motion made by Commissioner Ovitt and seconded by Commissioner Alexander to approve the Consent Item.  Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item No.	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
2	A. Conduct Public Hearing on Strategic Plan 2020-2023 for the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County. B. Approve Strategic Plan 2020-2023 for the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County. (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Deputy Director of Systems and Impact, 252-4259)  <b><u>Discussion</u></b> None.  <b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None.  Public Hearing conducted. No comments received.  Motion made by Commissioner Ovitt and seconded by Commissioner Dowdy-Rodgers to approve Item 2.  Without further comment or objection and with no public comments noted, motion carried by unanimous vote.

3	<p>Approve Contract IC050 with VIVA Social Impact Partners for \$125,000 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for consulting services related to a family survey panel; which includes survey development, administration.                  (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Deputy Director of Systems and Impact, 252-4259)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b>                  Commissioner Ovitt asked what the number (goal) is as far as parental involvement. Mr. McGrath answered the milestone is 200 parents.</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b>                  None.</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Alexander and seconded by Commissioner Dugas to approve Item 3.</p> <p>Without further comment or objection and with no public comments noted, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
4	<p>Approve Amendment A1 for Contract IC046 with VIVA Social Impact Partners in the amount of \$200,000 for a cumulative total not to exceed \$400,000 for Fiscal Years 2021-2023 for strategic consultation services to support implementation of the San Bernardino County Quality Rating Improvement System.                  (Presenter: Erika Willhite, Staff Analyst II, 252-4262)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b>                  None.</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b>                  None.</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Alexander and seconded by Commissioner Dugas to approve Item 4.</p> <p>Without further comment or objection and with no public comments noted, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>

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Item No.	INFORMATION
	No information item for this meeting.

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**Public Comment**                      None

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**Commissioner Roundtable**      Commissioner Alejandre stated the budget presentation was well done and very informative. Commissioner Alexander stated she was pleased to hear so many legislative items of support and hoping we can continue to partner so our collective voice is even bigger than just First 5. Commissioner Baca, Jr. appreciated staff's great budget presentation. He commented that there are many 4 to 5 year old slots vacant in the local preschools and based on the numbers going forward, the County is looking at eliminating the 3 to 4 hours slots since parents are asking for 8 to 10 hour increments.

Commissioner Dowdy-Rodgers appreciated that the budget presentation was very transparent, engaging and thorough. Commissioner Dugas thanked Karen and staff for all of the information and congratulated Commissioner Alejandro on his recent recognition from the state. Commissioner Ovitt appreciated the comprehensive budget reports given which helps guide what we'll be seeing in the coming year and also acknowledged the legislation information. Chair Weinstein reiterated that there were some excellent presentations made today and it's great to have a live in-person meeting.

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**Next Meeting**

***Wednesday, June 01, 2022  
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.***

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**Attest**

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Elliot Weinstein, M.D., Chair

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Ann M. Calkins, Commission Secretary

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