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Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

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

Meeting Date, Time and Location Commission Meeting
January 4, 2017 - 3:30 p.m.
First 5 San Bernardino

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION *Commissioner Swearing-In Ceremony: CaSonya Thomas*

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- Attendees**
- Commissioners Present**
- Margaret Hill
 - Stacy Iverson
 - Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D.
 - CaSonya Thomas
 - Elliot Weinstein, M.D.
- Staff Present**
- Karen E. Scott, Executive Director
 - Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager
 - Mary Jaquish, Supervisor
 - Scott McGrath, Supervisor
 - Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant
 - Sophie Akins, Commission Counsel
 - Amanda Ferguson, Staff Analyst II
 - Leslie Fountain, Media Specialist II
 - Victor Hernandez, Staff Analyst II
 - William Kariuki, Staff Analyst II

- Ronnie Thomas, Staff Analyst II
- Walid Wahba, Staff Analyst II

Changes to the Agenda

None

Report – Executive Director

First 5 Advisory Committee Member, Ed Pare

Ed Pare was killed in a car accident late Saturday night in the High Desert where he lived.

Ed was an active member and parent volunteer in the community serving not only on the First 5 Advisory Committee, but also with Preschool Services Department, Children’s Fund, the High Desert’s Community Cabinet and several school districts. Ed’s two young daughters, Holly and Heather were often seen accompanying him in his community engagement work.

Ed is survived by his wife, Natalie, his son Josh and his two daughters.

Ed was passionate about making the world a better place. We will miss him and we send our prayers and thoughts of hope to his family.

The State of Young Children – A Community Town Hall Event Developing Policy, Developing Relationships

This event is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at California State University San Bernardino – Santos Manuel Student Union. Parking is free. This event was made possible by a grant from First 5 California. F5CA (First 5 California) approved funding for 10 Commissions to hold such an event and actually awarded to eight Commissions. We are one of those proud eight recipients. Expected attendance around 200.

This is a legislative event local legislators attend to hear about the relationships and collaborative work that San Bernardino County is doing in support of young children and to have legislators connect with us and share their plans and support in the coming year 2017 at the Federal, State and local levels.

Congressman Pete Aguilar, Congressman Paul Cook, Senator Mike Morrell, Senator Connie Leyva, Senator Jean Fuller, Assemblyman Marc Steinorth and Assemblymember Eloise Reyes have confirmed to send staff if they are not able to attend personally. Supervisors Ramos, Hagman, Gonzales and Lovingood have also confirmed participation.

Supervisor and Chairman of the Board James Ramos will open the Town Hall Event with a welcoming speech.

Ted Alejandre, Superintendent of County Schools, Dena Smith, Chief Operating Officer for San Bernardino County Administrative Office and Barbara Alejandre, Chief Intergovernmental Relations Officer for the Superintendent of County Schools will all provide insight into our partnerships, developing relationships and developing policy supporting the Countywide Vision and its collective impact.

Dr. Edward Curry, President of the local AAP-Chapter 2 and our very own Commissioner, Dr. Elliott Weinstein are participating in a team presentation called “It’s About Development” – Prioritizing Early Childhood Developmental Screening.” Dr. Weinstein will share a bit about Help Me Grow and our plans for implementation.

Next on the Town Hall agenda is a Panel Discussion – “It’s About Access” - Quality Child Care and Quality Early Education for Young Children in San Bernardino County. This panel will be moderated by Margot Grant Gould, Policy Director, First 5 Association of California. Panelists include: Diana Alexander, Director of San Bernardino County Preschool Services Department; James Moses, Regional Director, Child Care Resource Center of San Bernardino County; Chrystina Smith Rasshan, Operations Manager, Early Learning Division, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools and recent First 5 San Bernardino QRIS Coordinator; Randy Elphic, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools; and Trudy Raymundo, Director, San Bernardino County Department of Public Health.

The goal with this panel discussion is to present fact based information to our local legislators and other stakeholders about the state of “access” to quality early child care and quality early education in San Bernardino County – lending to an opportunity for policymakers and partners to “pledge” to improve the outcomes.

To conclude the program, Dr. Ron Powell and Dr. Tim Hougen will provide a team presentation entitled “It’s about Intervention” Improving a Child’s Lifelong Trajectory. They will speak on the importance of early intervention for young children to meet their socio-emotional needs and improve their lifelong trajectory. The presentation will address factors such as early childhood trauma, cost analysis, improving the workforce and the environments, the need for joint partnerships, identification of collective roles and an integrative solution to the current gap and how it can be implemented and taken to scale.

The Community Town Hall Event is intended to move the audience to a call to action - to commit to supporting efforts to improve the “State of Young Children.” The event will wrap with the opportunity for our legislators and stakeholders to publicly and collectively pledge commitment to young children and First 5 San Bernardino will commitment to stay engaged and provide information and opportunity to succeed in improving the “State of Young Children” in San Bernardino County.

Advocacy Day

First 5 2017 Advocacy Day will be held at the Capitol on January 31st. First 5 staff will have the opportunity to meet with legislators, network with fellow First 5 leadership alongside advocacy and legislative leaders within the First 5 Association. Our ability to advocate for First 5 programs and continued resources is strengthened enormously by a strong showing from counties large and small. First 5 San Bernardino is the 6th largest Commission in the State. Our work in 2017 depends on successful advocacy and collaboration.

Last year, 29 counties attended Advocacy Day with 80 attendees and 83 legislative visits. This day was a great showing of First 5 strength, and our subsequent success with the BOE legislation and many other bills was clearly tied to the First 5 name recognition that our visits created.

Commissioners are encouraged and welcomed to attend this event.

Additional Information

The California Budget Project released a report recently finding that 1.2 million (or 6 out of 7) children who qualify for child care subsidies in CA do not receive services. The report also found that state child care spending continues below pre-recession levels. This is the first report in a multi-phase effort to study the unmet need of child care services across California.

A sweeping analysis from the National Institute for Early Education Research was released recently on Head Start, the federally funded early childhood education and social service program, and the fact that it is poorly funded, and quality and access is uneven across the states.

**Report –
 Advisory
 Committee**

Chair Margaret Hill reported the next Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. at this location.

Consent

A motion was made by Commissioner Weinstein and seconded by Commissioner Iverson to approve the Consent Item. With Commissioner Gonzales absent, and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

| Item No. | CONSENT |
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| 1 | Approve Minutes of December 7, 2016 Commission Meeting. (Presenter: Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant, 252-4252) |

| Item No. | DISCUSSION |
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| 2 | <p>Elect Chair and Vice-Chair for the Children and Families Commission of San Bernardino County. (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 252-4252)</p> <p>Ms. Scott asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Commission Chair. A nomination was made by Margaret Hill for Dr. Ohikhuare as Chair. Dr. Ohikhuare accepted the nomination.</p> <p>Hearing none further, nominations for the position of Commission Chair were closed. With Commissioner Gonzales absent, and without further comment or objection, commission members unanimously voted in favor of Dr. Ohikhuare to serve as the new Commission Chair.</p> <p>Ms. Scott asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Commission Vice Chair. A nomination was made by Dr. Ohikhuare for Dr. Weinstein as Vice Chair. Dr. Weinstein accepted the nomination.</p> <p>Hearing none further, nominations for the position of Commission Vice Chair were closed. With Commissioner Gonzales absent, and without further comment or objection, commission members unanimously voted in favor of Dr. Weinstein to serve as the new Commission Vice Chair.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Elect Chair for the First 5 San Bernardino Advisory Committee. (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 252-4252)</p> <p>Ms. Scott asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Advisory Committee Chair. A nomination was made by Dr. Ohikhuare for Margaret Hill to continue in her role as Advisory Committee Chair. Ms. Hill accepted the nomination.</p> <p>Hearing none further, nominations for the position of Advisory Committee Chair were closed. With Commissioner Gonzales absent, and without further comment or objection, commission members unanimously voted in favor of Margaret Hill to continue serving as Advisory Committee Chair.</p> |

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| 4 | <p>Approve CFC 17-01 Advocacy and Legislative Policy for the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County. (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 252-4253)</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> None</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Iverson and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve Item 4. With Commissioner Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Approve the Request for Applications (RFA 17-01) to identify an organization to utilize AmeriCorps members to administer the Nurturing Parenting Program for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. (Presenter: Mary Jaquish, Program Supervisor, 252-4254)</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> Commissioner Thomas asked if we are reaching families that have never had this service before. Ms. Jaquish stated that a stronger survey can be created to better determine this factor.</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Weinstein to approve Item 5. With Commissioner Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Approve non-financial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of San Bernardino Preschool Services Department (PSD) to provide data entry services associated with Contract FS076 with San Bernardino County Library in support of the Career Online High School Initiative for Fiscal Year 2016-2018. (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 252-4259)</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> None</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p> <p>Chair Ohikhuare abstained due to his position on the governing board of PSD. A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Weinstein to approve Item 6. With Commissioner Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p> |

| Item No. | INFORMATION |
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| 7 | <p>Receive information on Local Outcomes Brief for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 252-4259)</p> |

Public Comment None

Commissioner Roundtable Commissioner Thomas is thankful, grateful and excited to be a part of the First 5 Commission and looks forward to the new year ahead.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Iverson and seconded by Commissioner Hill. With Commissioner Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chair Ohikhuare adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Next meeting at First 5 San Bernardino **In lieu of a February Commission Meeting, a “Pre-Budget and Program Workshop” will be held February 1, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at this location.**

The next scheduled Commission Meeting is April 5, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. at this location.

Attest

Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D., Chair

Ann M. Calkins, Commission Clerk
