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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 June 3, 2015
3:30 p.m.
Chair Haugan called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

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

Special Presentation None

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.

Attendees

Commissioners Present

- Josie Gonzales
- Linda Haugan
- Margaret Hill
- Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D.
- Ron Powell
- Paul Vargas
- Elliot Weinstein, M.D.

Staff Present

- Karen E. Scott, Executive Director
- Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager
- Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant
- Debora Dickerson-Sims, Administrative Supervisor II
- Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant
- Mary Jaquish, Supervisor
- Scott McGrath, Supervisor
- Sophie Akins, Commission Counsel

- Mary Alvarez, Staff Analyst II
- Jennie Randolph, Accountant III
- Chrystina Smith-Rasshan, Staff Analyst II
- Ronnie Thomas, Staff Analyst II
- Leslie Fountain, Media Specialist II
- Ronnie Thomas, Staff Analyst II

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

Governor’s May Revise

I would like to sum up a reprinted article (on pages 1 & 4) about the Governor’s May Revise budget. The positive aspects related to our work here at F5SB include a slight increase to the State Preschool Program, new mandates for parent engagement and teacher professional development to better serve children with special needs in preschool classrooms. The proposal also includes a recognition of expected new federal dollars for supporting high-quality early childhood education and child care, and earmarks at least part of these dollars for a new Infant and Toddler Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) block grant.

This grant can build upon the on-going QRIS block grant for State Preschools achieved in last year’s budget and the upcoming opportunities with a release of \$190 million for five years from First 5 California.

As leaders and conveners, F5SB is helping through collaborative work throughout the County to ensure we are ready and able to take advantage of this increased State funding and block grant opportunities to improve outcomes for our children ages 0 -5.

“Preschool for All” Act

On Thursday, May 29th, AB 47 moved forward by the Assembly Appropriations Committee and the bill is now headed to the Assembly floor for a full vote. AB 47 would ensure progress in meeting the commitment made last year by Governor Brown and the Legislature to provide quality preschool to all low-income four-year-olds. Statewide, First 5’s remain hopeful that this bill will not only be passed, but that it will be adequately funded in the final state budget.

Advocacy continues throughout the State with many partners for increased investment in our children from birth to age five, including infants and toddlers, in the state budget process.

Early Child Learning Initiative for ZERO to 36 Month Children

Dr. Albert K. Karnig, President Emeritus, of California State University, San Bernardino has shared a proposal with many of us throughout the County. I have invited him to present his proposal and ideas at the July 8th Commission meeting.

Commissioner Survey

Sponsored by the First 5 Association and PR and Company - A reminder to complete the survey on-line if you have not done so already by close of business on Friday.

Summer Swimfest

Please come join us for our Annual Swimfest, Thursday, June 4th, from noon to 5:30 p.m. at the Jerry Lewis Swim Center located at Perris Hill Park. This is one of our premier events where parents will learn the importance of practicing water safety with their children to prevent drownings and submersion injury.

Changes to the Agenda

Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant announced that Scott McGrath, Supervisor, will be presenting Items 4 and 5 on today's agenda.

Consent

A motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Vargas to approve the Consent Item. Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

| Item No. | CONSENT |
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| 1 | Approve minutes of May 6, 2015 Commission Meeting (Presenter: Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant, 252-4252) |

| Item No. | DISCUSSION |
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| 2 | <p>Conduct Public Hearing of the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County's Strategic Plan for 2015-2020 to confirm the Plan will be active for the forthcoming Fiscal Year. (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 252-4253)</p> <p>Discussion: None</p> <p>The Public Hearing was conducted. No public comments were received on this item.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Approve Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and updates to the Long-Range Financial Plan. (Presenter: Debora Dickerson-Sims, Administrative Supervisor II, 252-4269)</p> <p>Discussion: Discussion ensued relating to the budget. Commissioner Gonzales asked that staff plan for a mid-year budget workshop to explore alternative long range planning and investment strategies.</p> <p>Public Comment: None</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Ohikhuare and seconded by Commissioner Weinstein to approve Agenda Item 3. The motion was revised to include an amendment that a mid-year workshop be planned for the Commissioners.</p> <p>Upon amending the motion and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Approve Amendment A1 to Contract HW041 with Inland Empire Health Plan (Healthy Kids) in the amount of \$735,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 resulting in a cumulative total amount of \$4,322,190 for Fiscal Years 2012-2016 to provide health care access services and care coordination. (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 252-4259)</p> <p>Discussion: None</p> <p>Public Comment: None Commissioner Gonzales abstained due to her position on the IEHP Governing Board.</p> |

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| | <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Weinstein and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve Agenda Item 4. With Commissioner Gonzales’s abstention noted and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p> |
| <p>5</p> | <p>Approve Contract SI022 with Inland Empire United Way 2-1-1 in the total amount of \$275,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to provide comprehensive countywide resource and referral services. (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 252-4259)</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Commissioner Gonzales asked if there is data available from 2-1-1 calls which will help support this agenda item. Mr. McGrath stated 2-1-1 submits a report once a month which highlights the zero to five telephone calls received. Data is also gleaned from First 5’s database. Commissioner Gonzales asked that relative data should be included in future agenda items.</p> <p>Mr. McGrath reported that between July 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015, 8600 calls relating to zero to five children were received by 2-1-1.</p> <p>Chair Haugan requested a final report by 2-1-1 for the Commissioners.</p> <p>Commissioner Hill stated it would be helpful to receive a monthly report from 2-1-1.</p> <p>Commissioner Powell noted that 2-1-1, according to the item, would be responsible for following up on three percent of the calls. If 8,600 calls come in, that equates to about 270 follow up calls during the course of the year. How does 2-1-1 determine which of these calls to follow-up? Is it random?</p> <p><u>Public Comment:</u> Gary Madden from 2-1-1 stated they follow-up on five percent of First 5-related calls. The early childhood development specialist at 2-1-1 follows up on every call she receives from First 5 families and the rest are random. Commissioner Powell asked if there is data kept on how successful we are with referrals to the callers. Mr. Madden stated that callers are asked “did you get the help you needed?.” With First 5 callers, there has been a higher average of success, about 65 percent.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Weinstein to approve Agenda Item 5. Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p> |
| <p>6</p> | <p>Authorize action of the Executive Director to negotiate a contract to participate in the First 5 Service Corps program for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and authorize \$74,200 funding match for four (4) AmeriCorps service member positions to provide school readiness services for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (Presenter: Mary Alvarez, Staff Analyst II, 252-4258)</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> Commissioner Hill asked if the four AmeriCorps members currently on staff will remain for this new contract or will there be four new members. Ms. Alvarez answered there will be four new members and a current recruitment is underway.</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> None</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Vargas to approve Agenda Item 6. Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p> |

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| <p>7</p> | <p>Approve Amendment A1 to Contract IC023 with Harder+Company Community Research in the amount of \$294,460 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 resulting in a cumulative total amount of \$1,177,840 for Fiscal Years 2012-2016 to provide external evaluation, consultation and professional services. (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 252-4259)</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> None</p> <p><u>Public Comment:</u> None</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve Agenda Item 7. Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p> |
| <p>8</p> | <p>Approve Contract FS073 with St. Joseph Health/St. Mary, in the total amount of \$908,869 for Fiscal Year 2015-2018 for the Family and Community Support Partnerships for Family Support Services (FCSP-FSS) (RFP 14-02). <i>Continued from May 6, 2015 Commission Meeting</i> (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 252-4259)</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> None</p> <p><u>Public Comment:</u> None</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Ohikhuare and seconded by Commissioner Weinstein to approve Agenda Item 8. Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p> |
| <p>9</p> | <p>Approve Contract HW055 with the Center for Oral Health for a total amount of \$2,081,250 for Fiscal Years 2015-2018 to provide the following: oral health education to children ages 0 to 5 and pregnant women; oral health screening; and navigation to ensure utilization and decrease barriers such as benefit gaps for treatment needs under the Oral Health Education, Screening and Navigation (OH-ESN) (RFP 15-01). (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 252-4259)</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Commissioner Weinstein commented that this contract is a great idea and applauds the effort to put it in place.</p> <p>Commissioner Hill stated that there is a big need for oral health for families and commented that this would be good for hospitals as well, so young mothers would get the word early that oral health is extremely important. Commissioner Hill added that she hopes there will be more outreach to schools so students at a young age learn the importance and value of dental health, and in turn, the parents will also learn.</p> <p>Mr. McGrath stated that hospitals and schools are on the outreach target list. The Center for Oral Health’s outreach plans are very extensive.</p> <p><u>Public Comment:</u> None</p> |

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| | <p>Commissioner Gonzales abstained due to her position on ARMC's Joint Conference Community Board.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Weinstein and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve Agenda Item 9. Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p> |
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Public Comment

Jessica Soto, Hesperia Unified School District; Dr. Albert Karnig; Richard Jimenez, Cheryl Debold – WestCare Arizona

Commissioner Roundtable

None

Adjournment

Without further comment or objection, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Next Commission Meeting at First 5 San Bernardino

***NOTE – This meeting falls on the second Wednesday of July
July 8, 2015
3:30 p.m.***

Attest

Linda Haugan, Chair

Ann M. Calkins, Commission Secretary