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## Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

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

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**Meeting Date,  
Time and  
Location**      Commission Meeting  
June 6, 2018 – 3:30 p.m.  
First 5 San Bernardino

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

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**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION**      Help Me Grow – Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital  
Presenter: Dr. Marti Baum, Social Action Community Health System Medical Director  
and Loma Linda University Health Medical Director

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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 Present**
- Margaret Hill
  - Alan Garrett
  - Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D.
  - CaSonya Thomas
  - Elliot Weinstein, M.D.
- Staff Present**
- Karen Scott, Executive Director
  - Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager
  - Scott McGrath, Supervisor
  - Debora Dickerson-Sims, Administrative Supervisor II
  - Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant
  - Sophie Akins, Commission Counsel
  - Amanda Ferguson, Staff Analyst II
  - Will Kariuki, Staff Analyst II
  - Ronnie Thomas, Staff Analyst II

**Changes to the Agenda**

Agenda Item 5 should read “Approve Amendment A1 to Contract FS069 with Family Service Association” not “Agency”.

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**Report –  
Advisory  
Committee,  
Alan H. Garrett,  
Chair**

The Advisory Committee Meeting met on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Members reviewed the current Strategic Plan and were asked for their suggestions and input relating to development of a new Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2025. Harder+Company Community Research staff shared the timeline for implementation of the new strategic plan with the group. Subcommittees will be formed to review the Strategic Priority Areas and prepare for community forums. Harder+Company staff will be instrumental in this effort as well as the creation of the new plan.

Members were also given updates on Help Me Grow and Quality Start San Bernardino. First 5 staff presented a proposed budget overview as well as the local outcomes report.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at this location.

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**Report –  
Legislative**

See attached legislative report presented by Chekesha Gilliam:



6-2018 F5SB.pdf



2018 BCC Issues.pdf

**Report –  
Executive  
Director,  
Karen Scott**

**Letter of Engagement from Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP (VTD)**

VTD has been engaged to audit the financial standards of the governmental activities and the general fund of the First 5 San Bernardino Children and Families Commission for the year ended June 30, 2018.

VTD will report on the Proposition 10 Commission Schedule of First 5 California funding, which accompanies the financial statements. They will seek an understanding of our entity and its environment, including internal controls, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements and design the nature, timing and extent of future audit procedures.

If any Commission member is aware of matters that have a material bearing on the financial statements taken as a whole, please contact Mr. David Showalter at the telephone number or e-mail address listed.

The final report for this audit is expected to be issued on or before October 31, 2018.

**The Demographic Case for Investing in Our Children, or Why We Should Have Listened to Whitney Houston**

A reprint of this article from Applied Research is printed on Pages 1 and 4. The data graph sheet insert is provided by the work of Dowell Myers.

I have had several opportunities to meet and listen to messaging from Dowell Myers, a demographer and professor from the School of Public Policy at USC. I have learned some interesting aspects related to our support of young children and we should consider these findings and data to inform our system building work. Dowell’s

research work is frequently funded by the Lucille Packard Foundation for Children's Health and the Children's Hospital Association.

One of the most relevant facts I have learned is that birth rates are declining. Birth rates is what determines our amount of revenue. That means less money to invest in kids? The point should be clear. We have entered a new era.

We need to invest more in the young children we have now to strengthen their capacities because the number of children is growing so little and older people so much. And because the least advantaged children have the most upside growth potential we especially need to target them so they can flourish to their fullest abilities. History is leaving us behind. Both America's assumptions about children and their futures and also our country's policies about children and family needs are inherited from the 20th century.

Our best hope is to cultivate the future abilities of young children. Helping every child to lead a well-nurtured, healthy and educated life is good not only for the child, but it also returns tremendous benefits to society and to the older voters and taxpayers. It is the right thing to do for children and it is good for us all.

**Around the County**

F5 staff, especially from Community Engagement, have been very busy representing First 5 San Bernardino. Operation Splash, the Kid's Expo, the County of San Bernardino's ReThink Your Drink Campaign and our first On-Line Graduation Ceremony are just a few of the events that are highlighted in this month's report.

**Employment Contracts**

These contracts were not ready for today as expected. Commission Chair Dr. Ohikhuare has requested a Special Meeting in June to ensure alignment with a July 21 effective date for salaries and benefits for our staff. More information to come about this date as soon as possible.

**First 5 San Bernardino Investment Strategy Subcommittee**

A formation of a subcommittee with diverse representation is underway to work with staff and Harder + Co. to make some immediate recommendations for investment of First 5 funds that brings us closer to allocating all budgeted funding while supporting improved systems throughout San Bernardino County for children, families and providers. More information to come.

**Consent**

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Motion by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Weinstein to approve the Consent Items. Commissioner Thomas abstained from Item 2 due to her position as Appointing Authority over Children's Network. With this abstention noted, Commissioner Ramos absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item No.	CONSENT
1	Approve Minutes of May 9, 2018 Commission Meeting. (Presenter: Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant, 252-4252)
2	Approved as modified Contract SI027 with County of San Bernardino Children's Network for \$172,648 per year for Fiscal Years 2018-2023 for a cumulative total amount of \$863,240 for the coordination of services provided by the Early Childhood Mental Health Systems Coordinator and to include the definition of said position in the contract. (Presenter: Ronnie Thomas, Staff Analyst II, 252-4255)

Item No.	DISCUSSION
3	<p>Conduct Public Hearing of the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County’s Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-2020 to confirm the plan will be active for the forthcoming fiscal year. (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Supervisor, 252-4259)</p> <p>With the assistance of the First 5 San Bernardino Advisory Committee, it has been determined that the current Strategic Plan as presented and approved by the Commission on June 1, 2016 is a reliable resource and properly reflects the Commission’s current Vision and Mission. One change will be made for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year (as follows):</p> <p>On the back page, change “Vacant” to: <i>Alan H. Garrett, President/CEO, St. Mary Medical Center, Apple Valley</i></p> <p>No public comments were presented on this item.</p>
4	<p>Approve Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and updates to the Five Year Financial Plan. (Presenter: Debora Dickerson-Sims, Administrative Supervisor II, 252-4269)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b> Commissioner Garrett asked if the increase in Counsel services was due to a change in methodology. Ms. Dickerson-Sims answered it was due to pending litigation. Commissioner Garrett also asked about the difference in dollar amounts under the Community Engagement Services Support columns (FY2017-18 estimated actual vs. approved budget). The difference is due to unanticipated events that arise throughout the year and this line item has extra funds to cover such occasions. Commissioner Garrett commented that the description of the line items in the budget book were very helpful.</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve Item 4. With Commissioner Ramos absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
5	<p>Approve Amendment A1 to Contract FS069 with Family Service Association for \$514,248 for Fiscal Years 2018-2020 for a combined total of \$1,028,496 and a cumulative total of \$2,526,803 for Fiscal Years 2015-2020. (Presenter: Walid Wahba, Staff Analyst II, 252-4273)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b> None</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Weinstein and seconded by Commissioner Vargas to approve Item 5. With Commissioner Ramos absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>

6	<p>Approve Amendment A1 for Contract HW056 with the County of San Bernardino Arrowhead Regional Medical Center for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for \$222,038 to maintain asthma services for an additional year. (Presenter: Ronnie Thomas, Staff Analyst II, 252-4255)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b> Chair Ohikhuare asked what areas the mobile units serve. Ms. Thomas answered the areas are Central San Bernardino, places next to rail yards and schools shown to have poor air quality. Commissioner Hill asked if there is a calendar showing the dates and times of their service. This information would be useful to the local schools. Ms. Thomas answered she will recommend the suggestion to ARMC. Chair Ohikhuare mentioned that this program could be a good Help Me Grow partner. Vice Chair Weinstein stated there is a need to extend these services to the West End due to the amount of heavy truck traffic from the major distribution hubs in the area.</p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve Item 6. With Commissioner Ramos absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>
7	<p>Approve Amendment A1 for Contract HW055 for a six-month extension with the Center for Oral Health for \$346,875 for a cumulative total of \$2,428,125 for Fiscal Years 2015-2019. Contract to provide 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 Initiative. (Presenter: Ronnie Thomas, Staff Analyst II, 252-4255)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b> None</p> <p>Motion made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve Item 7. With Commissioners Ramos and Vargas absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.</p>

**Public Comment**

Conrado Barzaga, M.D., Center for Oral Health; Marti Baum, M.D., Social Action Community Health System Medical Director and Loma Linda University Health Medical Director

**Commissioner Roundtable**

Commissioner Vargas recently toured the Rancho Cucamonga/Ontario area where 60,000 units (houses, townhomes, apartments, condominiums) are being built. The City of Ontario will most likely climb from a population of 250,000 to 500,000. It is the second largest growth area in the country. Affordable housing plus job growth is exciting news. Commissioner Vargas gave an update on his First Tee golf club which now has about 600 kids involved in the program. Commissioner Vargas invited the Commissioners to take a tour of a training center possibly in December. Commissioner Vargas is also helping open 5 charter schools in Arizona.

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**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Vargas and seconded by Commissioner Hill. .  
With Commissioner Ramos absent and without further comment or objection, motion  
carried by unanimous vote. Chair Ohikhuare adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

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**Next meeting at  
First 5 San  
Bernardino**

***Wednesday, July 11, 2018***

***3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.***

***NOTE: Next meeting is second Wednesday of the month due to  
July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday***

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**Attest**

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Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D., Chair

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Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant

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