

**FIRST 5 KERN**  
**KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION**

Wednesday, August 2, 2017  
Kern County Superintendent of Schools  
1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 1A  
Bakersfield, California

**MINUTES**

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 2:00 P.M.

Present Commissioners: Couch, Lerude, Sandrini, Sill, Wasson, Alternate Reed (Murphy)

Absent Commissioners: Aunai, Jonah, Robles

Note: Ai, Ch, Jh, Le, My, Rs, Si, Sl, and Wn are abbreviations for Commissioners, Aunai, Couch, Jonah, Lerude, Murphy, Robles, Sandrini, Sill and Wasson respectively. Alternate Commissioners are also similarly denoted. For example, “Co-Rd” denotes Commissioner Curioso made the motion and Commissioner Reed seconded it. The abbreviation “AB” means absent and “ABD” abstained. “All ayes” means that all Commissioners present voted affirmatively. “NO” indicates a negative vote by the indicated Commissioner(s).

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2) None

***Dr. Jonah entered the meeting @ 2:06 P.M.***

- 3) Technical Advisory Committee Report
  - Commissioner Wasson reported that at the June 19, 2017, meeting the members discussed topics of the Strategic Planning overview: preparing for the 2020-25 RFP; review and discussion of the town halls and the committee’s next steps. From the discussion, the TAC formed 3 sub-committees (Health & Wellness, Early Childcare & Education and Parent Education & Support Services) to help identify priority needs and any gaps in services that First Kern will be able to address in the next funding cycle. The TAC will report back to the Commission at its October 4, 2017, meeting regarding any updates.
- 4) Executive Committee Report
  - Commissioner Sandrini reported that the Executive Committee met on July 21, 2017 and that he would reserve comment until item 10 on the agenda.
- 5) Executive Director’s Report
  - Mr. Maier reported that the 2020-25 Strategic Planning subcommittees (Health and Wellness, Early Childcare and Education and Parent Education and Support



Services) have met and that subsequent meetings have been scheduled. Commissioners Lerude and Sill reported on each of their individual subcommittees. Mr. Maier stated that the idea is to report back to the TAC in September so that as we move forward we will be prepared for our 2020-25 RFP.

- Mr. Maier distributed legislative updates to the Commission and reported that he will be meeting with legislators over the next couple months to discuss bills that effect early childhood.
- Mr. Maier reported that he attended the First 5 Association meeting led by the Open Impact Consulting Firm. The firm is committed to having the 58 counties have a collective voice. The vision for First 5 Association and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is to be a go-to convener of early childhood conversations. First 5s across the state are the most strategic recipients of new funding with the least cumbersome and less bureaucratic way of getting money out to places that need it.
- Mr. Maier reported that the First 5 California Commission met on July 27, 2017, and discussed fiscal year 17-18 will have a decline in funds, due to the first full year impact of Proposition 56 as well as a one year lag in backfill calculations. The meeting also covered TK resulting in a consensus that it does make a difference.
- Mr. Maier gave an update on the financial audit and thanked his staff for their work.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 6) Contractor Highlight – East Kern Family Resource Center
  - Whitney Hughes, Program Supervisor, gave a PowerPoint presentation covering services they provide to the communities of Mojave, Rosamond, California City, Tehachapi, North Edwards and Boron.
- 7) Contractor Highlight – Indian Wells Family Resource Center
  - Nicholas Umholtz, Program Supervisor, Clinica Sierra Vista, Adolescent and Family Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Indian Wells FRC giving an overview of the programs provided: Court Mandated Parenting/Neglect Classes, nutrition education and summer bridge kindergarten readiness classes.
- 8) Contractor Highlight – Women’s Shelter Network
  - Jeanne Scovotti, Shelter Director and Pamela Giddens, Child Care Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation that covered the services provide by the organization and responded to questions.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Wn-SI  
Ai, Jh, Rs – AB  
All Ayes  
Wn-Ch  
Ai, Rs – AB  
All Ayes

- 9) Minutes of the Children and Families Commission meeting of June 7, 2017 – APPROVED
- 10) 2017 Policy Platform and Advocacy Guidelines – APPROVED  
Approved recommendation with the modification that the Executive Director would convene the Executive Committee when the matter was time sensitive.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

- Wn-Sl  
Ai, Jh, Rs – AB  
All Ayes
- 11) Monthly Financial Reports for May and June 2017 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Wn-Sl  
Ai, Jh, Rs – AB  
All Ayes
- 12) Report and Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Advancing Parenting Organization) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Wn-Sl  
Ai, Jh, Rs – AB  
All Ayes
- 13) Report and Expenditure under the Policy on support of Community Activities and Events (Kern Early Stars) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Wn-Sl  
Ai, Jh, Rs – AB  
All Ayes
- 14) Report and Expenditure under the Policy on support of Community Activities and Events (Kern County Child Death Review) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Wn-Sl  
Ai, Jh, Rs – AB  
All Ayes
- 15) Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meetings of Monday, December 12, 2016 and March 20, 2017 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Wn-Sl  
Ai, Jh, Rs – AB  
All Ayes
- 16) Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of Friday, July 21, 2017 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Wn-Sl  
Ai, Jh, Rs – AB  
All Ayes
- 17) Amended Local Area Agreement for First 5 California Funds – First 5 IMPACT Amendment II (Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive) – RECEIVED AND FILED

ADJOURNED @ 2:56 P.M.

- 18) Adjourned to Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 2:00 P.M., 1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Board RM 1A