

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

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Monday, March 19, 2018

2724 L Street

Bakersfield, California

**Minutes**

COMMITTEE CONVENED @ 3:06 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present Commissioners: Wasson (Chair), Lerude and Sill  
Present Committee Members: Bishop, Burns, Corson, Davis, Koenig, Wood and Wood-Slayton  
Absent Committee Members: Curioso, Hornibrook, Phelps-Ramos, Reed, Roth, Silva, Springer and Thompson-Solis

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

1) None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2) Chairperson's Report and Report from the Commission
- Commissioner Wasson provided an overview of the February 7, 2018, and March 7, 2018, Commission meetings.
  - Commissioner Wasson reported on the Strategic Planning session that occurred immediately after the March 7, 2018, Commission meeting.
  - Commissioner Wasson introduced new TAC member, Bishop, to the Committee. Committee member Bishop is the Ambulatory Practice Leader for Kaiser Permanente.
  - Commissioner Wasson reported that the next Commission meeting on April 4, 2018, would be held at the Kern Health Systems on Truxtun Avenue.
- 3) Committee Members
- Committee member Corson reported that Donna Beagle will present on poverty in April 2018. Committee member Corson reported the presentation is full. However, if people contact Martha Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Kern County Network for Children, they may be placed on a waitlist.
  - Committee member Wood announced her retirement and reported that her position has been split into two positions and are currently recruiting. Committee Member Wood reported the positions requirement are a school nurse and an administrative credential.
  - Committee member Burns reported that the Kern Early Stars program received an additional \$121,000 from First 5 California, for exceeding their targets.

4) Executive Director's Report

- Mr. Maier reported that Judy Sherman, contracted with First 5 Kern and Kern County Network for Children to provide a workshop on the Vehicles for Change Volume II, a Family Resource Center guide. The workshop will be held on May 3, 2018, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Mr. Maier reported Jayme Stuart and Martha Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Kern County Network for Children, would send registration information to all FRCs within the next week. Committee member Koenig thanked Mr. Maier for bringing the workshop to Kern County.
- Mr. Maier reported the Strategic Planning session went well and Mr. Thibault would provide additional information during his presentation.
- Mr. Maier reported the Trauma Informed Care (TIC) movement received a \$30,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5) Minutes of the September 18, 2017 and December 11, 2017 meetings - APPROVED  
 Motion by Committee Member Burns  
 Second by Committee Member Davis  
 All Ayes

DISCUSSIONS

6) Strategic Planning Meeting Overview

- Mr. Thibault reported the Strategic Planning session is a First 5 legislation annual requirement.
- Mr. Thibault reported there are no changes to the 2018-19 Strategic Plan.
- Mr. Thibault discussed the System Change approach and provided the following examples in Kern County:
  - Kern County Network for Children’s Dream Center
  - Bakersfield City School District’s Wellness Centers
  - Clinica Sierra Vista’s Health Care Centers on school sites
  - Valley Children’s Clinic
- Mr. Thibault reviewed the outcomes of the Strategic Planning break-out groups and opened the discussion to the TAC members who participated at the Strategic Planning session.
  - Commissioner Wasson discussed reestablishing quarterly family resource center coordinator meetings. Committee member Corson reported the Administrators Coordinators Team (ACT) meetings have sunset due to poor attendance. Committee Member Wood-Slayton stated the ACT meetings were invaluable when there was a breakdown in the system. Committee Member Corson offered his governing board to bring these issues to the KCNC board meetings (which meets every other month), as well as the Administrative Technical Advisory Team (ATAT) group that meets (informally) monthly to discuss issues. Commissioner Wasson suggested the programs are provided two options. Committee Member Corson stated he would send that information as part of the Family Resource Center accreditation reports. Committee member Wood suggested sending out a



questionnaire to the FRCs to see if they would want to participate in a quarterly meeting. Mr. Maier reported he would host the quarterly meetings and provide a questionnaire at the Vehicles of Change Volume II workshop.

- Committee member Koenig discussed grant writing, sustainability and the need to gain assistance in this matter, whether it be a point person who writes a grant that can be shared throughout the county or support in locating grants. Committee member Koenig reported the grants are hard to find and write, and the programs have a lack of resources to dedicate to that level of time.

7) Next Steps - Marc Thibault and Roland Maier

- Mr. Thibault provided TAC with the Request for Proposal (RFP) process tracking sheet with two options to choose from (Track A and Track B).
- Mr. Maier stated there would not be a lot of change in the 2020 RFP.
- Mr. Maier requested the TAC provide feedback on how to evaluate systems change at another meeting.
- Mr. Maier requested the TAC provide guidance on the RFP and then provide a recommendation to the Commission.
- Commissioner Wasson stated there were two funding options: 1) continue funding the programs we have a lower rate; 2) or cut programs. Commissioner Wasson also asked if there was a third option and reported that TAC would be critical in creating a recommendation for the Commission.
- Committee member Wood stated a change in minimum wage laws and California State Teacher's Retirement System (CALSTRS) will effect if programs will be able to survive with the funds they are currently receiving in the next funding cycle.
- Mr. Maier reported Summer Bridge should be picked up by the school districts or Superintendent of schools.
- Mr. Maier reported the funds need to be distributed smarter. There is not an easy way, but in a creative way.
- Mr. Thibault stated he would provide a course of discussion for the next meeting.
- Mr. Maier requested TAC members call him if they had questions on the process.

ADJOURNED @ 3:57 P.M.

- 8) Adjourned to Monday, June 18, 2018, 3:00 P.M., 2724 L Street, Bakersfield.