

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

Wednesday, August 1, 2018  
Kern County Superintendent of Schools  
1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 1A  
Bakersfield, California

**MINUTES**

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 2:03 P.M.

Present Commissioners: Lerude, Murphy, Sandrini, Sill, Wasson; Alternate Hasting  
Absent Commissioners: Aunai, Perez, Robles

Note: Ai, Co, Le, My, Pz, Rs, Si, Sl, and Wn are abbreviations for Commissioners, Aunai, Curioso, Lerude, Murphy, Perez, Robles, Sandrini, Sill and Wasson respectively. Alternate Commissioners Gleason, Hasting, Reed and Thompson-Solis are also similarly denoted. For example, “Rd-Hg” denotes Commissioner Reed made the motion and Commissioner Hasting 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).

*Deputy County Counsel, Brian Van Wyk, in for Deputy County Counsel Bryan Walters.*

COMMISSION ACTION SHOWN IN CAPITAL LETTERS

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2) None
- 3) Executive Director’s Report

- Mr. Maier welcomed Deputy County Counsel, Brian Van Wyk attending for Deputy County Counsel, Bryan Walters.
- Mr. Maier thanked Alternate Commissioner Hasting for attending in the absence of Commissioner Curioso.
- Mr. Maier reported that he and Commissioner Wasson would attend a cannabis meeting, August 21, 2018, at First 5 L.A. Mr. Maier stated that he expects someone from the Kern County Public Health Services Department will attend as well. The meeting will have the top fifteen First 5s, top fifteen public health administrators, the top fifteen counties and Jim Suennen, from the California Health and Human Services Department. The focus of the meeting will be on how cannabis effects moms and kids from a public health standpoint.



- Mr. Maier reported that the Safe Sleep Coalition meets monthly. Meetings are held the second Friday, 10:00 A.M., at the First 5 Kern office. Mr. Maier went on to say that there is only one hospital in all of California that is Safe Sleep certified, but we have three additional hospitals moving in that direction and doing so quickly.
- Mr. Maier reported that Russ Hasting and Elaine Anthony were on a statewide teleconference with the State Safe Sleep Coalition and had some time to explain what we are doing in Kern County. Those on the conference call were impressed. Kern County is ahead of the curve.
- Mr. Maier reported that he is on the Steering Committee for Oral Health and Operation Saving Smiles which are Prop 56 funded. Mr. Maier added that Kern County Public Health Services Department is a recipient of Prop 56 funding.
- Mr. Maier reported that the First 5 Central Valley meeting would be held in September, at the First 5 Fresno office.
- Mr. Maier reported that the next TAC meeting would be held on September 17, 2018.
- Mr. Maier reported that September 18, 2018, would be the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of Trauma Informed Kern County training. There will be a culminating activity with Marc Thibault, November 1, 2018, Trauma Informed Care Lens across the County.
- Mr. Maier reported that the First 5 Association has not met recently, and that First 5 California has been quiet since the state budget has been approved. The legislators have been on recess giving nothing new to report.
- Mr. Maier reported that he spoke with Marc Thibault for an update on the Trauma Informed Care Training and Mr. Thibault characterized the last training as a discernment period. Participants are taking what they've learned and applying it back at their various places of employment.
- Mr. Maier reported that we had completed the third year of a five-year funding cycle. Mr. Maier stated of the forty-one programs funded there are two that may need a little more technical assistance, which we will provide. We will do everything we can to make them successful; if not, they may have to be placed on a Program Improvement Plan (PIP).
- Mr. Maier reported that a Commission retreat would be in late October or early November 2018. The meeting is estimated to be about three hours to go over expectations for the next RFP. Sharon Powell, Administrative Assistant, will be sending out a Doodle poll to confirm a meeting date.
- Mr. Maier reported that Christine Lollar, Communications and Media Specialist, is no longer employed with First 5 Kern. We are running an ad in *The Bakersfield Californian* beginning Friday, it was posted on our website today, and the First 5 Association is running the ad as well.
- Mr. Maier reported that Paula De La Riva, Program Officer, gave birth to a baby girl, Victoria in May. Ms. De La Riva has taken some additional time off to care for her newborn.

4) Personnel Committee Report

- Commissioner Wasson reported that Commissioner Robles has resigned and we are looking to replace the open Commission seat as soon as possible.

- Commissioner Wasson reported that the Personnel Committee met three times for personnel issues, there was a discussion but, no action was taken at the time. We are moving forward with the discussion in closed session later in the meeting.

5) Executive Committee Report

- Commissioner Wasson reported that the Commission would continue discussion regarding personnel matters in today's closed session. Meanwhile, Human Resource Attorney, David Blaine, was authorized to move forward concerning this matter.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

6) Valley Children's Healthcare in Kern County Updates

- Tim Curley, Director of Community and Government Relations, at Valley Children's Healthcare reported that U.S. News and World Report's new 2018-2019 Best Children's Hospitals rankings recognize Valley Children's Hospital as one of the best children's hospitals in four specialties; Neonatology; Orthopedic Surgery; Diabetes and Endocrinology, and Gastroenterology.
- Mr. Curley reported in the spring of 2015, Valley Children's Medical Group opened the 34<sup>th</sup> Street Specialty Care Center in central Bakersfield and saw more than 4,600 visits at the outpatient center, last year.
- Mr. Curley reported in order to meet Kern County's needs Valley Children's is building a second specialty care center in southwest Bakersfield. The Eagle Oaks Specialty Care Center will be a state-of-the-art medical center designed for children, providing the best pediatric specialty care in the Valley. Eagle Oaks Specialty Care Center is expected to open in late 2018.
- Mr. Curley distributed handouts and responded to questions from the Commission.

ACTION ITEMS

Si-My  
Ai, Pz, Rs-AB  
All Ayes

7) Minutes of the Children and Families Commission meeting of June 6, 2018 – APPROVED

Si-Le  
Ai, Pz, Rs-AB  
My-ABD  
All Ayes

8) Amendment 1 to Project 2018.3.01 (Emergency Child Care Bridge Program – Kern County Department of Human Services) APPROVED AMENDMENT 1 TO THE EMERGENCY CHILD CARE BRIDGE PROGRAM WITH THE KERN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,318, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019; AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THIS AMENDMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT(S) TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES DESCRIBED, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COUNSEL AS TO FORM; AND AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM.

My-Si  
Ai, Pz, Rs-AB  
All Ayes  
To go into closed  
session 2:33 P.M.

9) Notice of Closed Session – Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Title: Executive Director) (Government Code Section 54957)  
• DELAY EVALUATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR A LATER DATE.

Si-My  
All Ayes  
Back into open  
session at 3:00  
P.M.



- 10) Notice of Closed Session – Personnel Issue/Potential Litigation (Government Code Sections 54957(b)(1) & 54956.9)
- NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

- Si-My  
Ai, Pz, Rs-AB  
All Ayes
- 11) Monthly Financial Reports for May and June 2018 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Si-My  
Ai, Pz, Rs-AB  
All Ayes
- 12) Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of June 15, 2018 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Si-My  
Ai, Pz, Rs-AB  
All Ayes
- 13) Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of June 20, 2018 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Si-My  
Ai, Pz, Rs-AB  
All Ayes
- 14) Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of June 27, 2018 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Si-My  
Ai, Pz, Rs-AB  
All Ayes
- 15) Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of July 6, 2018 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Si-My  
Ai, Pz, Rs-AB  
All Ayes
- 16) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (The Kern County Child Development Conference Steering Committee) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Si-My  
Ai, Pz, Rs-AB  
All Ayes
- 17) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Southeast Neighborhood Partnership) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Si-My  
Ai, Pz, Rs-AB  
All Ayes
- 18) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Kern County Public Health Services Department) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Si-My  
Ai, Pz, Rs-AB  
All Ayes
- 19) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Family Life Pregnancy Center) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Si-My  
Ai, Pz, Rs-AB  
All Ayes
- 20) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Assistance League of Bakersfield) – RECEIVED AND FILED

ADJOURNED @ 3:04 P.M.

- 21) Adjourned to Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 2:00 P.M., 1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Board RM 1A