

FIRST 5 KERN
KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 6, 2019
Kern County Superintendent of Schools
1300 17th Street, Room 1A
Bakersfield, California

MINUTES

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 2:02 P.M.

Present Commissioners: Curioso, Gleason, Lerude, Murphy, Sandrini, Sill, Wasson
Absent Commissioner: Aunai

Note: Ai, Co, Gn, Le, My, Si, Sl, and Wn are abbreviations for Commissioners, Aunai, Curioso, Lerude, Gleason, Murphy, Sandrini, Sill and Wasson respectively. Alternate Commissioners Giffard, Hasting, Reed and Scrivner are also similarly denoted. For example, “Ai-My” denotes Commissioner Aunai made the motion and Commissioner Murphy 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).

(Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel in for Bryan Walters, Deputy County Counsel)

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2) Committee member announcements and reports
 - Commissioner Murphy reported that Supervisor Gleason proclaimed Safely Surrender Month at the Board of Supervisors meeting, February 5, 2019. When the Department of Human Services began tracking the Safely Surrender efforts in 2006, to current, 71 babies have been safely surrendered. In this last year alone there have been eight babies safely surrendered. Commissioner Murphy thanked First 5 Kern for funding the advertisements, outreach efforts and the 17 presentations to community based organizations throughout Kern County.
 - Commissioner Murphy reported on the Trauma-Informed Kern County (TIKC) meeting. TIKC is getting to the basis of what has happened to a person that brought them to the circumstances that they are in. Answering this question revolves around taking the Adverse Childhood Experiences test. When a person has not learned resilience around trauma, they are likely to become part of the system. Marc Thibault will facilitate the first of a four-part series of 2019 Trauma-Informed Kern County training sessions, March 20, 2019, 1400 S Street, 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Seating is limited, and RSVP is required.



3) Technical Advisory Committee Report

- Commissioner Lerude reported on the meeting of December 17, 2018, which covered:
 - ✓ Theresa Ortiz, Chief Evaluation/Program Officer, reported on the Request for Proposals timeline options for the 2020 funding cycle and opened the floor for discussion from the Committee. The Committee recommended a 5-year funding cycle.
 - ✓ Mr. Maier shared the state of First 5 Kern's budget and its declining revenue. Committee discussed a conservative spend down over the next 5-10 years and increase accountability for funded programs.
 - ✓ The next steps are finalizing the RFP timeline, establishing IEC Committees, reviewing and updating the RFP documents that will be submitted for Commission approval.

4) Budget and Finance Committee Report

- Commissioner Murphy reported on the meeting of January 25, 2019, which covered:
 - ✓ Mr. Maier, Executive Director, introducing three funding scenarios for the next Request for Proposal cycle. After hearing all scenarios the Committee's recommendation was to approve the funding model with an approximate ending fund balance of \$3.78 million at the end of 2025.

5) Executive Director's Report

- Mr. Maier welcomed Supervisor Gleason to the Commission.
- Mr. Maier gave an update on his surgery of January 10, 2019, and thanked all for the thoughts and prayers.
- Mr. Maier reported Antanette Reed gave a presentation on the Child Abuse Prevention Summit, to the Kern County Network for Children Governing Board meeting this morning.
- Mr. Maier reported that First 5 Kern was part of a group of 10 collaborating partners county-wide that attended the 2019 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Summit in San Diego.
- Mr. Maier reported on the possible restructuring of First 5 Kern, with the declining revenue. First 5 Kern is looking at other counties equivalent to Kern and how they are restructuring and learning to leverage dollars.
- Mr. Maier reminded the Committee of the April 2, 2019, deadline for submitting their 2018/2019 Statement of Economic Interest, Form 700.
- Mr. Maier reminded the Committee of the Strategic Planning meeting, Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 10:30 A.M., at the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, Board Room 1A.
- Mr. Maier gave an update and distributed a calendar of the First 5 California and the First 5 Association of California scheduled meetings.
- Mr. Maier read aloud a letter from Camille Maben, Executive Director, First 5 California regarding budget proposals.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 6) First 5 Kern Annual Report FY 2017-18
- Jianjun Wang, Ph.D., Principal Investigator, California State University, Bakersfield gave a PowerPoint presentation covering:
 - ✓ Trend of local birth count and the projected decline of Proposition 10 revenues.
 - ✓ Results in Child Health, Family Functioning, and Service Integration for FY 2017-18.
 - Three Notes on the Trend of State Revenue Change:
 - ✓ Revenue fluctuation in FY 2017-18
 - ✓ Configuration of fund reduction
 - ✓ State Association recommendation
 - Recommendations:
 - ✓ Encourage engagement of First 5 Kern in advocating the needs for early childhood support while maintaining its program offerings according to the current strategic plan.
 - ✓ Urge proper adjustments of First 5 Kern's funding priorities according to a defensible estimate of future Proposition 10 funding.
 - ✓ To maintain diligent effort on data collection to inform the Commission strategic planning in 2020-2025.
- 7) 20th Anniversary Presentation
- Kevin Bartl, Communications and Media Specialist, gave a background of what's to come at the 20th anniversary celebration. Mr. Bartl stated putting historical documents together has been a great experience. The celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 9:00 A.M., at the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, Board Room 1A.

ACTION ITEMS

- Si-Gn 8) Minutes of the Children and Families Commission meeting of December 5, 2018 –
Ai-AB APPROVED
All Ayes
- My-Si 9) First 5 Kern Annual Report FY 2017-18 – RECEIVED AND FILED
Ai-AB
All Ayes
- Si-Gn 10) Recommendations by Human Resources Legal Counsel, Belden Blaine – APPROVED
Ai-AB THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK; AND
All Ayes AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS
NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE CHANGES.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

- Si-Gn 11) Monthly Financial Reports for November and December 2018 – RECEIVED AND
Ai-AB FILED
All Ayes



- Si-Gn
Ai-AB
All Ayes
- 11) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Safely Surrender Baby Community Outreach Campaign) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Si-Gn
Ai-AB
All Ayes
- 12) Letter from Tammy Burns, Conference Committee Member, Kern County Child Development Conference, dated November 29, 2018, re: Contribution Appreciation – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Si-Gn
Ai-AB
All Ayes
- 13) Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of September 17, 2018 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Si-Gn
Ai-AB
All Ayes
- 14) Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee meeting of January 25, 2019 – APPROVED

ADJOURNED @ 2:40 P.M.

- 15) Adjourned to Wednesday, March 6, 2019, Strategic Planning, 1300 17th Street, KCSOS

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REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNED @ 10:36 A.M.

- 4) Adjourned to Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 2:00 P.M, 1300 17th Street, Board RM 1A

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Immediately after the Commission meeting adjourned, the Commission conducted its annual strategic planning workshop. This workshop lasted approximately two hours and is designed for the continued education of Commissioners, Alternate Commissioners, TAC members, staff, and the public. The workshop was facilitated by Marc Thibault, Independent Contractor.