

FIRST 5 KERN
KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 3, 2019
 Kern County Superintendent of Schools
 1300 17th Street, Room 1A
 Bakersfield, California

MINUTES

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 2:01 P.M.

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

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2) Committee member announcements and reports
 - Commissioner Gleason thanked Roland Maier, Executive Director, for his presentation on First 5 Kern at the Kern County Network for Children’s Governing Board meeting this morning.
- 3) Technical Advisory Committee Report
 - Commissioner Lerude gave an overview of the March 18, 2019, meeting which covered:
 - ✓ An update on the Kern County Children and Families Commission meeting of February 6, 2019
 - ✓ Mr. Maier introduced Kevin Bartl, Communications and Media Specialist, who gave a summary of First 5 Kern’s 20th Anniversary Celebration
 - ✓ Mr. Maier and Marc Thibault, Independent Consultant, gave an overview of the Strategic Planning Workshop of March 6, 2019
 - ✓ Paula De La Riva-Barerra, Program Officer, presented on result indicator updates and Systems of Change overview
 - ✓ Mr. Maier gave a fiscal overview covering birthrates, current funding cycle projections and the projected 5-year financial plan covering FY2020-25
 - ✓ A Request for Proposals (RFP) process overview was presented by Theresa Ortiz, Chief Evaluation/Program Officer

4) Executive Director's Report

- Mr. Maier reported on the RFP, Bidders Conference and the Independent Evaluation Committee's processes and thanked staff for their hard work.
- Mr. Maier reported on the First 5 Association and First 5 California's updates on bills moving through the State. The following bills are focused on early childcare:
 - ✓ AB 125 (McCarty) would establish a single regionalized state reimbursement rate system-called The Childcare Stabilization Formula-for childcare, preschool, and early learning services.
 - ✓ AB 324 (Aguiar Curry) Current law requires that moneys in a specified item of the Budget Act of 2000 be allocated to local childcare and development planning councils based on the percentage of state-subsidized, center-based childcare funds received in the county.
 - ✓ AB 1004 (McCarty) would require, consistent with federal law, that screening services provided as an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment benefit include developmental screening services for individuals zero to three years of age, inclusive. First 5 L.A. is a sponsor of this bill.
 - ✓ SB 174 (Leyva) enact legislation that would establish a single regionalized state reimbursement rate system for childcare, preschool, and early learning services to achieve specified objectives.
 - ✓ Mr. Maier reported he spoke with Assemblyman Vince Fong's staff to discuss AB 1109, a Preschool: privately funded pilot program with tax credits. As the bill stands today we are unable to support it. Mr. Maier also spoke with Senator Melissa Hurtado's staff regarding SB 436, which would formalize Family Resource Centers (FRC) as a key delivery network of services and as conduits to strengthening families via family-centered, community-based and culturally-sensitive services that include cross-system collaboration as a means to prevent child abuse and neglect. The Association is looking for a way to have First 5 included in the bill's language as many times we are the major funder of FRCs.
- Mr. Maier reported April 2019, is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Kern County Department of Human Services will join social services agencies across our Nation and throughout California on Friday, April 26, as a memorial flag will be raised to remember the children lost in this community to child abuse. The flag raising will take place at 10:00 A.M., in front of the Kern County Human Services building, 100 East California Avenue, Bakersfield. Mr. Maier will send out a calendar of upcoming events.
- Mr. Maier reported April 30, 2019, is Advocacy Day in Sacramento. This is an opportunity for First 5 Commissions in the Central Valley (Kings, Tulare, and Kern) to speak with their respective legislators. If any Commissioners are interested in attending, contact the First 5 Kern office and provisions will be made.
- Mr. Maier reported that the 2020 Census team identified that Kern undercounted 27.2% of its population in 2010. Many federal dollars are lost due to inaccurate counts over the last couple years. A First 5 Central Valley Regional meeting is scheduled in Fresno to find a resolution to this matter. The goal is to get to less than 10% of our population not counted at next year's 2020 Census Count.

- Mr. Maier reported that he is recruiting for Independent Evaluation Committees for the 2020 RFP process. If you or anyone that you know would be interested, contact the First 5 Kern office at (661) 328-8888.
- Mr. Maier reported he and Kathy Hylton, Chief Finance Officer, have been working on the FY2019-20 budget. A Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled sometime in May for its approval.
- Mr. Maier reported committee assignments are arranged in April but the Commission is still waiting on an appointment from the 5th District. Once that is completed we will have a full board and an email will be sent regarding the various committees and Commissioner's preference, if any.

PUBLIC HEARING

- Gn-SI
My,Si- AB
All Ayes
- 5) Strategic Planning Revision FY2019-20 – OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING; ALLOWED PUBLIC COMMENT AND TESTIMONY; CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING; ADOPTED THE FIRST 5 KERN 2019-20 STRATEGIC PLAN; DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DISTRIBUTE THE STRATEGIC PLAN – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Le-Co
My,Si- AB
All Ayes
- 6) Strategic Planning Revision FY2020-25 – OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING; ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENT AND TESTIMONY; CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING; ADOPTED THE FIRST 5 KERN 2020-25 STRATEGIC PLAN; DIRECTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DISTRIBUTE THE STRATEGIC PLAN – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Rs-Co
My,Si- AB
All Ayes
- 7) First 5 California Annual Report FY2017-18 – OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING; ALLOWED PUBLIC TESTIMONY; CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING – RECEIVED AND FILED

ACTION ITEMS

- Gn-SI
My,Si- AB
All Ayes
- 8) Minutes of the Children and Families Commission meetings of February 6 and March 6, 2019 – APPROVED
- Gn-SI
My,Si- AB
All Ayes
- 9) Professional Services Agreement with Lisa Conradi, Psy.D. – APPROVED THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LISA CONRADI, PSY.D., INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT; FOR A TERM OF ELEVEN MONTHS; IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000; AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COUNSEL AS TO FORM; AND AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS AGREEMENT.
- Rs-Gn
My,Si-AB
SI- ABS
- 10) Project 2019.4.01 Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (KernBHRS) – Help Me Grow Kern County – APPROVED THE PROJECT WITH THE KERN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN MONTHS, APRIL 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$334,880; AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND

OR ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY; SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COUNSEL AS TO FORM; AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.

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Rs-ABD

- 11) Request For Proposals (RFP) Recommendations – APPROVED THE 2020 RFP TIMELINE; APPROVED ITEMS LISTED UNDER GENERAL RFP RECOMMENDATIONS; APPROVED THE PROPOSED PROGRAM AND EVALUATION RECOMMENDATIONS; APPROVED THE PROPOSED FISCAL RECOMMENDATIONS; AND AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE 2020 RFP.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

Gn-SI
My,Si -AB
All Ayes

- 12) Monthly Financial Reports for January and February 2019 – RECEIVED AND FILED

Gn-SI
My,Si -AB
All Ayes

- 13) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Rotary Club of Taft Foundation) – RECEIVED AND FILED

Gn-SI
My,Si -AB
All Ayes

- 14) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Kidfest) – RECEIVED AND FILED

Gn-SI
My,Si -AB
All Ayes

- 15) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (California State University of Bakersfield hosting the Wendy Wayne Ethics Award Dinner) – RECEIVED AND FILED

Gn-SI
My,Si -AB
All Ayes

- 16) Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of December 17, 2018 – RECEIVED AND FILED

Gn-SI
My,Si -AB
All Ayes

- 17) Local Area Agreement (LAA) IMPACT FY2015-18 Amendment 4 – RECEIVED AND FILED

ADJOURNED @ 2:32 P.M.

- 18) Adjourned to Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 2:00 P.M., 1300 17th Street, Board RM 1A