

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

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting  
Monday, September 16, 2019  
2724 L Street  
Bakersfield, California

**MINUTES**

COMMITTEE CONVENED @ 3:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Committee Commissioners: Lerude (Chair), Wood; **Absent:** Curioso, Richers  
Committee Members: Christopher, Corson, Dumlao, Golleher, Hanrahan, Grasty,  
Guzman, Ram, Wood-Slayton  
Committee Members Absent: Apple, Chairez, Davis, Gutierrez, Hasting, Silva, Stricka

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

1) None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2) Chairperson's Report and Report from the Commission
  - Commissioner Lerude invited new TAC members Christopher, Hanrahan, and Grasty to introduce and give a brief background of themselves.
  - Commissioner Lerude gave a summary of the August 7, 2019, First 5 Kern Commission meeting.
- 3) Committee Members – None
- 4) Executive Director's Report
  - Mr. Maier reported 41 programs applied for funding during First 5 Kern's request for proposals and a couple of programs previously funded have decided not to apply.
  - Mr. Maier reported the Independent Evaluation Committee (IEC) is now looking at and ranking the proposals submitted. Once completed, the IEC will present the proposals, rankings, and recommendations to the Project Review Committee.
  - Mr. Maier reported at the end of FY2025 First 5 Kern would like to have a balanced budget with a reserve of \$2-3 million.

- Mr. Maier reported the State legislature has adjourned for the year and the Governor has until October 13<sup>th</sup> to sign or veto signed legislation. The First 5 Association is supporting five measures that are heading to the Governor's desk:
  - ✓ AB 1004 (McCarty): Developmental Screening Services
  - ✓ SB 464 (Mitchell): California Dignity in Pregnancy and Childbirth Act
  - ✓ SB 436 (Hurtado): Family Resource Centers
  - ✓ ACR 1 (Bonta): Immigration: Public Charge
  - ✓ AB 197 (Weber): Full-day Kindergarten
- Mr. Maier reported there is a new law for independent contractors. The California Supreme Court held that a worker will be considered an employee of the hiring entity for the purpose of the Wage Orders unless the entity can establish three of the following factors:
  - ✓ The worker is free from the control and direction of the hiring entity.
  - ✓ The worker performs outside the usual course of the hiring entity's business.
  - ✓ The work is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, or business.

#### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5) Minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting – APPROVED  
Motion by Commissioner Wood  
Second by Committee member Ram  
All Ayes

#### PRESENTATIONS

- 6) Overview of the Help Me Grow Kern County (HMG KC) program
- Diana Navarro, Senior Research Analyst, distributed handouts and gave a presentation on the HMG KC program, the California Help Me Grow affiliation, and responded to questions.
  - Kevin Bartl, Communications and Media Specialist, reported on the roll-out of the HMG KC outreach plan, including the logo and the HMG KC domain that will redirect to the First 5 Kern website.
  - Pritika Ram, Director of Administration, Community Action Partnership of Kern, and HMG KC Coordinator, reported on incorporating 2-1-1 Kern County and a texting platform into the HMG KC program.

- 7) First 5 Association and the First 5 Center for Children's Policy
  - Mr. Maier reported due to time constraints the item will be held over to the meeting of December 16, 2019.

**(Committee member Ram leaves the meeting 3:58 P.M.)**

**DISCUSSION**

- 8) Start Time of the Technical Advisory Committee
  - Mr. Maier performed a quick poll with the Committee members in attendance for morning or afternoon meetings. With no quorum present, Mr. Maier reported he will poll the absent Committee members to reach a majority and bring the item back to the Committee at the December 16, 2019 meeting.

**ADJOURNED @ 4:01 P.M.**

- 9) Adjourned to Monday, December 16, 2019, 3:00 P.M., 2724 L Street, Bakersfield