

FIRST 5 KERN
KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Special Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2020
Zoom Video Conference

MINUTES

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 2:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present Commissioners: Curioso, Judd, Murphy, Nilon, Richers, Sill, Wasson, Wood
Absent Commissioner: Scrivner

Note: Co, Jd, My, Nn, Rs, Sl, Sr, Wn, and Wd are abbreviations for Commissioners, Curioso, Judd, Murphy, Nilon, Richers, Scrivner, Sill, Wasson, and Wood respectively. Alternate Commissioners Christopher, Giffard, Hasting, and Maggard are also similarly denoted. For example, “Nn-Wd” denotes Commissioner Nilon made the motion and Commissioner Wood seconded it. The abbreviations “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 Members Announcements and Reports
 - Commissioner Wasson introduced and welcomed new Commissioners Russell Judd and John Nilon.
 - Commissioner Curioso gave an update on the COVID-19 crisis in Kern County reporting 533 residents have tested positive, 9 non-residential cases, 3 deaths, 234 patients have recovered, and 2,824 tests are pending.
- 3) Communications and Media Specialist Report
 - Mr. Bartl gave an update on Census 2020.
 - Mr. Bartl reported First 5 Kern has books for small children, highlighting the purpose of the census.
 - Mr. Bartl reported the Child Care Task Force Committee sent a survey to childcare providers to access their needs. The Committee has provided childcare providers with cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, mask and gloves.
- 4) Executive Director’s Report
 - Mr. Maier reported First 5 Kern has been working closely with the Child Care Task Force, facilitated by Cheryl Nelson, Director, Kern County Superintendent of Schools, and Robert Arias, Chief Deputy, Kern Count Superintended of Schools.

- Mr. Maier reported First 5 Kern received a shipment of 250 cases of Talk. Read. Sing. diapers and wipes. Staff distributed the supply to many of our funded programs.
- Mr. Maier reported the First 5 California Commission held an emergency meeting to approve up to \$4 million to support the acquisition and distribution of county identified essential supplies for babies and young children. The funds will provide 60-days of mission critical supplies to childcare centers that care for the children of essential workers.
- Mr. Maier reported in order to help California fight the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom released \$100 million to support childcare services for essential workers and the vulnerable population. Disbursement includes \$50 million to childcare providers and \$50 million in supplies.
- Mr. Mair reported the Federal Emergency Management Agency has a reimbursement rate of 70-80% for out of pocket emergency expenses due to COVID-19.
- Mr. Maier reported staff is working from home with no gaps in providing support to our funded programs.

5) Personnel Committee Report

- Commissioner Murphy reported on the Personnel Committee meeting of February 24, 2020, which covered discussion of the full time, Director of Strategic Planning Initiative, position. The Committee, after much discussion, decided the title for the position would be appropriate as Officer or Specialist to align with the First 5 Kern classification structure. The Committee agreed to move the recommendation forward to the full Commission, at the April 1, 2020, Commission meeting.
- Mr. Maier announced, considering the COVID-19 crisis, recruitment for the position is on hold until further notice.

PUBLIC HEARING

My-Nn
Sr-AB
All Ayes

- 6) Strategic Planning Revisions FY2020-21 – OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING; ALLOWED TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND TESTIMONY; CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING; ADOPTED THE FIRST 5 KERN 2020-21 STRATEGIC PLAN; DIRECTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DISTRIBUTE THE STRATEGIC PLAN – RECEIVED AND FILED

ACTION ITEMS

Nn-Rs
Sr-AB
All Ayes

- 7) Minutes of the Children and Families Commission meeting of February 5, and March 4, 2020 - APPROVED

Rs-Nn
SI-ABS
Sr-AB

- 8) Project 2020.4.01 Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (KernBHRS) – Help Me Grow Kern County – APPROVED AGREEMENT #160-220 WITH KERN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$261,555; 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.

Nn-Rs
Sr-AB
All Ayes

- 9) 2020-2021 Committee Appointments – APPROVED APPOINTMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE, TECHNICAL ADVISORY, BUDGET AND FINANCE, PERSONNEL, PROJECT REVIEW, AND THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEES.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

Nn-Rs
Sr-AB
All Ayes

- 10) Monthly Financial Reports for January and February 2020 – RECEIVED AND FILED

Nn-Rs
Sr-AB
All Ayes

- 11) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (The Kern Down Syndrome Network) – RECEIVED AND FILED

Nn-Rs
Sr-AB
All Ayes

- 12) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (CSUB Wendy Wayne Ethics Awards Dinner) – RECEIVED AND FILED

Nn-Rs
Sr-AB
All Ayes

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

Nn-Rs
Sr-AB
All Ayes

- 14) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (American General Media’s 5th Annual KidsFest) – RECEIVED AND FILED

Nn-Rs
Sr-AB
All Ayes

- 15) Letter from Brown Armstrong, dated January 24, 2020, re: Letter of Engagement – RECEIVED AND FILED

Nn-Rs
Sr-AB
All Ayes

- 16) Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of September 26, 2019 – RECEIVED AND FILED

ADJOURNMENT @ 2:42 P.M.

Adjourned to Wednesday, June 3, 2020, 2:00 P.M., 1300 17th Street, Board RM 1A