

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

Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Zoom Videoconference Format

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**MINUTES**

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 2:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present Commissioners: Nilon, Maggard, Murphy, Sill, Wasson, and Wood

Absent Commissioners: Curioso, Judd, and Richers

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- Item 8 was pulled from the consent agenda by Roland Maier, Executive Director, to provide additional information to the Committee.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2) Commissioner Wasson welcomed Supervisor Maggard back to the Commission.
- 3) Technical Advisory Committee Report
  - Commissioner Wood reported Hector Gutierrez, Strategic Initiative Specialist, was introduced and gave a snapshot of the current projects he is working on. Also, there was a Committee roundtable discussion on COVID-19.
- 4) Executive Director’s Report
  - Mr. Maier reported Governor Newsom made two appointments to the California Children and Families Commission, Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, California Surgeon General, will serve as the Commission Chair and Elsa Mendoza Jimenez, Director of Health, Monterey County Health Department, as a Commission member.
  - Mr. Maier reported through the First 5 Association of California we received a grant to support two programs, the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) and the Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC) which puts money in the pockets of working families. A family of four would qualify at \$56,000 for federal rates and \$30,000 for



the state. 2020 is the first year that Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) filers can file for the CalEITC benefit. The United Way of Kern's volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) can assist families with filing taxes for free or minimal cost.

- Mr. Maier reported on the Home Visiting Program, a three-year grant, sponsored by First 5 California, gives us the opportunity to develop a coordination action plan. Within the plan we are tasked with three goals:
  - ✓ To build and strengthen a countywide vision for how our coordinated local early child development and family support system, including home visiting, can address the needs of families impacted by COVID-19.
  - ✓ To determine the scope and effectiveness of the existing home visiting programs, family support services designed to help families in crisis, and expand access of home visiting to families.
  - ✓ To identify technological tools and resources that can help strengthen coordination and alignment of home visiting.
- Mr. Maier reported we were awarded a grant of \$293,656 for the Adverse Childhood Experiences Aware Planning Grant, by the California Department of Health Care Services in partnership with the California Surgeon General.
- Mr. Maier reported on the progress of the Family Oasis Family Resource Center in Ridgecrest and announced they will be open to the public March 1, 2021.
- Mr. Maier reminded Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners to complete the California Fair Political Practices, Form 700, send the original to the Clerk of the Board and a copy to the office of First 5 Kern.
- Mr. Maier asked Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners that have completed Ethics Training to send a copy of their certificate of completion to the First 5 Kern office for file.
- Mr. Maier reported we completed a survey from First 5 California accessing the needs of Kern County regarding COVID-19 supplies.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 5) First 5 Kern Annual Report FY 2019-20
  - Jianjun Wang, PhD, Principal Investigator, California State University, Bakersfield, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the First 5 Kern Annual Report FY 2019-20, and responded to questions.

### ACTION ITEMS

- Nn-My  
Co, Jd, Rs - AB  
All Ayes
- 6) Minutes of the Children and Families Commission meeting of December 2, 2020 – APPROVED
- Nn-Wd  
Co, Jd, Rs - AB  
All Ayes
- 7) First 5 Kern Annual Report FY 2019-20 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- My-Wd  
Co, Jd, Rs - AB  
All Ayes
- 8) Professional Services Agreement with the County of Kern – APPROVED



DISCUSSION

- 9) West Side Recreation and Park District – West Side Outreach and Learning Center Program – Update
- Mr. Maier gave an update on the program reporting that First 5 Kern staff provided training, and technical assistance to help with the transition of services. Their staff has attended Case Management Essentials training provided by Strategies 2.0., and the program continues to make strides.
  - Les Clark, III, West Side Recreation and Park District, Administrator, thanked the Commission and reported there were position changes and that things are on track and looked forward to reporting back to the Commission soon.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

- Nn-My  
Co, Jd, Rs - AB  
All Ayes
- 10) Monthly Financial Reports for November and December 2020 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Nn-My  
Co, Jd, Rs - AB  
All Ayes
- 11) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events – (Safely Surrender Baby promotion) RECEIVED AND FILED
- Nn-My  
Co, Jd, Rs - AB  
All Ayes
- 12) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events – (The United Way of Kern County) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Nn-My  
Co, Jd, Rs - AB  
All Ayes
- 13) Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of December 16, 2019 and June 15, 2020 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Mg-Nn  
Co, Jd, Rs - AB  
All Ayes
- 14) Notice of Closed Session – Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Title: Executive Director) (Government Code Section 54957) @ 3:01 P.M.
- THE BOARD GAVELED BACK INTO OPEN SESSION AT 3:20 P.M.
  - COMMISSIONER WASSON REPORTED OUT FROM THE CLOSED SESSION THAT THE EVALUATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ROLAND MAIER, WAS COMPLETED WITH A COMMENDABLE DESIGNATION AND A MERIT INCREASE IS WARRANTED. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION REGARDING A PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE MERIT INCREASES IN THE PRESENT FUNDING DECLINE WITH FIRST 5 KERN FUNDING. MR. MAIER STATED HE WILL SCHEDULE A COMMITTEE MEETING IN APRIL TO DISCUSS THE SALARY SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES REGARDING MERIT INCREASES FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION.

ADJOURNMENT @ 3:24 P.M.

Adjourned to Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 2:00 P.M., 1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Board RM 1A



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**MINUTES**

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 8:32 A.M.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent Commissioner: Maggard

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PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2) Committee
  - Commissioner Murphy gave highlights on social worker appreciation month.
  - Commissioner Curioso gave an update on COVID-19, reporting the Kern County Fairgrounds are open for mass vaccinations. Vaccine appointments are now open by visiting the website **MyTurn.ca.gov**. Hours of operation are Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M., located at 1142 South P Street, in Bakersfield. The Pfizer vaccine will be administered.
- 3) Executive Director’s Report – None

ACTION ITEMS

- Nn-My  
Mg-AB  
All Ayes
- 4) Approval of ACEs Aware Grant – AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE ACES AWARE PLANNING GRANT BETWEEN AURRERA HEALTH GROUP, LLC ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$293,656; AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENT(S) NECESSARY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COUNSEL AS TO FORM; AND AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS AGREEMENT.



ADJOURNMENT @ 9:05 A.M.

Nn-My  
Mg-AB  
All Ayes  
Adjourned to Wednesday, April 7, 2021, 2:00 P.M., via Zoom

STRATEGI PLANNING SESSION

Immediately after the regular Commission meeting was adjourned, the Commission conducted its annual strategic planning workshop. It is designed for the continuous education of Commissioners, Alternate Commissioners, Technical Advisory Committee members, staff, and the public. The workshop was facilitated by staff. The public was invited to participate during the study session.