

FIRST 5 KERN
KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Zoom Videoconference Format
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88407921895?pwd=RnlLTTZub1JFdEINNSStlMy9YNTJlUT09>

MINUTES

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 2:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present Commissioners: Curioso, Nilon, Richers, Scrivner, Sill, Wasson, Wood; Alternate Christopher

Absent Commissioner: Judd

Note: Co, Jd, My, Nn, Rs, Sr, Sl, Wn, and Wd are abbreviations for Commissioners, Curioso, Judd, Murphy, Nilon, Richers, Scrivner, Sill, Wasson, and Wood, respectively. Alternate Commissioners Christopher, Giffard, 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 Wood made a referral to staff for a report back at the next meeting regarding a progress report on the agreement with West Side Recreation and Park District – West Side Outreach and Learning Center program.
- 3) Strategic Initiatives Report
 - Hector Gutierrez, Strategic Initiative Specialist, gave an update on his recent activities:
 - ✓ Working on relationship building, specifically with Central Valley funders, supporting various systems change initiatives to support the health and well-being of communities. Engaging funders like the California Endowment, the Sierra Health Foundation, and others to figure out how we can align some of our programmatic work, support and bring in additional resources, both philanthropic and in-kind, with relationships as we build out our ecosystem of partners that we are collaborating with to advance the well-being of children prenatal to five.

- ✓ Working to support relationship building with system partners across Kern County, meeting with organizations and programs that we fund to identify gaps and opportunities as we think about responding to COVID-19.
- ✓ First 5 Kern and UCLA successfully submitted an application to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, for the Healthy Eating Research program and will be notified in January 2021, if our organization will receive funding. The funds will be used to explore the impact of sugar sweetened beverages and unsafe drinking water throughout Kern, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, and other communities throughout the San Joaquin Valley.
- ✓ Home Visitation Coordination Action Plan has launched, and we have been bringing together systems partners and home visiting programs across the county to think about the existing landscape of home visiting efforts and how are those efforts connecting with other families and county systems.
- ✓ In discussion with Kern County Community Connection Network to pilot test referrals through the program Unite Us.

4) Executive Director's Report

- Mr. Maier thanked Commissioner Curioso, Director of Nursing, Kern County Public Health Department, and asked that she give an update on COVID-19 in Kern County as of today. Commissioner Curioso reported:
 - ✓ Kern County is in the purple tier with 323 new cases and 2 new deaths
 - ✓ Please test to slow the spread and to move Kern County out of the purple tier which is the most restrictive in our economic reopening model
 - ✓ Tested yesterday, 410 people at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church; today, testing at Bear Mt. Elementary School, 12:00 – 4:00 P.M.; and tomorrow, testing in Arvin at Sierra Vista Elementary, 12:00 - 4:00 P.M.
 - ✓ The list of testing sites is posted on the Kern County Public Health Department website and a free \$25 dollar Visa gift card for anyone that takes the COVID-19 test
 - ✓ Kern County Public Health hired a team of staff to go door to door to inform the residence of the importance of testing. The team will go to the most underserved and impacted areas and an additional 42 junior staff nurses were hired to help with COVID-19 testing and contract tracing
 - ✓ Kern County Public Health has been planning and preparing for a month and a half to receive and distribute the COVID-19 vaccine
 - ✓ Commissioner Richers reported Governor Newsome is issuing a stay-at-home order as early as tomorrow
- Mr. Maier reported First 5 Association's, Margot Grant Gould, Policy Director, will be leaving April 2021.
- Mr. Maier reported December 9-11, 2020, the First 5 Association will host its Annual Summit, virtually. Contact the office if you are interested in attending and we will provide the registration link.
- Mr. Maier reported looking at a matrix for home visiting grants and making it more seamless for families.
- Mr. Maier reported the state budget is highly dependent upon receiving federal aid.
- Mr. Maier reminded Commissioners to complete Ethics Training/AB1234.

- Mr. Maier reported First 5 Kern staff, Anastasia Lester, and Hector Gutierrez, applied, and will attend the Racial Equity Action Institute, sponsored by the Northern California Grant Makers.

ACTION ITEMS

- Nn-Rs
Jd – AB
All Ayes
- 5) Minutes of the Children and Families Commission meeting of October 7, 2020 – APPROVED
- Nn-Rs
Jd – AB
All Ayes
- 6) Special Funding Request – Community Action Partnership of Kern (Oasis Family Resource Center) – APPROVED FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF KERN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$775,000; WITH A TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025; TO IMPLEMENT A FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL; DIRECTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT(S) TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES AND PROGRAM DESCRIBED, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COUNSEL AS TO FORM; DIRECTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

- Nn-Rs
Jd – AB
All Ayes
- 7) Monthly Financial Reports for September and October 2020 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Nn-Rs
Jd – AB
All Ayes
- 8) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Bakersfield Pregnancy Life Center) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Nn-Rs
Jd – AB
All Ayes
- 9) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (United Way of Kern County) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Nn-Rs
Jd – AB
All Ayes
- 10) Authorization to Destroy Commission Records – AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DESTROY DOCUMENTS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED FORM.
- Nn-Rs
Jd – AB
All Ayes
- 11) Notice of Closed Session – Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Title: Executive Director) (Government Code Section 54957)
- ITEM HELD OVER TO THE FEBRUARY 3, 2021, MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned to Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 2:00 P.M., 1300 17th Street, Board RM 1A