

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

Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Kern County Superintendent of Schools  
1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 1A  
Bakersfield, California

**MINUTES**

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 2:06 P.M.

Present Commissioners: Nilon, Richers, Wood; Alternate Bermudez  
Absent Commissioners: Carrigan, Judd, Maggard, Sill

Note: Cn, Jd, Md, My, Nn, Rs, Sl, and Wd are abbreviations for Commissioners, Carrigan, Judd, Maggard, Murphy, Nilon, Richers, Sill, and Wood, respectively. Alternate Commissioners Bermudez, Couch, Curioso, and Giffard 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 asked that staff send out the First 5 Association master calendar, which provides training information in person, and via Zoom.
- 3) ACEs Aware Update – Hector Gutierrez, Strategic Initiatives Specialist
  - Mr. Gutierrez reported we have worked with several partners across Kern County over the last seven months, such as Omni Family Health Care, to name a few, to support the ACEs work.
  - Mr. Gutierrez reported the mission of ACEs is to save lives by helping providers understand the importance of screening for adverse childhood experiences and training providers to use the screenings to connect them to social care resources to help improve health outcomes.
  - Mr. Gutierrez reported on First 5 Kern’s work with ACEs Engagement and Planning Grant in Kern County over the last six months, which included:
    - ✓ Monthly ACEs Leadership Team Building
    - ✓ ACEs Forums
    - ✓ ACEs Engagement Sessions
      - ACEs 101
      - How to become ACEs certified
      - ACEs learning dialogue



- Advanced ACEs clinical workflows and elevating best practices
  - ACEs training County partners
  - ACEs Symposium
  - ACEs Summit
  - ACEs inaugural Conference to be held March 30, 2022
- 4) Report on Pass-through Funds as Requested by Commissioner Wood
- Dr. Kathleen Hylton, Chief Program Officer, and Roland Maier, Executive Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Fiscal Overview, Other Funding Sources and Uses Outside of Proposition 10 and Proposition 56 Funds and responded to questions.
- 5) Executive Director's Report
- Mr. Maier reported Katy Raytis, Esq., Worklogic HR, is in the progress of updating our Bylaws, and an updated version will be available at the next Commission meeting for review and approval.
  - Mr. Maier reported First 5 California and the First 5 Association of California focuses on Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) and provides virtual workshops to all 58 counties.
  - Mr. Maier introduced Anastasia Lester, Program Officer, First 5 Kern, to provide an update on the Black Infant and Maternal Health Initiative (BIMHI).
  - Anastasia Lester, Program Officer, provided an update on the BIMHI Committee that meets monthly to address the morbidity rate of black pregnant women and their children. A BIMHI steering committee was created in July 2021 and will provide a Strategic Plan by April 2022. In addition, the committee developed a three-year agreement July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025, to make a formal ask of First 5 Kern to address the issues.
  - Mr. Maier reported that the REDI work continues, and Dr. Oputa will provide virtual training on November 2 and 3, 2021, inviting Commissioners.
  - Mr. Maier reported although Russell Judd has retired from his position with Kern Medical, Supervisor Scrivner would retain Commissioner Judd as his appointee on the Commission.
  - Mr. Maier reported Supervisor Peters, 1<sup>st</sup> District, has an opening to fill a Commission vacancy.
  - Mr. Maier reported October is Safe Sleep Surrender month, and on December 26<sup>th</sup>, First 5 Kern and other County Departments are seeking to provide a proclamation to the Board of Supervisors.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION – HELD OVER FOR SPECIAL MEETING DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM**

- 6) Eric Xin, CPA, Partner, Brown Armstrong – Presentation of the 2020-21 Fiscal Audit
- 7) Jianjun Wang, Ph D., Principal Investigator, California State University, Bakersfield – 2020-21 State Annual Report Presentation

**PUBLIC HEARINGS – HELD OVER FOR SPECIAL MEETING DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM**

- 8) Annual Financial Audit – OPEN HEARING; RECEIVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY; CLOSE HEARING; RECEIVE AND FILE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT; DIRECT BROWN ARMSTRONG TO TRANSMIT THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT TO THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION.
- 9) Annual Report to California Children and Families Commission – OPEN HEARING; RECEIVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY; CLOSE HEARING; RECEIVE AND FILE ANNUAL REPORT; DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSMIT THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION.

**ACTION ITEMS – HELD OVER FOR SPECIAL MEETING DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM**

- 10) \*Minutes of the Children and Families Commission meeting of August 4, 2021 – APPROVE
- 11) \*First 5 Kern Commission and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings Schedule 2022 – APPROVE
- 12) Resolution expressing appreciation to Commissioner Lucinda Wasson for her service to the children of Kern County – ADOPT RESOLUTION

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS – HELD OVER FOR SPECIAL MEETING DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM**

- 13) \*Monthly Financial Reports for July and August 2021 – RECEIVE AND FILE
- 14) \*Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Kern Literacy Council) – RECEIVE AND FILE
- 15) \*Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Laborers of the Harvest) – RECEIVE AND FILE
- 16) \*Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Nurse Family Partnership Community Advisory Board) – RECEIVE AND FILE

**ADJOURNMENT @ 2:38 P.M.**

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