

FIRST 5 KERN
KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2022
2000 K Street, Suite 101
Bakersfield, California

MINUTES

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 2:05 P.M.

Present Commissioners: Carrigan, Morillo, Nilon, Richers, Sill, Wood
Absent Commissioners: Couch, Gilbert, Judd

Note: Cn, Ch, Gt, Jd, Mo, Nn, Rs, Sl, and Wd are abbreviations for Commissioners, Carrigan, Couch, Gilbert, Judd, Morillo, Nilon, Richers, Sill, and Wood, respectively. Alternate Commissioners Bermudez, Mena, and Perez 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" abstains. "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 Nilon presented Charlene McNama, Administrative Finance Specialist, with a certificate of appreciation for 15 years of employment with First 5 Kern.
- 3) Technical Advisory Committee Report
 - Commissioner Wood reported at the TAC meeting on September 19, 2022. The Committee had an update on the TAC orientation, which covered the overview of First 5 Kern, Budget and Finance, funded programs, Commission duties, Strategic Planning, Brown Act, and the Bylaws.
 - The TAC has resumed its monthly meetings in preparation for the Strategic Planning Session in March 2023.
- 4) Outreach and Communications Specialist Report
 - Mr. Bartl reported community outreach events funding is available. We have recently created an online submission form requesting funding for community events up to \$5,000.
 - Mr. Bartl reported impact stories
- 5) Executive Director's Report

- Mrs. Travis reported she had visited several of our funded partners and provided a schedule of the remaining programs inviting Commissioners to join her if time permits by contacting Sharon Powell, the Administrative Assistant.
- Mrs. Travis reported the partnership grant with Omni Health for an additional year of funding was not approved. However, we will host the 2nd Annual "Trauma Informed Care" Building Community Resilience Conference" on May 17, 2023, and asked that everyone save the date.
- Mrs. Travis reported we would discontinue the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program but will continue to promote the program as appropriate.
- Mrs. Travis reported we are working together with our regional partners on the Help Me Grow Kern County Program. Valley Children's Hospital is interested in partnering with First 5 Kern, Madera, and Fresno on Help Me Grow. Valley Children's hosted a virtual convening and another to come sometime in November. to talk about asset mapping and data sharing possibilities and what that would look like at a regional level
- Mrs. Travis reported that First 5 Kern participated in the Department of Human Services' Asset Mapping and Needs Assessment for the Family First Prevention Services Act. In addition, Mrs. Travis said she would sit on the Leadership and Steering Committees for the dollars coming into our county.
- Mrs. Travis reported the First 5 Association of California announced the appointment of Avo Makdessian as its new Executive Director
- Mrs. Travis reported First 5 California launched a new outreach campaign. The Dragon Song campaign demonstrates to parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5 how to model a fun breathing technique in the form of a dragon roar to help children self-soothe when experiencing stressful emotions that may appear as tantrums.
- Mrs. Travis reported the First 5 Association California has asked for a work group to get started on Policy. Mrs. Travis submitted her name and was selected to sit on the Policy Committee.
- Mrs. Travis reported the House Ways and Means Committee passed the bipartisan Jackie Walorski Maternal, Home Health Visiting Reauthorization Act which doubles the federal funding for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) over the next five years. The bill now goes to the house floor for a vote.
- Mrs. Travis reported she included the CALAim issue brief regarding medical care plans and how First 5 Kern can play a part.
- The 2020 RFP was distributed to each Commission for review over the next couple of months in anticipation of the work TAC will be working on to move to the Commission for approval.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- 6) Eric Xin, CPA, Partner Brown Armstrong
 - Mr. Xin gave an independent auditor's report on the 21-22 Fiscal Audit and reported no findings.
- 9) Jianjun Wang, Ph D., Principal Investigator, California State University, Bakersfield

- Dr. Wang gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2021-22 State Annual report, which covered the key components of Evaluation Activities Completed, Findings, and Policy Impacts, and concluded by responding to questions from Commissioners.
- 7) Black Infant and Maternal Health Initiative
- Brynn Carrigan, Director, Kern County Public Health Services Department, and Anastasia Lester, Senior Program Officer, First 5 Kern, gave a PowerPoint presentation on black infant mortality in Kern County and a three-year Strategic Plan for preventing the issue.
- 8) Special Start for Exceptional Children (Caring Corner)
- Anamariksa Rodriguez, Educational Director, gave a presentation on the program's pediatric day health facility for children who are considered medically fragile.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Wd-Mo 10) Annual Financial Audit – OPENED HEARING; RECEIVED NO PUBLIC TESTIMONY;
Ch, Gt, Jd-AB CLOSED HEARING; RECEIVED AND FILED ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT;
All Ayes DIRECTED BROWN ARMSTRONG TO TRANSMIT THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT
TO THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION.
- Sl-Cn 11) Annual Report to California Children and Families Commission – OPENED HEARING;
Ch, Gt, Jd-AB RECEIVED NO PUBLIC TESTIMONY; CLOSED HEARING; RECEIVED AND FILED
All Ayes ANNUAL REPORT; DIRECTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSMIT THE
ANNUAL AUDIT TO THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION.

ACTION ITEMS

- Mo-Cn 12) Minutes of the Children and Families Commission meetings of August 3, 2022 – APPROVED
Ch, Gt, Jd-AB
All Ayes
- Mo-Cn 13) First 5 Kern Commission and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule 2023 –
Ch, Gt, Jd-AB APPROVED
All Ayes
- Wd-Rs 14) Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Suzana Dobric' Veiss, Leadership Development –
Ch, Gt, Jd-AB APPROVED THE AGREEMENT WITH SUZANA VEISS, FOR ORGANIZATIONAL
All Ayes LEADERSHIP TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 2022 – JUNE 2023; IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$7,500; AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND
EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 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.
- Cn-Mo 15) Conflict of Interest Code Revision – APPROVED THE REVISED CONFLICT OF
Ch, Gt, Jd-AB INTEREST CODE; DIRECTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FORWARD THE
All Ayes REVISED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD FOR
APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Mo-Cn
Ch, Gt, Jd-AB 16) Monthly Financial Reports for June, July, and August 2022 – RECEIVED AND FILED
All Ayes

Mo-Cn
Ch, Gt, Jd-AB 17) Amendment to Lease Agreement between Key Land, LLC and First 5 Kern – APPROVED
All Ayes

ADJOURNMENT @ 3:18 P.M.

Adjourned to Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 2:00 P.M. 1300 17th Street, Bakersfield