

FIRST 5 KERN
KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
1300 17th Street, Room 1A
Bakersfield, California

MINUTES

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 2:00 P.M. by Commissioner Carrigan

Present Commissioners: Brynn Carrigan, Lito Morillo, Deborah Murr, Russell Sentes, Jennie Sill, Debbie Wood

Absent Commissioners: Phillip Peters, Aaron Resendez

Consent Agenda: Commissioner Carrigan presented Items # 7, 12, 13, 14, 15.

Item 8 – Removed from Consent Agenda

Motion: Morillo

Second: Murr

Ayes: Carrigan, Sentes, Sill, Wood

Noes: NONE

1. Public Presentations:

NONE

2. Committee Members Announcements and Reports:

Commissioner Murr delivered comprehensive updates from the Project Review Committee, centering on deliberations surrounding the Request for Proposals (RFP) and the Internal Evaluation Committee (IEC). These updates included insights into the Committee's recruitment efforts, its composition, timeline considerations, as well as the emphasis placed on fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the application process.

No action required.

3. Technical Advisory Committee Report:

Commissioner Wood reported that the Technical Advisory Committee convened on 12/11/2023, during which Hey Salty delivered a presentation on a communication plan. The suggestion is to hold off on hiring an outside consultant at this time. The next meeting is scheduled for 3/16/2024.

No action required.

4. Executive Director's Report:

Amy Travis provided an update on the Annual Meeting & Advocacy Day hosted by the First 5 Association. She informed the commission that a budget request of \$100 million was proposed; however, it was deemed unlikely to be approved due to the state's current deficit.



Additionally, an update was given on the GLOW! group prenatal program. Unfortunately, due to a lack of participants, the program has been discontinued.

Action Item: Commissioner Wood requested a review of the funded program Help Me Grow to assess their impact and avoid duplication of efforts.

5. First 5 Kern Annual Report FY 2022-23:

Jianjun Wang, Ph D., Principal Investigator, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the FY 2022-23 First 5 Kern Annual Report.

6. Conflict of Interest Code Revision – Public Hearing:

Public Comment – NONE

Motion: Morillo

Second: Murr

Ayes: Carrigan, Sentes, Sill, Wood

Noes: NONE

7. Consent Agenda

8. Minutes of the Kern County Children and Families Commission Special Meeting of January 18, 2024:

County Council, Bryan Walters, reported that a special session was held to discuss two confidential matters. The Commission approved hiring an independent counsel to represent the Commission.

Motion: Murr

Second: Wood

Ayes: Carrigan, Morillo, Sentes, Sill

Noes: NONE

9. First 5 Kern Annual Report FY 2022-23:

Motion: Morillo

Second: Sentes

Ayes: Carrigan, Murr, Sill, Wood

Noes: NONE

10. Change to Bylaws Governing Proposed Meetings of the Commissioners and Notice:

Public Comment – NONE

Motion: Sill

Second: Murr

Ayes: Carrigan, Morillo, Sentes, Wood
Noes: NONE

- 11. First 5 Kern Employee Health Insurance Renewal:**
APPROVED THE INCREASE OF EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION FLAT RATES BY 25%,
OFFSETTING THE 7.20 % INCREASE EXPECTED IN THE APRIL 2024 RENEWAL.

Motion: Morillo
Second: Wood
Ayes: Carrigan, Murr, Sentes, Sill
Noes: NONE

- 12. Consent Agenda*
13. Consent Agenda
14. Consent Agenda
15. Consent Agenda

Adjournment:

Motion: Morillo
Second: Wood
Ayes: Carrigan, Murr, Sentes, Sill
Noes: NONE

Adjourned at 3:04 P.M.