

**First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission  
Commission Meeting**

June 2, 2015, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM  
601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA

**Minutes**

Commissioners present: Aaron Crutison (Chair), Marisela Barbosa, Jay Speck, Elise Crane (departed 6:30pm), Erin Hannigan (departed 7:30pm), Dan Ayala, Liz Niedziela, Jerry Huber

First 5 Solano Staff present: Michele Harris, Megan Richards, Ciara Gonsalves, Chereilyn Ellington Hunt, Venis Boyd, Christine Shipman, and Christiana Lewis

Members of the public present: Debbi Davis (Children's Nurturing Project & Help Me Grow Solano), Alan Kerzin, Susan Ferdinandi and Nadira Jones (Children's Network), Nazlin Huerta (Health and Social Services), Kathy Lago (Solano Family and Children's Services), Maria del Carmen Rodriguez, Bethany Smith, Sylvia Robertson

Chair Crutison called the meeting to order at 5:08pm.

**I. Public Comment**

Ms. Robertson, Ms. Smith, Ms. del Carmen Rodriguez from the Parent Leadership Institute Training (PLTI) course thanked the Commission for their support of the program and invited them to the graduation ceremony on June 13, 2015.

Ms. Jones thanked the Commission, early childhood education (ECE) stakeholders, and the Local Childcare Planning Council (LCCPC) for their support of the Quality Rating Improvement System in Solano County.

Ms. Lago thanked the LCCPC for collaborating in the community on ECE and quality childcare.

Commissioner Barbosa commented that she visited PLTI and was happy to see many men and women involved in the program. She believes that the program is a connection to participatory budgeting and public advocacy. Commissioner Barbosa recommended that other Commissioners visit the PLTI.

**II. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve the Commission Meeting Agenda for June 2, 2015
- B. Approve minutes of the April 7, 2015 Commission Meeting

***Motion: Approve the June 2, 2015 Commission Meeting Agenda and approve the April 7, 2015 Commission Meeting Minutes***

**Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Ayala  
Approved 8-0-0**

**Yea: Commissioners Crutison, Barbosa, Speck, Crane, Hannigan, Ayala, Niedziela, and Huber**

**Nay: None**

**Abstain: None**

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **A. Program and Community Engagement**

None.

#### **B. Systems and Policy Committee**

##### **1. Planning for 2016 and Beyond**

- a.** Ms. Allio presented the current Strategic Framework and Ms. Colvig presented community indicator data for each priority area. Ms. Allio asked the Commissioners to contemplate if changes to the Strategic Framework should be made considering the future direction of the Commission, the community indicator data, and the anticipated budget.

Commissioner Huber commented that the data from Priority Area 1 (Health and Well-being) substantiates the fact that many people do not know how to access healthcare services even if they have health insurance. The County must do a better job at communicating healthcare access options. Commissioner Huber stated that Solano County has many programs and services that addresses healthcare, especially with the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Commissioner Huber pointed out that the Commission has a large investment in Priority 1. If the Commission chooses to decrease funding to Priority 1, they should do so gradually to align with the implementation stages of ACA.

Commissioner Crane suggested that Priority Area 2 (Early Childhood Learning and Development) should be renamed "School Readiness". Commissioner Barbosa said she would like to hear more information on the availability and requirements of licensed childcare slots, and what their quality rating is. Commissioner Niedziela suggested adding the descriptor "affordable" to Result 5. Mr. Kerzin commented that currently there are initiatives at the legislative level to fund more childcare slots.

Commissioner Hannigan suggested adding the descriptor "healthy" to Result 10 under Priority 3. Ms. Davis commented that trauma informed care should be added as key criteria because of the research in adverse childhood experiences, early childhood trauma, and toxic stress. The Commission discussed adding trauma informed care practices under Priority 3. The Commission also discussed adding basic needs to Priority

3 and directed staff to come back with recommendations to update Priority 3 on these issues.

#### **IV. Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Harris informed the Commission that First 5 Solano has a new County Counsel, Daniel Wolk, who will attend the August 2015 Commission Meeting.

First 5 Solano held a special executive director's meeting with the leadership of all of First 5 Solano's grantee agencies about future funding and collaboration. Two workgroups have developed as a result of that meeting: Working Together Differently and Alternative Funding Sources.

Aldea has notified First 5 Solano that they are terminating their PEAK contract since they were unsuccessful in obtaining an EPSDT grant. Three other providers who are contracted with First 5 Solano can provide same services leaving no clients untreated.

The First 5 California Commission approved the IMPACT grant. An RFP has not been released; staff anticipates that once the RFP is released the Commission may have to hold a special meeting to consider the application for funding before August 2015.

The May 28, 2015 EDC Breakfast was successful and co-facilitated by Commissioner Speck. Ms. Harris thanked Commissioner Ayala, Barbosa, Crane, and Hannigan (represented by staff) for attending the meeting.

#### **V. Commissioner Remarks**

Commissioner Huber confirmed that Health and Social Services will be working closely with First 5 Solano Staff to determine where nonprofit agencies can collaborate with shared services.

#### **VI. Future Agenda Items**

The next Commission meeting will be held on August 11, 2015 at 5:00 PM at 601 Texas Street, Fairfield. Future agenda items include: Committee Reports; Strategic Planning

#### **Adjourn**

Commissioner Crutison adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.

Christiana Lewis, Office Assistant III

Approved:

