

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

March 07, 2017, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present: Liz Niedziela (Chair), Erin Hannigan (Vice Chair), Marisela Barbosa, Lisette Estrella-Henderson (exited 6:00PM), Dan Ayala, Dana Dean (arrived 6:00PM), Jerry Huber, and Aaron Crutison

First 5 Solano Staff present: Michele Harris, Megan Richards, Juanita Morales, Gene Ibe, Lorraine Fernandez, and Andrew Boatright

Members of the public present: Jayleen Richards (H&SS), Amber Siddle-Manas (H&SS), Kathy Lago (Solano Family Children's Services), Jane Johnson (Child Haven), Maria Vicondoa (Uplift Family Services)

Chair Niedziela called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

I. Public Comment

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the March 07, 2017 Commission Meeting Agenda

Motion: Approve the Commission Meeting Agenda for March 07, 2017.

**Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Barbosa
Approved 7-0-0**

**Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Barbosa, Crutison, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan,
Huber, Niedziela**

Nay: None

Abstain: None

B. Approve January 10, 2017 Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve the Commission Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2017.

**Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Barbosa
Approved 7-0-0**

**Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Barbosa, Crutison, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan,
Huber, Niedziela**

Nay: None

Abstain: None

III. Solano Race Equity Activities

Jayleen Richards and Amber Siddle-Manas presented information related to advancing racial equality – the effects of race inequities on social determinates and rates of disease and mortality for certain racial groups, and how Solano County plans to identify and reduce the gap racial inequities stacked against certain racial groups at all levels of socio-economic standing.

Commissioner Estrella-Henderson exited.
Commissioner Dean arrived.

IV. First 5 Solano FY2017/18 Proposed Budget and Allocations of Funding

Megan Richards presented the budget to Commissioners, highlighting revenue changes at the State and Federal level. The FY2017 proposed budget includes approximately \$4.68 million in expenditures and \$3.9 million in revenues, requiring the utilization of approximately \$770,000 from the Commission's reserve funds to fully fund the Commission's operations and contractual commitments.

Motion A: Approve the First 5 Solano FY2017/18 Proposed Budget.

**Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Niedziela
Approved 7-0-0**

**Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Barbosa, Crutison, Dean, Hannigan, Huber,
Niedziela**

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Commissioner Dean exited - Motion B and C4 tabled.

Motion D: Approve allocation of funding of up to \$20,000 to Child Start, Inc. for Pre-K Academy services in Vallejo for FY2017/18.

**Moved by Commissioner Crutison; Seconded by Commissioner Barbosa
Approved 6-0-0**

Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Barbosa, Crutison, Hannigan, Huber, Niedziela

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion C1: Approve an allocation of \$177,196 to Child Haven for developmental screenings and parent and provider trainings for FY2017/18.

**Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Ayala
Approved 6-0-0**

Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Barbosa, Crutison, Hannigan, Huber, Niedziela

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion C2: Approve an allocation of \$125,000 to Uplift Family Services for developmental screenings and parent and provider trainings for FY2017/18.

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Ayala

Approved 6-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Barbosa, Crutison, Hannigan, Huber, Niedziela

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion C3: Approve an allocation of up to \$175,000 to Solano Family and Children's Services for parent and provider trainings and operation of Help Me Grow for FY2017/18.

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Ayala

Approved 6-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Barbosa, Crutison, Hannigan, Huber, Niedziela

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Commissioner Dean returned.

Commissioners Crutison and Huber recused themselves from Motion C4.

Motion C4: Approve an allocation of up to \$300,000 to Solano County Health and Social Services (Mental Health Division) for Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services for FY2017/18.

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Barbosa

Approved 5-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Barbosa, Dean, Hannigan, Niedziela

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Commissioners Crutison and Huber recused themselves from Motion B.

Motion B: Approve a one-year extension of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Health and Social Services (H&SS) for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) leveraged funds for FY2017/18.

Moved by Commissioner Barbosa; Seconded by Commissioner Hannigan

Approved 5-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Barbosa, Dean, Hannigan, Niedziela

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Commissioners Crutison and Huber returned.

V. Committee Reports

A. Systems and Policy Committee (Commissioner Hannigan)

Commissioner Hannigan noted the approval of a \$3,000 Co-Sponsorship grant to hold two trainings for childcare providers focused on working with children with disabilities in the areas of behavior management, communication, and nutrition. Commissioner Hannigan also noted discussion of First 5 Staff potentially creating a legislative platform to allow the Commission to respond to proposed legislation in between regularly scheduled Commission meetings. First 5 Solano staff introduced the newest Program Manager, Lorraine Fernandez.

B. Program and Community Engagement Committee (Commissioner Ayala)

Commissioner Ayala noted there were no action items. Commissioner Ayala noted Compliance Action Plans for Benicia FRC and Dixon FRC would continue until performance measures are met for two consecutive quarters or June 30, 2017, whichever is first. Commissioner Ayala reported on commissioner's feedback regarding customization of New Parent Kits offered by First 5 Solano, resulting in the addition of a bib and plate for the customized portion of the kit.

VI. Executive Director's Report

Michele Harris noted that several events for April Children's Month are occurring throughout Solano County.

VII. Commissioner Remarks

Commissioner Dean commented that she has contributed to the Pre-K Academy via First 5 Solano's Pre-K Academy Champions program and noted that she had not yet received a contribution request letter. She would be willing to donate if she received the request.

Commissioner Crutison commented that immigration enforcement has put a strain on families with children whose parents are deported. He noted that H&SS is looking at other counties who are being proactive and aim to be proactive when children in our system experience this situation, to minimize trauma.

Commissioner Huber reported that state and federal changes are anticipated that will have a financial impact on Health and Social Service budget and staffing.

Commissioner Barbosa presented a video promoting First 5 Solano which provides an overview of First 5 Solano's funding and impact areas.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

The next Commission meeting will be held on April 4, 2017 at 5:30 PM at 601 Texas Street, Conference Room B, Fairfield. Future agenda items include: FY2017/18 Budget, Committee Reports.

Adjourn

Chair Niedziela adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.

Andrew Boatright, Office Assistant III

Approved: