

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

October 3, 2017, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present: Liz Niedziela (Chair), Erin Hannigan (Vice Chair) (Arrived 5:39), Marisela Barbosa (Arrived 5:39), Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Jerry Huber, Scott Ingham, Nicole Neff (Arrived 5:38)

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

Members of the public present: Kirk Starkey (Auditor-Controller's Office), Christina Branom (Applied Survey Research), Alan Kerzin (Children's Network), Susan Ferdinandi (Children's Network)

Chair Niedziela called the meeting to order at 5:38pm

I. Public Comment

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the October 03, 2017 Commission Meeting Agenda

Motion: Approve the Commission Meeting Agenda for October 03, 2017

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

**Yea: Commissioners Barbosa, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber, Ingham,
Neff, Niedziela**

Nay: None

Abstain: None

B. Approve August 08, 2017 Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve the Commission Meeting Minutes for August 08, 2017

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

**Yea: Commissioners Barbosa, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber, Ingham,
Neff, Niedziela**

Nay: None

Abstain: None

III. Chair Appoints Nominating Committee for 2018 Officers

Commissioners Ayala and Commissioner Barbosa volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee for 2018.

IV. Public Hearing: First 5 Solano FY2016/17 Annual Audit

Kirk Starkey (Auditor-Controller's Office) noted the three reports: Independent Auditor Report, internal controls and reporting, and external compliance all indicated First 5 Solano's internal control structures and reporting and operating practices reflected an ongoing commitment to proper accountability and reporting of financial resources. Solano County Board of Supervisors will receive the reports during the October 24th Board meeting.

Motion: Approve the Commission Meeting Minutes for August 08, 2017

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

**Yea: Commissioners Barbosa, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber, Ingham,
Neff, Niedziela**

Nay: None

Abstain: None

V. Public Hearing: First 5 Solano FY2016/17 Annual Report

Juanita Morales provided a presentation which overviewed the annual report for submission to the State of California. The four priority areas, health and well-being, early childhood learning and development, and family support and parent education, and systems change were highlighted with statistics regarding services, access, and case management to children, parents, and providers across several programs including: Solano Kids Insurance Program (SKIP), Partnership Early Access for Kids (PEAK), Early and Periodic Screening Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT), Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive (IMPACT), Pre-Kindergarten Academies, Family Strengthening Partnership (FSP). Ms. Morales noted within Systems change, a grant was secured from Zellerbach Family Foundation to host a training for non-profits regarding fundraising and volunteer management; First 5 Solano also hosted trainings on poverty and race equity. In summary, First 5 Solano served 7,300 residents including children, families, and providers and 79% of performance measures were met by grantees. This year, the annual report included information on program performance across multiple years, as requested by the Systems and Policy Committee.

The Commission discussed the report data and staff highlighted particular parts of the full annual report for clarifications.

Motion: Approve the First 5 Solano submission to the First 5 CA for the FY2016/17 Annual Report

Moved by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson; Seconded by Commissioner Hannigan

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Barbosa, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber, Ingham, Neff, Niedziela

Nay: None

Abstain: None

VI. Committee Reports

- 1) **Early Childhood Mental Health Needs Assessment** - Christina Branom presented the draft assessment on Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Needs Assessment conducted by Applied Survey Research (ASR). Ms. Branom highlighted that developmental screenings identify early the mental health needs of children and noted systemic challenges and barriers for Solano County families and service providers. Ms. Branom highlighted prevalence rates of ECMH both locally and nationally and noted that a lack of universal screening leaves an area of uncertainty regarding local data. Ms. Branom presented recommended strategies for prevention, parent education, universal screening, service coordination, and service navigation support.
- 2) **Family Support and Parent Education Report** - Ms. Branom presented the draft assessment on Family Support and Parent Education. Ms. Branom noted that Positive Parent Program (Triple P) is the recommended evidence-based parent education program as preventative support for families. Ms. Branom noted that related to financial education, connecting families to existing coaching-based financial education services is the recommended strategy. Ms. Branom noted that in targeting family support services to allow families meet basic needs. Lastly, a geographic focus on the highest risk areas, including Vallejo and Rio Vista could be considered by the Commission.

Public Comment: Susan Ferdinandi commented Family Support and Parent Education, specifically regarding the importance of Family Resource Centers within Solano County. Ms. Ferdinandi explained that FRCs are neighborhood-based in their delivery of services and as such are uniquely positioned to provide access to care for families at a variety of needs.

- 3) Lorraine Fernandez reviewed the changes to the First 5 Solano signature authority policy brought to the Systems and Policy Committee which included provisions to account for the usage of First 5 Solano Legislative Platform as well electronic signature and approval of proposals.

Motion: Approve an update to the First 5 Solano Signature Authority Policy to support the implementation of the First 5 Solano Legislative Platform

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Barbosa

Approved 7-0-0

**Yea: Commissioners Barbosa, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber, Ingham,
Neff, Niedziela**

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Program and Community Engagement Committee
No Meeting

VII. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Harris commended commissioners Estrella-Henderson and Hannigan for their participation in the screening of the film *Resilience: The Biology of Hope & the Science of Stress*. Ms. Harris informed the commission about upcoming events being hosted by First 5 Solano including a Poverty Simulation,

VIII. Commissioner Remarks

Commissioner Neff noted that a local office focused on families who face challenges with disabilities. Commissioner Estrella-Henderson commented on the *Resilience* screening. Commissioner Huber suggested he report at a future meeting on the national update regarding the future of Health and Human Services in the country. Commissioner Hannigan shared that Yocha Dehe donated 1 million dollars to Solano County as well as the eye-opening nature of the Adverse Childhood Experiences Survey (ACES) questionnaire results identified in *Resilience*.

IX. Future Agenda Items

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2017 at 5:30 PM at 601 Texas Street, Conference Room B, Fairfield. Future agenda items include: Committee Reports, Program Investment Plan, Health and Human Services National Update

Adjourn

Chair Niedziela adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Andrew Boatright, Office Assistant III

Approved:

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