

First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission

**Minutes of Meeting – Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 5:30 PM
601 Texas Street, Conference Room B, Fairfield, CA**

Attendance

Commissioners: Aaron Crutison, Erin Hannigan, Dan Ayala, Liz Niedziela, Stephan Betz, Marisela Barbosa, Dana Dean

Staff/Public: Commission staff and 4 presenters/members of the public were present.

Call to Order

Vice Chair Crutison called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

I. Public Comment

No public comment.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the Commission Meeting Agenda for April 1, 2014

Moved: Commissioner Dean; Seconded: Commissioner Ayala

Vote: 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Crutison, Hannigan, Ayala, Niedziela, Betz, Barbosa, and Dean

Nay: None

Abstain: None

B. Approve Minutes of the March 4, 2014 Commission Meeting

Moved: Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded: Commissioner Barbosa

Vote: 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Crutison, Hannigan, Ayala, Niedziela, Betz, Barbosa, and Dean

Nay: None

Abstain: None

III. April Children's Month

A. Consider approval of Resolution #2014-01, recognizing April 2014 as "Children's Month" in Solano County

Cherelyn Ellington Hunt, Childcare and Community Engagement Manager, presented the Resolution to the Commission. Commissioner Crutison read the Resolution aloud and presented the document to Alan Kerzin, Executive Director of Children's Network.

Moved: Commissioner Dean; Seconded: Commissioner Barbosa

Vote: 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Crutison, Hannigan, Ayala, Niedziela, Betz, Barbosa, and Dean

Nay: None

Abstain: None

IV. Community Partner Presentation

- A. Receive an overview of the Food and Nutrition Network of Solano County (FANNS)

Chris Shipman, Health and Well-Being Manager, introduced Denise Kirnig, Health Services Manager (Sr) of FANNS. Ms. Kirnig provided a presentation covering the beginnings, members, accomplishments, partnerships, and goals of FANNS.

Discussion: Commissioner Dean asked whether local Offices of Education and all school districts have been approached regarding FANNS' goals, and suggested these venues as possible outreaches. Commissioner Betz suggested finding ways to increase enrollment in programs such as CalFresh and WIC. Commissioner Niedziela commented on the issue of the fluoride content of Solano County's tap water, which was discussed. Commissioner Hannigan noted that KQED will be broadcasting a documentary in the near future on food stamp programs, which may be of interest to the First 5 Commission, staff, and grantees.

V. Awards of Funding – Request for Applications #2014-03: First 5 Solano Pre-Kindergarten Academies – Vallejo

- A. Consider approval of award of funding of up to \$20,000 to Vallejo City Unified School District for 2014 Pre-Kindergarten Academy services (2 sessions)

Discussion: Ms. Ellington Hunt reported that First 5 Solano received one application in response to this solicitation, from Vallejo City Unified School District, and that staff did not convene a review panel but rather compared this application to the requirements and brought it forward with a staff recommendation to approve funding. Staff and Commissioners discussed outreach efforts, and Commissioner Barbosa suggested in the future contacting groups such as "Stepping Stones." Commissioner Niedziela thanked First 5 Staff for their effort to find applicants.

Moved: Commissioner Betz; Seconded: Commissioner Barbosa

Vote: 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Crutison, Hannigan, Ayala, Niedziela, Betz, Barbosa, and Dean

Nay: None

Abstain: None

- B. Receive an update on the 2014 Pre-K Business Champions Campaign

Ciara Gonsalves, Policy and Fund Development Manager, provided an update on the goals and current achievements of the 2014 Pre-K Business Champions Campaign, as outlined in her slide presentation. She publicly honored Kaiser Permanente, NorthBay Medical Center, and Bryan-Braker Funeral Home for their contributions, and asked for any help that the Commissioners might be able to offer.

Discussion: Commissioner Barbosa mentioned that there are many fundraisers competing for business support this time of year, and suggested trying another time of year in the future. She also noted that businesses are more likely to commit to donating in a public setting where making a verbal pledge will bring them positive attention. Commissioner Dean suggested having businesses compete to "out-pledge" each other, and also pointed out the benefits of publicly recognizing even small businesses for their contributions. Commissioner Hannigan suggested allowing for smaller/various pledge amounts so that businesses/individuals are not turned away by the pressure of donating at least \$200.

Commissioner Ayala offered to present the Pre-K Business Champions Campaign at a Dixon mixer event.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Systems and Policy Committee

There were no action items.

B. Program and Community Engagement Committee

- 1. Consider approval of awards of funding of up to \$152,714 for the period July 1, 2014 – August 31, 2014 to current Partners for Early Access for Kids (PEAK) grantee agencies, as outlined in the staff report, to continue Early Childhood Mental Health Services**

Discussion: Commissioner Dean expressed concerns with this item, including how it might affect our funding cycles, and asked whether it was permissible to allocate outside the current funding cycle (Ms. Arrostuto responded the Commission has the authority to do so). Commissioner Dean also commented that this action could set a precedent for other grantees to request funding outside the cycle. Ms. Arrostuto commented that staff brought this recommendation forward because of the unusual circumstance of having a large amount of matching funding available, and that this type of opportunity was a rare occurrence, but that the Commission had the option not to act on this item.

Moved: Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded: Commissioner Ayala

Vote: 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Crutison, Hannigan, Ayala, Niedziela, Betz, Barbosa, and Dean

Nay: None

Abstain: None

- 2. Consider authorizing First 5 Staff to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Health and Social Services (H&SS) for Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention (MHSA/PEI) leveraged funds for FY2014/15, FY2015/16, and FY2016/17**

Discussion: See above

Moved: Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded: Commissioner Barbosa

Vote: 6-1-0

Yea: Commissioners Crutison, Hannigan, Ayala, Niedziela, Betz, and Barbosa

Nay: Commissioner Dean

Abstain: None

- 3. Consider approval of Request for Proposals #2014-04 for Early Childhood Mental/Developmental Health Services for FY2014/15, FY2015/16, and FY2016/17**

Discussion: See above

Moved: Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded: Commissioner Barbosa

Vote: 6-1-0

Yea: Commissioners Crutison, Hannigan, Ayala, Niedziela, Betz, and Barbosa
Nay: Commissioner Dean
Abstain: None

4. Consider approval of an increase and partial extension of the 2012-2015 Program Investment Plan for Early Childhood Mental Health Services

Commissioner Dean requested that items VI. B. 4 a., b., and c. be voted on separately.

- a. Accept increased MHSA/PEI funds of \$144,000 (from \$456,000 to \$600,000) for FY2014/15**

Moved: Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded: Commissioner Barbosa

Vote: 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Crutison, Hannigan, Ayala, Niedziela, Betz, Barbosa, and Dean

Nay: None

Abstain: None

- b. Accept MHSA/PEI funds of up to \$1,200,000 (from \$600,000 annually for FY2015/16 and FY2016/17)**

Moved: Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded: Commissioner Barbosa

Vote: 6-1-0

Yea: Commissioners Crutison, Hannigan, Ayala, Niedziela, Betz, and Barbosa

Nay: Commissioner Dean

Abstain: None

- c. Allocate First 5 funds of up to \$1,532,564 (\$766,282 annually for FY2015/16 and FY2016/17)**

Moved: Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded: Commissioner Ayala

Vote: 6-1-0

Yea: Commissioners Crutison, Hannigan, Ayala, Niedziela, Betz, and Barbosa

Nay: Commissioner Dean

Abstain: None

VII. Public Hearing: First 5 CA FY2012/13 Annual Report

Ms. Ellington Hunt presented the First 5 CA FY2012/13 Annual Report. She noted that staff have been informally (but not formally) told that while the graphs in the report are up to date, some of the data in the text may not reflect FY2012/13 numbers. If this proves to be the case, she will provide updated numbers to the Commission.

A. Consider acceptance of the First 5 California Children and Families Commission's FY2012/13 Annual Report, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 130150

Moved: Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded: Commissioner Barbosa

Vote: 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Crutison, Hannigan, Ayala, Niedziela, Betz, Barbosa, and Dean

Nay: None

Abstain: None

VIII. Executive Director's Report

There was no official Executive Director's Report due to a medical emergency. Ms. Arrostuto commended First 5 Solano staff for pulling the Commission meeting together in her absence. She also praised Commissioner Barbosa for her speech at the "First 5 is 15" Anniversary Celebration in Sacramento.

IX. Commissioner Remarks

Commissioner Dean praised the recent Children and Families Policy Forum, and suggested that partners specifically reach out to the County Board of Education and local school boards, requesting that they attend future Policy Forums.

Commissioner Barbosa reported on her speech in Sacramento. She also shared that she attended the Policy Forum and was able to receive an update on some foster children with whom she had worked in the past.

Commissioner Betz mentioned the potential advantages of attending Local Control Funding Formula public hearings in every school district in order to promote the importance of early childhood education.

Commissioner Hannigan also praised Commissioner Barbosa as a great representative for First 5 in Sacramento. She thanked Mr. Kerzin for coordinating a successful Policy Forum.

Commissioner Crutison announced that he will be speaking in Seattle next week in relation to President Obama's 'My Brother's Keeper' initiative to support and empower men and boys of color.

X. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location

Future agenda items include: Community Partner Presentation; Committee Reports.

The next Commission meeting will be held on June 3, 2014 at 5:30 PM at 601 Texas Street, Fairfield.

Meeting adjourned: 7:23 PM

Approved: _____

