

First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission
Commission Meeting
June 7, 2016, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present: Marisela Barbosa (Chair), Liz Niedziela (Vice Chair), Jay Speck, Dan Ayala, Erin Hannigan (arrived 5:33pm), Aaron Crutison, and Dana Dean

First 5 Solano Staff present: Michele Harris, Megan Richards, Ciara Gonsalves, Venis Boyd, and Christiana Lewis

Members of the public present: Maria Vicondoa (EMQ FamiliesFirst), Nazlin Huerta and Nancy Calvo (H&SS), Debbi Davis (Children's Nurturing Project), Lisette Estrella-Henderson (Solano County Office of Education), David and Jody Dorroh, Diane Schoonover, Diane Dalenberg, Stacy Bouchard, Anne Caya, James Woods, Betty Harrington, Elizabeth Casey, Cristina Wells, Jonathan Sanger, W. Phillips (Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District)

Chair Barbosa called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

I. Public Comment

None.

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve the June 7, 2016 Commission Meeting Agenda
- B. Approve the April 5, 2016 Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve the Commission Meeting Agenda for June 7, 2016, and approve minutes of the April 5, 2016 Commission Meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Speck; Seconded by Commissioner Ayala
Approved 7-0-0

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

III. Program Presentations

Due to the large number of meeting attendees for speak on behalf of the SPACE Program, Chair Barbosa recommended and the Commission agreed to receive the presentation on the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District SPACE Parent Education Program before the BabyFirst Solano Prenatal Program presentation.

- A. Ms. Stumbaugh thanked the Commission for funding the SPACE program since 2012 and presented program pictures and highlights from the last three years including Family Literacy Nights and Kindergarten Readiness Roundup. SPACE began with twelve families and now has 67 participating families; thirteen of these families have children attending kindergarten this year. The program offers parent education in the classroom and online, covering topics like encouragement and positive discipline techniques. The program won the Golden Bell award and will continue to serve families thanks to funding from Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District.

- B. Ms. Huerta presented an overview of BabyFirst Solano and explained how the Commission has supported the program since 2003. The program offers prenatal support services to at-risk populations. The Commission supported funding for BabyFirst Solano to bring an evidence-based model to the County; subsequently resulting in affiliation with Healthy Families America in 2012 and full accreditation in 2015. Since 2003, the program has help Solano County mothers deliver more than 2,000 babies and improved health outcomes for families. The program will continue services with funding provided by Health and Social Services through FY2016/17.

IV. Early Childhood Mental Health Funding Revisions

Commissioner Crutison recused himself from the discussion and motion of this item.

Ms. Richards explained that in 2014 First 5 Solano joined with Health and Social Services (H&SS), Mental Health Services Division, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) in a new 3-year agreement with a collaborative of agencies, known as the Partnership for Early Access for Kids (PEAK), to provide early childhood mental and developmental health services. Two PEAK collaborative grantees, Children's Nurturing Project and EMQ FamiliesFirst, provide the majority of services and have encountered multiple challenges to service delivery over the last two years due to the 2014 restructuring of MHSA. First 5 Solano staff has met regularly with both grantees to discuss these challenges, eventually resulting in a Compliance Action Plan in November 2015.

In agreement with H&SS MHSA, staff worked with grantees to agree upon contract amendments which remove mental health assessment and short-term treatment services in both the scopes of work and the budget from their PEAK contracts. Secondly, staff recommended to reallocate the funding for mental health assessment and treatment to H&SS Mental Health Services Division to expand Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services.

Motion: Consider approval of a reduction in allocation of \$194,000 from Children's Nurturing Project and \$218,000 from EMQ Families First in Partnership for Early Access for Kids (PEAK) Early Childhood Mental Health Initiative for FY2016/17

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

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Consider approval of an allocation of \$412,000 to Health & Social Services Mental Health Division to leverage EPSDT funding for FY2016/17

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Dean

Approved 6-0-0

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

V. Committee Reports

A. System and Policy Committee

(No meeting)

B. Program and Community Engagement Committee

Members of the Solano Kids Thrive Collective Impact Leadership team, Ms. Estrella-Henderson, Ms. Calvo and Ms. Davis, presented updates on Collective Impact efforts and activities. To date, SKT has identified a leadership team, assessed and mapped systems, established goal areas, branding, work plans and a governance structure, conducted outreach to educate providers, and implemented workgroups and evaluation. In 2016, the collaboration adopted a new name, *Solano Kids Thrive* (SKT), and planned to gear their activities toward changing early childhood systems.

Next steps include continuing workgroups and work plans, collecting and evaluating data, aligning the work of partners and holding regular Leadership Team meetings.

VI. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Harris informed the Commission that on May 19, 2016 the California Department of Health and Social Services began extending the full scope of Medi-Cal benefits to all children under the age of 19, regardless of immigration status.

On May 3, 2016, Solano's inaugural Give Local Campaign concluded with \$49,826, despite technological difficulties. Six First 5 Solano grantees participated in the fundraising as a Solano Community Foundation member.

Governor Brown signed five of six special session anti-tobacco bills effective June 9, 2016. It is estimated that First 5 Solano will have an annual net revenue loss of

approximately \$166,000. Staff will keep the Commission informed with updated information as it becomes available.

A potential measure on the November ballot would increase excise tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products, including e-cigarette, by \$2 per pack. Proposed language in the measure would ensure that the tax backfills any loss of Prop 10 revenues.

Ms. Harris invited Commissioners to visit a Pre-K Academy classroom from June 13th – August 5th, and to the 2nd Annual Giant Sandbox at the Solano County Fair July 27-31st.

First 5 Solano partnered with the Solano County Library to launch the first *Stay & Play* center at the Cordelia Library on May 18th. The room provides a place for children and parents to interact, and a computer center to assist parents who may need to search for or apply for jobs. Over 20 children and their families attended the grand opening.

VII. Commissioner's Remarks

None.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

The next Commission meeting will be held on August 9, 2016 at 5:30 PM at 601 Texas Street, Conference Room B, Fairfield. Future agenda items include: Committee Reports.

Adjourn

Chair Barbosa adjourned the meeting at 6:47pm.

Christiana Lewis, Office Assistant III

Approved:

