

**POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**April 1, 2020: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm**  
**3375 Sonoma Boulevard, Suite 30, Vallejo, CA 94590**

In furtherance of the direction from Governor Newsom (Executive Order N-25-20) and Solano County Public Health (Solano County's "Stay at Home" Order) and pursuant to the Executive Order issued by Governor Gavin Newsom (Executive Order N-29-20),  
**the Policy and Oversight Committee will not be open to the public.**

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Meeting ID: 571803040

**Public Comments:**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**I. Introductions, Public Comment, Commissioner Comment**

**II. Consent Calendar**

**Action**

- A. Approve the December 11, 2019 Policy and Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes
- B. Receive the Commissioner Meeting Attendance Status Report

**III. Emergency Response Fund**

**Action**

**Motion:** Consider a recommendation to approve an Emergency Response Fund, including: recommending approval of an Emergency Response Fund Policy; and an allocation of \$44,519 in FY2019/20 and \$50,000 in FY2020/21 to support the fund

*Megan Richards, Deputy Director*

**IV. FY2019/20 Mid-Year Report**

**Information/Discussion**

Receive the FY2019/20 Mid-Year Performance Report

*Lorraine Fernandez, Program Manager*

**V. Strategic Plan Implementation Updates**

**Information/Discussion**

Receive updates on the following:

- A. Program: First 5 Center Update
- B. Systems Change Implementation Plan Update
- C. Community Engagement Activities Update

*Megan Richards, Deputy Director; Juanita Morales, Program Manager, Lorraine Fernandez, Program Manager*

**VI. First 5 Solano Staffing and Finance Update**

**Information**

Receive a report on First 5 Solano staffing and financials  
*Megan Richards, Deputy Director*

**VII. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location**

**Information**

The Policy and Oversight Committee is scheduled to meet next on Wednesday, May 13, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, at 3375 Sonoma Boulevard, Suite 30, Vallejo, CA. Future agenda items include: Co-Sponsorships of Training and Conferences; Program Update, Systems Change Implementation Update; Community Engagement Update; and Staffing and Finance Update

**ADJOURN**

**Vision:** *All Solano County children are loved, healthy, confident, eager to learn, nurtured by their families, caregivers and communities.*

**Mission:** *First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission creates and fosters programs and partnerships with community entities to promote, support and improve the lives of young children, their families and their communities.*

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**First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission  
Policy & Oversight Committee (POC) Meeting**

December 11, 2019, 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM  
601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA

**Minutes**

Commissioners present: Erin Hannigan, Gerald Huber, Lisette Estrella-Henderson

First 5 Solano Staff present: Michele Harris (Executive Director), Megan Richards (Deputy Director) Juanita Morales, Kwiana Algeré, Luke Winders

Members of the public present: Lisa Eckhoff (Solano County Office of Education)

Chair Huber called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM

**I. Introduction, Public Comment, Commissioner Comment**

There were no public or commissioner comments.

**II. Consent Calendar**

***Motion:***

- A. Approve the December 11, 2019 POC Meeting Agenda
- B. Approve the September 18, 2019 POC Meeting minutes
- C. Receive the Commissioner Meeting Attendance Status Report

**Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson  
Approved 3-0-0**

**Yea: Commissioners Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber**

**Nay: None**

**Abstain: None**

**III. Co-Sponsorship of Training and Conferences Fund Application**

Kwiana Algeré, First 5 Solano Health Education Specialist, described and recommended a training co-sponsorship request from A More Excellent Way Health Improvement Organization.

***Motion: Consider approval of a request from A More Excellent Way Health Improvement Organization for an allocation of up to \$3,000 to support the 20-hour Love Support Breastfeeding training costs for community peer counselors to improve the education and support of breastfeeding to community mothers and infants in Solano County.***

**Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson  
Approved 3-0-0**

**Yea: Commissioners Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber**

**Nay: None**  
**Abstain: None**

#### **IV. Early Learning Expansion Assessment**

Christina Branom from Applied Survey Research presented on barriers to expanding early learning opportunities in Solano County. The Committee discussed opportunities for collaboration to increase Solano’s ability to draw down additional funding from the state. In particular, the Committee noted that 10 years ago the Board of Supervisors, at the request of the County Superintendent of Schools, authorized the Local Childcare Planning Council (LCCPC) be housed at a local nonprofit, due to staff capacity constraints at the time. Currently, the majority of LCCPC’s across the state are housed within their Office of Education, which allows for maximization of resources and alignment with the K-12 and other systems. Since that time, the local Office of Education has taken the lead on quality improvement efforts and securing additional state and federal funding, developing an expertise in-house.

The Committee made a recommendation to share the information in the report with the Commission and the Board of Supervisors to further explore the alignment of the early care and education policy bodies. The Committee also discussed the potential opportunities to develop the childcare workforce and recommended to present the report to the Workforce Development Board.

#### **V. Strategic Plan Implementation Updates**

##### **A. Update on First 5 Center**

Megan Richards, First 5 Solano Deputy Director, gave an update on progress of construction at the First 5 Center in Vallejo. The Administrative suite is near completion with floors, furniture, and signage installed. First 5 Solano is planning to move into the rear suite in the next month, while construction concludes in the front half. The funding gap continues to close and is currently within \$500,000 of the goal. First 5 Solano Executive Director Michele Harris and Bay Area Community Resources staff have met with multiple outside agencies about partnering at the Center and have many additional scheduled or planned. A grand opening is being planned for February.

##### **B. Update on Systems Change Implementation Plan**

###### **1. First 5 Solano Legislative Platform**

Ms. Richards reported no changes to the platform are being recommended.

###### **2. Systems Change Activities Update**

North Bay Healthcare will provide \$5,000 for 2020 Pre-K Academies. Ms. Richards described some of the work being done by the Complete Count Committee to ensure children 0-5 are counted on the 2020 Census. Ms. Harris commended Commissioner Diaz’s participation in the efforts.

### **C. Community Engagement**

Juanita Morales, First 5 Solano Program Manager presented the 2019 Pre-K Academy report. The Committee discussed simplifying consent forms for next year's programs. Ms. Morales presented the 2020 First 5 Solano calendar and distributed copies to the Committee.

### **VI. First 5 Solano Staffing and Finance Update**

Ms. Richards announced that First 5 Solano College Intern, Andrea Azurdia, is completing her master's degree and graduating this month, which will result in the end of her internship. Bay Area Community Resources has hired her for a limited term as Vallejo First 5 Center Coordinator.

Ms. Richards reported that Proposition 10 disbursements are delayed at the State level, so revenues are lower than usual at this date. Staff is monitoring the release of payments and a shortage is not anticipated for the year.

### **VII. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location**

The next Policy and Oversight Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, at 3375 Sonoma Boulevard, Suite 30, Vallejo, CA. Future agenda items include: Co-Sponsorships of Training and Conferences; Program Update; Systems Change Updated; Community Engagement Update; and Staffing and Finance Update.

### **Adjourn**

Chair Huber adjourned the meeting at 5:02 PM.

Luke Winders, Office Assistant III

Approved:



**DATE:** March 26, 2020

**TO:** Jennifer Barton, Policy and Oversight Committee (POC) Chair  
Erin Hannigan and Lisette Estrella Henderson, POC Members

**FROM:** Lorraine Fernandez, POC Staff

**CC:** Michele Harris, Executive Director

**SUBJ:** **Policy and Oversight Committee Meeting Staff Report**

**Agenda Item III: Emergency Response Fund**

First 5 Solano is in a unique position to be able to assist our community partners by providing resources which may lift barriers to providing services to families in our community during emergency events. Partners who are following local, state, and federal guidelines related to emergency events may be facing challenges meeting with families which could be assisted through technology solutions. In addition, families may be facing additional challenges due to following the guidelines or other challenges based on economic ramifications of the emergency response. This fund is particularly relevant given the recent pandemic with COVID-19.

Staff has identified \$44,519 in unspent funds for annual grants in FY2019/20 and \$50,000 in unallocated funds in FY2020/21 (2018-2023 Program Investment Plan--Health) to allocate to community agencies to alleviate barriers they face in serving families with children ages 0-5. Barriers include but are not limited to: technology needed to serve families remotely; challenges faced by families which have been brought on by the current situation; other barriers identified by community partners to ensure families with young children are getting what they need during this challenging time.

To facilitate providing this funding, the Committee is being asked to recommend the following to the full Commission at their next meeting, currently scheduled for April 7, 2020:

1. An Emergency Response Fund policy
2. Allocations of funding:
  - a. \$44,519 in FY2019/20 (unallocated funds from Annual Grants)
  - b. \$50,000 in FY2020/21 (2018-2023 Program Investment Fund-Health)

**Agenda Item IV: FY2019/20 Mid-Year Report**

To ensure high-quality services, First 5 Solano tracks grantee service counts monthly and performance measures quarterly, based on agreed-upon Scopes of Work that are incorporated into its grantee contracts and Memorandums of Understanding. The purpose of the mid-year report is to inform the Committee of grantees' overall progress, any on-going challenges, and if applicable, recommendations for improvement. A more detailed report will be provided at the end of the fiscal year as part of the FY2019/20 Annual Report.

The report is included as Attachment C and is organized by First 5 Solano's Priority Areas and funded initiatives. The report includes initial performance for the first 6 months of FY2019/20 and details any challenges to effective service provision.

Overall, grantees are meeting 74% of performance measures during the first half of FY2019/20. Some performance measures are annual targets that are not reported until the end of the Fiscal Year, which accounts for some of the unmet performance measures. Additionally, grantees that currently have unmet measures have been reminded of their targets and are working toward meeting their performance measures. One grantee, Parents By Choice, is being recommended to enter into a Compliance Action Plan due to multiple unmet measures over a period of time.

Staff are working closely to evaluate progress in Quarters 3 & 4 and ensure contractual obligations are met by the end of the fiscal year. However, with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, staff will be reviewing each contract and working closely with contractors to determine what impact the pandemic will have on meeting contractual obligations. Staff will report out as the situation progresses and at the year-end Annual Report.

## **Agenda Item V: Strategic Plan Implementation Updates**

### **A. Program**

#### **1. First 5 Center Update:**

**First 5 Center services:** The physical location of the First 5 Center has closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic following the County of Solano and state Stay at Home orders. The First 5 Center is actively posting activities for young children on their Facebook page, as well as answering phone calls and emails if families need to be connected to resources.

**Fund Development to Support Tenant Improvements:** A total of \$1,607,000 was committed by First 5 Solano, Solano County, City of Vallejo, and private funders for the Vallejo First 5 Center Tenant Improvement project. A full reconciliation of this project will be presented at the upcoming June 2, 2020 Commission meeting.

### **B. Systems Change Implementation Plan**

#### **1. Systems Change Activities Update:** The following are brief descriptions of recent notable systems change activities:

**Census Outreach:** The Children's Network continues to lead the census outreach efforts to Solano's families, with an emphasis on Hard-to-Count census tracts. The collaborative of agencies is implementing the "Solano Kids Count" campaign; and, acting as a subcommittee of the Solano Complete Count Committee. The social media campaign has been very consistent, and several partners are re-posting targeted messages from the Children's Network and First 5 Solano Facebook pages. Up until late February, partners conducted outreach at many events. However, due to the recent public health challenges, the collaborative is addressing changes in plans for various events and projects. Due to the cancellation of events, conversations are underway to plan for alternative outreach activities and messaging such as targeted digital outreach (e.g. ads on Facebook, Pandora, Instagram); and/or mailings.

**Census Mini-Grant for Printing Outreach Materials:** In January 2020, the First 5 Association offered First 5 Solano the opportunity to apply for a \$4,000 mini-grant to support census outreach activities. The application was submitted for a mini-grant that would fund the printing of outreach materials targeted to families with young children, and the funds were received in February. The grants requirements included providing 20% of these funds to the local Head Start agencies. Staff are working with the Children's Network and Child Start to make sure that these materials are ordered, printed and distributed in a timely and effective manner.



**Kaiser Community Benefit 2020 Grant Application** – On March 3, 2020 First 5 Solano submitted a grant request to Kaiser through their 2020 Community Benefit program. The request is for funds to support a Family Navigation Program, based out of the Vallejo First 5 Center, to provide information/referrals and linkages to increase access to social non-medical services.

**Parent Café Training** – On March 9 & 10 and 11 & 12, 2020, with funding from Solano County Public Health, First 5 Solano hosted a Parent Café Training Institute consisting of two identical multi-day highly interactive trainings that prepared providers and their parent partners on how to conduct *Be Strong Families* Parent Cafés based upon the Strengthening Families Protective Factors. The training was very successful with a total 52 participants from nine agencies within Solano County completing the training. *Be Strong Families* will follow up with two-half day Technical Assistance trainings for all certified participants to give feedback once the Parent Cafes are implemented within their agency.

**Office of Child Abuse Prevention Grant –Creating a Beloved Community: Family and the Road to Resilience** – On January 23-27, 2020 Fighting Back Partnership (FBP) staff and partners traveled to Atlanta, GA for a training in which they received a Certification Completion in “Cultural Competencies and Ethical Leadership” through a Social Justice Lens of Social Services for Prenatal Health Care. The training will help FBP better serve its population as their agency moves forward to build their program. Solano Kids Thrive will continue to collaborate with FBP to provide support by acting as an advisory committee to provide input on the development of outreach, referral systems, continuous improvement, and sustainability for the program with First 5 Solano assisting in facilitating advisory meetings.

## **C. Community Engagement**

**1. Community Engagement Activities Update:** Many upcoming community engagement activities have been cancelled, postponed or gone online due the COVID-19 pandemic, including:

- The First 5 CA Express interactive exhibit was scheduled to be at the Fairfield Civic Center Library on April 21st to celebrate "Dia de los libros" but has since cancelled it's 2020 Spring tour. The tour hopes to resume its visits in the Fall.
- Other April Children's Month Events:
  - Autism Awareness day- Light up a blue light or wear blue on April 2
  - Military Child Month-wear purple on April 17
  - Light of Hope Day-Light a candle or lighter and post on Facebook on April 9

First 5 Solano is restocking community engagement items and will be sending a survey to grantees, community partners and Commissioners asking for them to weigh in on what items are most useful in engaging the community. Be on the lookout for the surveymonkey.

## **Agenda Item VI: First 5 Solano Staffing and Finance Update**

**Staffing Update:** First 5 Solano is currently fully staffed. Per the guidelines issued by the County of Solano and the state due to COVID-19, staff are primarily teleworking with limited work in the

office to ensure that essential work, such as processing of invoices continues. All staff can be reached via email or phone.

**Finance Update:** With 67% of the year complete (through February 28, 2020), \$2,764,719 (63%) of the revenue (monthly disbursements, state match, interest, and other revenue) has been received. The payments of Proposition 10 tobacco tax payments have caught up to usual disbursement rate. Additionally, \$668,133 (65%) of the salaries & benefits budget has been expended, \$106,565 (68%) of the services and supplies budget has been expended, and \$1,350,883 (38%) of the grants budget has been expended. For tenant improvements at the First 5 Center, of the \$1,558,203 in the budget for FY2019/20, \$1,162,649 (75%) has been expended.

Overall, \$2,764,719 (63%) of revenues have been received, and \$2,183,653 (42%) of expenses were incurred.

Attachment A: Commission Meeting Attendance Log

Attachment B: Emergency Response Fund Policy-DRAFT

Attachment C: FY2019/20 Mid-Year Report

# 2020 COMMISSIONER MEETING ATTENDANCE LOG

		COMMISSION MEETINGS													
		1/14/20	FEB	3/3/20	4/7/20	MAY	6/2/20	JUL	8/11/20	SEP	10/13/20	10/24/20	NOV	12/1/20	
ANDERSON		Present	-	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BARTON		Present	-	Present	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CRUTISON		Present	-	Present	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DIAZ		Absent	-	Present	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ESTRELLA-HENDERSON		Present	NO MEETING	Present	-	NO MEETING	-	NO MEETING	-	NO MEETING	-	-	NO MEETING	-	
HANNIGAN		Present	-	Present	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HUBER		Present	-	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NEFF		Present	-	Present	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WANBERG		Present	-	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		<b>POLICY &amp; OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b>													
		JAN	2/19/20	MAR	4/1/20	5/13/20	JUN	7/15/20	AUG	9/16/20	OCT		11/18/20	12/16/20	
HUBER		NO MEETING	CANCELED (GRAND OPENING)	NO MEETING	-	-	NO MEETING	-	NO MEETING	-	NO MEETING		-	-	
HANNIGAN		NO MEETING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NO MEETING		-	-	
ESTRELLA-HENDERSON		NO MEETING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NO MEETING		-	-	

**FIRST 5 SOLANO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION MEETING ATTENDANCE POLICY**

The Solano County Code (Chapter 7.3) and First 5 Commission Policy set forth the requirements of Commissioner meeting attendance. Per these documents, Commissioners cannot miss three Meetings in a row or more than 50% of Meetings in a calendar year, whereas "Meetings" are defined as meetings of the full Commission per the approved annual Commission Meeting Schedule. In addition, Commissioners serving on a standing Committee cannot miss more than 50% of Committee Meeting.



## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND POLICY**

This Policy sets forth the purpose and criteria for the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission (First 5 Solano) Emergency Response Fund (ERF). Monies authorized under this fund must be consistent with and further the priorities and goals of the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission as set forth in its Strategic Plan.

### **Criteria**

Grant awards from this ERF are based on the following criteria:

1. The funds may be deployed to address needs generated by the by the local, state, and federal response to community emergencies. Such emergencies include, but are not limited to, fires, floods, pandemics, earthquakes, extreme heat waves or drought, lost children, terrorist attack.
2. The funds may also be deployed to support the overall safety and well-being of Solano County's children ages 0-5, their families, and providers of service during challenges of the emergency as stated above.
3. The proposed services align with the First 5 Solano Strategic Plan priorities, goals and results.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the ERF is to address needs of community partners generated by the local, state, and federal response to community emergencies. This fund provides a vehicle by which the Commission can ensure its investments are able to serve children and families in Solano impacted by the emergency.

### **Funding – Amount and Term**

Funding for the ERF will be allocated by the Commission as funding is needed and available. Any unspent balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year will return to the Commission's Long-Term Financial Plan.

### **Types of Funding**

The ERF shall address needs of community partners generated by the local, state, and federal response to community emergencies, which may include, but are not limited to:

- Purchasing technology to continue services for children ages 0-5 and their families, such as Zoom videoconferencing, surveymonkey, etc.
- Provision of services which are identified by the community to ensure needed First 5 Solano funded services and other services to young children are able to continue.
- Provision of supplies which are identified by the community to ensure families basic needs are met.
- Other grants determined to be consistent with the purpose of the Fund as approved by the First 5 Solano Commission.

### **Guidelines for the Emergency Response Fund**

1. The limit per application is \$7,500.
2. Requests must be made using the approved application form.
3. First 5 Solano grantees that are funded for an activity may use these funds to support an expansion of an existing activity, but may not use ERF funds to accomplish that same activity at the same level.

4. Funding may not supplant other local, state, or federal funding.
5. Funding may be requested by a community agency or individual providing services to pregnant women, children prenatal to five years of age and their families.
6. Funding must be utilized for services and supports in Solano County.
7. Services must be designated tobacco-free.
8. The grant must acknowledge the support of First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission in its advertising.
9. The grant may not be used for religious purposes, to benefit an individual, or to promote a candidate for public office.
10. Grants applications will be reviewed and recommended for funding by the Executive Director and approved by the Chair of the Policy and Oversight Committee. Approved grants will be reported out at the next Policy and Oversight Committee.
11. If the grant is approved, Grantee must read and sign the “Agreement for First 5 Solano Emergency Response Funds” prior to authorization for funds.
12. The requesting individual or agency must agree to complete and return the “Emergency Response Fund Report” about the outcome of the funding within 30 days after the conclusion of the funding. Any individual or organization that fails to provide this report may be considered ineligible for future funding.
13. Grant funds must be utilized in the fiscal year in which they are issued. Any funds not utilized in the fiscal year in which they were issued must be returned to First 5 Solano.

**First 5 Solano  
FY2019/20  
Mid-Year Performance Measures Report  
March 2020**

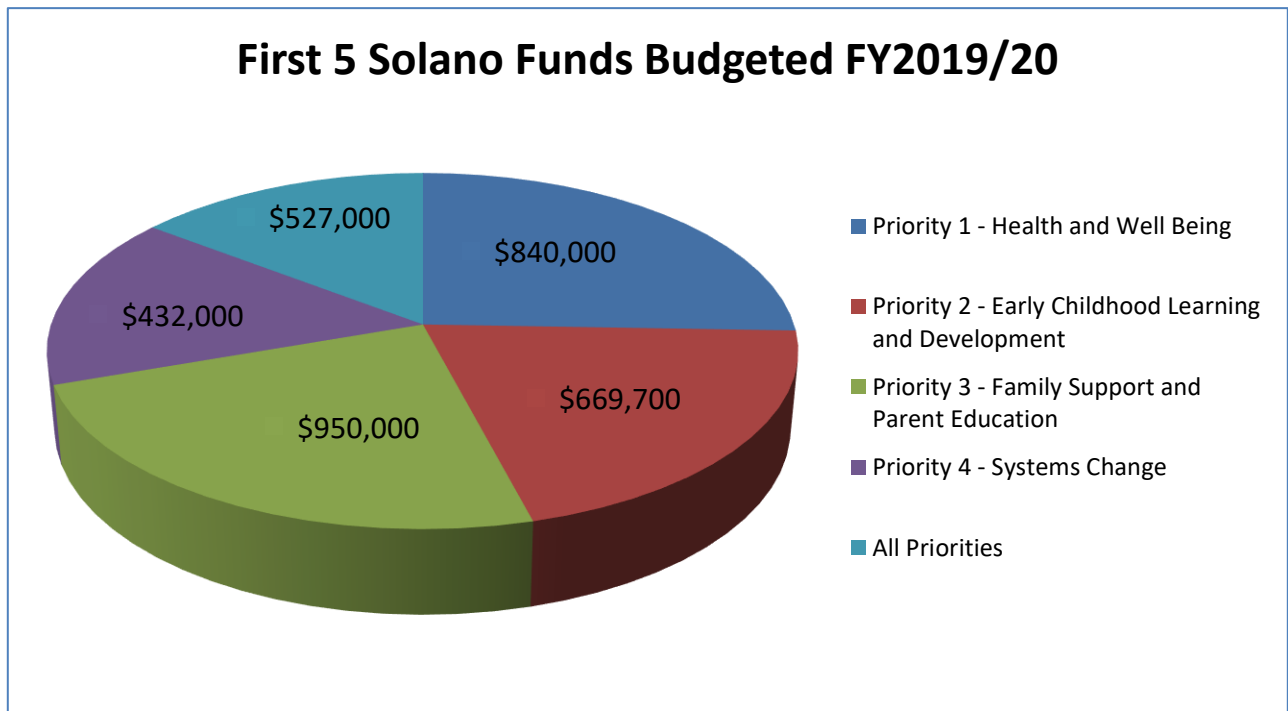
**Introduction**

The First 5 Solano FY2019/20 Mid-Year Performance Measures Report is a progress report of First 5 Solano grantees' service provision for contracted programs covering the period July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The purpose of the report is to ensure that appropriate progress is being made toward meeting contractual goals for both services and outcomes and, where needed, to provide recommendations for changes in services to ensure annual targets are met for numbers served and outcome impact.

Overall, in this second year of a five-year funding cycle, grantees continue to provide a high level of services to the population. Any concerns that have come to the attention of staff are noted throughout the report. First 5 Solano staff work closely with grantees throughout the program year to ensure compliance and success of funded programs.

**Program Investments**

The Commission funds within four Priority Areas: Health and Well-Being, Early Childhood Learning and Development, Family Support and Parent Education, and Systems Change.



**Summary of FY2019/20 Mid-Year Performance Measures  
(July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019)**

Grantee	Performance Measures		
	Total Number	Number Met/ Exceeded at Mid-Year	Number Unmet
<b>Early Childhood Mental Health</b>			
Solano County H&SS – EPSDT Mental Health Treatment	2	1	1
A Better Way – Early Childhood Mental Health Provider Training	12	9	3
Child Haven – Developmental Screening	1	0	1
<b>Early Learning &amp; Quality Child Care</b>			
Solano County Office of Education – IMPACT Quality Counts	11	8	3
Solano County Office of Education – Raising a Reader	6	3	3
Solano County Office of Education - CSEFEL	5	3	2
<b>Family Support</b>			
Fighting Back Partnership	8	7	1
Rio Vista CARE	9	8	1
Bay Area Community Resources	21	N/A-Start-Up	
<b>Triple P Parent Education</b>			
Child Haven	7	6	1
Child Start	5	3	2
Fairfield-Suisun Adult School	6	4	2
Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District	5	4	1
Parents By Choice	8	3	5
Rio Vista CARE	4	3	1
Solano County Office of Education	4	3	1
Solano Family and Children’s Services	4	3	1
<b>Systems Change</b>			
Solano County Office of Education – Solano Kids Thrive	6	6	0
Children’s Network – Census 2020	12	10	2
<b>Across Priorities</b>			
Solano Family & Children's Services – Help Me Grow	19	15	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>35</b>



## **Priority 1: Health and Well Being**

### **Early Childhood Mental Health**

#### **H&SS (EPSDT) – Meeting 1 of 2 performance measures/50%**

The Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program provides mental health treatment services for qualifying Medi-Cal eligible children and is a critical component of the overall children's mental health services system in the County. Mental health services were provided to 206 clients, and 51 clients met their 6-month benchmark and were evaluated for improvement on their treatment goal. The grantee reports that families are reporting life stressors, such as meeting basic needs, homelessness, dynamics in the home, domestic violence, and reunification with parents, which contribute to less of a focus on addressing treatment goals. First 5 Solano staff will work with our mental health partner to ensure access to existing basic needs supports in the county are also made available to these families, in an effort to support positive outcomes.

#### **A Better Way – Meeting 9 of 12 performance measures/75%**

A Better Way offers Early Childhood Mental Health trainings to providers in Solano County. Training topics include promoting social-emotional functioning, trauma-informed trainings, and trainings on the use of developmental screening tools such as the DC:0-5. In the second year of this contract, the grantee has completed 39 of 45 trainings. A Better Way is in the process of scheduling the remainder of their proposed trainings over the next two quarters and is expected to meet their performance measures by the end of the Fiscal Year.

#### **Child Haven - Meeting 0 of 1 performance measure/0%**

Child Haven provides developmental screenings for high-risk children. Currently, this grantee is experiencing challenges completing the number of screenings as outlined in their contract. This may be attributed to a recent change in executive leadership, staff turnover, and children receiving screenings in other settings, such as through primary care and mental health treatment. This contract will expire on June 30, 2020 at which time First 5 Solano and Mental Health Services Act (the Commission's co-funder) will be implementing a new model for provision of developmental screenings through Help Me Grow and the Vallejo First 5 Center.

## **Priority 2: Early Childhood Learning and Development**

### **Quality Child Care Initiative**

#### **Solano County Office of Education - IMPACT - Meeting 8 of 11 performance measures/73%**

IMPACT (Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive) is a First 5 California matching program that provides funding for a quality and improvement system (Quality Counts) for early care and education sites and is managed by the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE). The Quality Counts program retained 68 sites from last fiscal year and has recruited eight more for a total of 76 participating sites exceeding the minimum target of 60 sites. All sites are participating in the process of coaching and 68 have developed quality improvement plans. SCOE has provided a variety of professional development opportunities and coordinates with the regional hub to make these opportunities available to counties in the region. SCOE has met all but three of their performance measures, which are related to trainings and consortium meetings and are scheduled to occur before the end of the program year. The grantee is on track to meet all measures by the end of the program year.

### **Solano County Office of Education - Raising A Reader - meeting 3 out of 6 performance measures/ 50%**

Raising a Reader (RAR) is an evidence-based early literacy and family engagement program. Through this program caregivers engage in routine of book sharing with their children to foster healthy relationships, a love of reading, and the literacy skills critical for school success. This is the second year of implementation with a goal of training an additional 20 implementors. At mid-year, 11 implementors have been trained in the RAR program, have trainings scheduled for additional implementors, and are on track to meet this goal. The RAR program is providing an additional 382 children with high-quality multi-cultural and bilingual books to enjoy this program year. The grantee has met three of the six performance measures as of mid-year. The unmet measures are related to parent trainings which are scheduled to begin in January 2020 and include parent surveys to gauge increased literacy skills and strengthening family engagement. The grantee is on track to meet all measures by the end of the program year.

### **Solano County Office of Education - CSEFEL- meeting 3 out of 5 performance measures/60%**

California Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) is a framework that promotes the social and emotional development and school readiness of young children from birth through age five using the Teaching Pyramid Framework, with an emphasis on strong relationships, support for social competence and the prevention of challenging behaviors. This program is fully funded by First 5 CA IMPACT funds. SCOE oversees this program by providing module trainings and assessments to measure implementation of the Teaching Pyramid model in early learning settings. At mid-year this grantee has met all but two of the performance measures which are related to trainings and evaluations that will be collected after all training modules have been completed. These trainings are scheduled to be completed by the end of the program year.

### **Pre-Kindergarten Academies**

Pre-Kindergarten Academies are held during the summer and will be covered in the Pre-Kindergarten Academies Year End Annual Report.

## **Priority 3: Family Support and Parent Education**

### **Family Support**

#### **Fighting Back Partnership - Meeting 7 of 8 performance measures/88%**

Fighting Back Partnership provides neighborhood-based family resource center services in Vallejo. The grantee met all but one performance measure related to families successfully establishing savings. The contract period for this grantee ended in December 2019 as services provided were intended to support families prior to the opening of the Vallejo First 5 Center, which occurred in February 2020.

#### **Rio Vista CARE - Meeting 8 of 9 performance measures/88%**

Rio Vista CARE provides neighborhood-based family resource center services in Rio Vista and surrounding rural areas. This grantee has met all but one of their performance measures related to the outcomes in the Family Development Matrix. First 5 Solano staff will continue to work closely with this grantee to ensure progress is being made towards meeting all performance measures.

#### **Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) – Start Up**

Bay Area Community Resources is contracted to provide the direct services at the Vallejo First 5 Center. During the first six months of the contract, BACR conducted start up activities, including hiring, developing policies and procedures, assisting with identifying needs during the construction process, and purchasing supplies. The Vallejo First 5 Center opened and began delivering direct services in February 2020.

## **Triple P Parent Education**

In its second year of implementation, Triple P is offered by eight agency partners committed to providing parents with resources needed to become more confident and effective in their parenting skills. Because partners received positive responses from parents participating in the program, some agencies expanded their offerings in the various interventions. Thirty new practitioners were trained in Level 2 Seminars and Level 3 Primary interventions to support the additional work. First 5 Solano also continued its role to convene regularly scheduled collaborative meetings for agencies to share best practices for serving Solano families together. Below is a summary of grantee progress through mid-year:

### **Child Haven - Meeting 6/7 performance measures/86%**

This grantee offers Level 3, Level 4 Group, and Level 4 Standard interventions, and did not meet one performance measure due to not having enough parents participate in Level 3. Child Haven, however, has experienced success in providing services to individual parents in Level 4 Standard. In Level 4 Group, they provided parent education to men's and women's groups at County detention facilities, which has allowed participants to prepare for quality interactions with their children upon their release.

### **Child Start - Meeting 3/5 performance measures/60%**

This grantee offers Level 2 Seminars and Level 3 Primary for parents who have a child enrolled at Child Start. Child Start had previously offered Triple P to parents in Napa County, and with the Commission's investment, expanded into Solano. Throughout July through December, this grantee provided Level 2 Seminars and focused on Triple P outreach efforts, participating in 24 community events throughout the county. The grantee has stated that over the next two quarters, they will also focus on beginning Level 3 Primary services.

### **Fairfield-Suisun Adult School - Meeting 4/6 performance measures/67%**

This grantee offers Level 2 Seminars and Level 4 Group for parents participating in parent preschool. Thus far, they have completed three Seminars though mid-year, and are expected to complete their target number of Level 4 Groups by the end of the fiscal year. The grantee reports that Triple P is well received and that parents that intended to participate in the Level 2 intervention only have returned to participate in Level 4 Group as well.

### **Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District (FSUSD) - Meeting 4/5 performance measures/80%**

This grantee offers Level 2 Seminars and has exceeded their target number of seminars to be completed, serving 76 parents. FSUSD will focus on offering Level 3 Primary sessions in Quarter 3 and 4. The grantee states that Triple P services have been well-received, with the majority of the participants being parents in their Spanish-speaking population.

### **Parents By Choice - Meeting 3/8 performance measures/38%**

This grantee offers all interventions. While Parents by Choice has been able to establish a local office this year to host individual sessions with parents, the grantee has experienced staffing challenges impacting their ability to meet their target numbers of parents to serve. First 5 Solano staff has met with the grantee to discuss a plan to address this and will be placing Parents by Choice on a Compliance Action Plan per the Commission's Contracts in Compliance Policy.

### **Rio Vista CARE - Meeting 3/4 performance measures/75%**

This grantee offers Level 3. At mid-year, Rio Vista CARE has served 4 families in Level 3, and is working on outreach at pre-schools and community events to increase the number of families served in Quarter 3 and 4. With the accreditation of an additional practitioner this year, their goal is to provide Triple P to parents already participating in case management services with their agency.

**Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) - Meeting 3/4 performance measures/75%**

This grantee offers Level 2 Seminars. While this grantee has been an active participant in collaborative meetings and Triple P outreach efforts, the one performance measure that has not been met is related to provision of Triple P services. Due to staffing challenges, this grantee has not completed any seminars through mid-year. First 5 Solano staff has discussed this with the grantee and they have shared a plan to meet their targeted number of sessions by the end of June 2020.

**Solano Family and Children’s Services (SFCS) - Meeting 3/4 performance measures/75%**

This grantee offers Level 3. SFCS offers the Triple P intervention directly to parents over the phone via the Help Me Grow Solano resource and referral line. At mid-year, the grantee has completed services with 17 parents. The grantee states that recently they’ve received more calls from parents requesting information for parenting classes ordered by the Courts. SFCS and Help Me Grow play a key role in connecting families who require a higher level intervention to other Triple P providers offering those interventions.

Overall, agencies providing Triple P report that this model is well-received and that parents are experiencing incredibly positive changes in relationships with their children. Some parents have had such success that they’ve asked for even more opportunities to practice the Triple P model with practitioners in the home. Due to this success, First 5 Solano may explore opportunities to expand Triple P, either by offering additional interventions or by increasing the number of providers within the county.

**Priority 4: Systems Change**

**Solano County Office of Education - Solano Kids Thrive - Meeting 6/6 performance measures/100%**

Solano County Office of Education facilitates bi-monthly Solano Kids Thrive meetings and supports the county-wide collaborative to sustain and strengthen Solano’s early childhood system. Some activities to highlight through mid-year include implementation of Phase 2 of the ACEs media campaign, and planning for additional screenings of the film, *Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope*. Solano Kids Thrive is currently undergoing a planning process to identify priority activities over the next 1-2 years. This grantee is meeting all performance measures.

**Children’s Network – Census 2020 - Meeting 10/12 performance measures/83%**

In October 2019, First 5 Solano entered a contract with the Children’s Network to coordinate countywide efforts to increase response rates from families with children ages 0-5 in the upcoming Census, with a focus on “Hard to Count” census tracts. Accomplishments include: 1) Establishing a 19 member “Solano Kids Count” subcommittee of the Solano Census Complete Count Committee which also acts as the implementation team to conduct outreach to families with children; 2) Utilizing the messaging created by the First 5 Association and others through print materials, social media, and website content to convey the message of the importance of counting children; 3) providing training to the staff of partner agencies on how to present the importance of the Census to families; and, 4) Collaborating to conducting several outreach activities. Two of the performance measures will be completed in April and May, which are to provide intensive outreach on Census Day – April 1, 2020; and, to provide a final project report.

**Across Priorities**

## **Solano Family and Children's Services – Help Me Grow Solano - Meeting 15/19 performance measures/79%**

Solano Family and Children's Services (SFCS) is in its third year of the implementation of the Help Me Grow Solano call line and referral system.. As of mid-year, SFCS staff continued work on the Help Me Grow website and began implementing electronic screenings. SFCS has met all but four of the 19 performance measures. Of the four measures still not met, two are related to electronic screenings which became available to parents at the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and are being advertised broadly through their website. Staff have developed postcards with QR codes that link parents directly to the on-line screening tool. The other two measures are related to outreach through public service announcements, other media, one on one meetings, and group presentations to healthcare providers. Due to an increase in incoming calls and screenings, the outreach coordinator has directed more staff time to assist with these efforts. It is expected that once the electronic screenings are fully implemented staff will increase outreach to healthcare professionals and media outreach to meet these measures by the end of the program year.

### **Annual Grants**

First 5 Solano continued the Annual Grants Program in FY 2019/20. The Commission allocated \$200,000 of funding for one-time projects to fill a community gap, pilot a new or innovative idea, and/or address a time-sensitive community need. From the initial Request for Applications, six organizations were awarded funding for a total of \$96,255. As there was more than half of funding left, First 5 Solano released a second Request for Applications and in the second round, awarded four additional grants totaling \$56,945. Awarded grantees are required to report aggregate data and outcomes at mid-year, however grantees that were awarded in the second round will report mid-year outcomes at the end of February.

Of the six organizations that received funding in the first round, FSUSD Adult School, Solano County Library, United Way of the Bay Area, and Solano Family and Children's Services are on track to meet anticipated results by the end of the fiscal year. Staff is currently in discussion with Eric Reyes Foundation and Innovative Health Solutions who have partially met their measures by mid-year to provide strategies and support to help them meet their goals by the end of the Fiscal Year. The data for the four organizations that received funding in the second round will be reported in the FY2019/20 year-end report.

**FY2019/20 Mid-Year Report Conclusion**

In addition to work performed by grantees, other significant accomplishments of First 5 Solano between July 2019-December 2020 include:

**ACEs Awareness Media Campaign:** First 5 Solano received an additional \$90,000 in funding from Kaiser Community Benefits to continue the ACEs Media Campaign. The second year of the campaign continued a focus on raising community awareness of ACEs through messages via streaming radio, billboards, and bus ads placed strategically in high-poverty areas in Solano County. A new feature in this second phase was the addition of messaging in Spanish. This media activity is in line with the objectives currently being pursued by Solano Kids Thrive and the Resilient Solano Strategic Plan.

**Triple P Positive Parenting Awareness Month:** First 5 Solano welcomed Positive Parenting Awareness Month in January 2020 with a Resolution to both the Solano County Board of Supervisors and the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission. Positive Parenting Awareness Month materials were developed which Triple P providers used to promote this special month throughout the community. Multiple counties and agencies came together to fund the development and advancement of an Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) for Positive Parenting Month in California. ACR 140 (Stone) passed through the State Senate and the State Assembly and was chaptered as a new statute by the Secretary of State on February 13, 2020.

**Fund Development:** First 5 Solano implements a fund development program which includes preparing and submitting direct grant applications to support First 5 programs; assisting nonprofits with preparing grant applications that are on behalf of their agencies; and, assisting nonprofits with preparing collaborative grant applications. The following is a summary of grants that were finalized during this six-month period.

<b>FUND DEVELOPMENT REPORT FOR JULY 1, 2019 – DECEMBER 31, 2019</b>					
<b>Date Submitted</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Funder/Program</b>	<b>Application Amount</b>	<b>Funded Y/N</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
5/15/19	First 5 Solano	Irwin Foundation	\$ 100,000	Yes	\$ 100,000
7/16/19	Bay Area Community Resources (BACR)	Joseph & Vera Long Foundation	\$ 45,000	No	NA
9/12/19	BACR	Valero Energy Foundation	\$ 150,000	No	NA
9/18/19	First 5 Solano	City of Vallejo	\$ 200,000	Yes	\$ 100,000
9/25/19	BACR	Beelard Foundation	\$ 25,000	No	NA
10/17/19	First 5 Solano	NorthBay Healthcare	\$ 5,000	Yes	\$ 5,000
10/29/19	First 5 Solano	Sutter Health	\$ 100,000	Yes	\$ 100,000
12/3/19	First 5 Solano & Solano County	Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	\$1,000,000	Yes	\$1,000,000
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,625,000</b>		<b>\$1,305,000</b>

For the remainder of FY2019/20, grantees will continue to provide services to children and families and maintain efforts to meet performance goals. First 5 staff will remain available to support grantees and ensure progress is made to meet desired targets.