

FIRST 5 KERN
KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, June 19, 2017
2724 L Street
Bakersfield, California

MINUTES

COMMITTEE CONVENED @ 10:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Committee Commissioners: Wasson (Chair), Sill; Absent: Lerude
Committee Members: Burns, Corson, Curioso, Davis, Koenig, Perez, Phelps, Silva, Wood-Slayton
Committee Members Absent: Hornibrook, Reed, Springer, Roth, Thompson-Solis, Wood

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2) Chairperson's Report and Report from the Commission
 - Commissioner Wasson gave an overview of the Commission meeting of June 7, 2017.
- 3) Committee Members
 - Committee member Corson reported that the Kern County Network for Children's 2017 Report Card, has been released and is also available online at <http://kern.org/kcnc/reportcard/>
 - Committee member Phelps reported that a special viewing of iSALUD!, Yes, Please, a comedy documentary is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2017, at 6:00 P.M., at the Maya Cinema, followed by comedian Grace Parra, covering the importance of access to quality and affordable health care for all. The event is open to the public, registration is on a first come first serve basis: saludbakersfield.eventfarm.com
 - Commissioner Wasson, Chair, asked the Committee to reintroduce themselves and the organization they represent, for the new members and the audience.
 - Committee member Wood-Slayton reported that Rick Robles, Superintendent, Lamont School District, will retire at the end of the month after 38 years of
- 4) Executive Director's Report
 - Mr. Maier reported on an article "*Investing in Early Care and Learning in Vermont Yields Strong Returns*" from the Wilder Research, which demonstrates to state governments and the public the positive results of investing in early care and learning for children 0-5 in Vermont.

- Mr. Maier introduced two new employees Analy Martinez, Program Manager and Christine Lollar, Communications and Media Specialist and ask that they give a brief background on themselves.
- Mr. Maier discussed the movement in Sacramento with the DentiCal and Medical reimbursement rates.
- Mr. Maier reported that staff is preparing for the next Request For Proposal for the next funding cycle.
- Mr. Maier reported that there won't be any revisions to the Strategic Plan 2017-18.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5) Minutes of the December 12, 2016, and March 20, 2017, meeting – APPROVED
Motion by Committee Member Phelps
Second by Committee Member Burns
All Ayes

DISCUSSIONS

- 6) Strategic Planning Overview and Preparing for 2020-25
- Mr. Thibault facilitated the discussion as the members reviewed the Strategic Planning progress to date for the 2020-25 funding cycle.
- 7) Review and Discuss Town Hall Meetings Summary
- Mr. Thibault gave an overview of the community engagement activities, consisting of twelve Town Hall meetings held across Kern County during spring of 2017, to identify community needs and gaps in services impacting children 0 – 5 years of age and their families.
- 8) Discuss Next Steps
- Mr. Thibault suggested that Committee Members create subcommittees, divided by focus areas to consider a review and recommendation process of their own. Ms. Powell will schedule the first subcommittee meetings. The purpose of the meetings would be to identify specific community needs by focus area to develop recommendations to enhance the system of care for Kern County. Each focus led subcommittee will meet, prepare notes for the next TAC meeting of September 18, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT @ 11:30 A.M.

- 9) Adjourned to Monday, September 18, 2017, 10:00 A.M., 2724 L Street, Bakersfield.