

FIRST 5 KERN
KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 7, 2015
Kern County Superintendent of Schools
1300 17th Street, Board Room 1A
Bakersfield, California

MINUTES

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 2:00 P.M.

Present: Commissioners: Aunai, Murphy, Rhoades, Wasson; Alternate Sill

Absent: Commissioners: Jonah, Robles, Sandrini, Scrivner

Note: Ai, Jh, My, Rs, Rbs, Si, Sr, Wn, and Wr are abbreviations for Commissioners, Aunai, Jonah, Murphy, Rhoades, Robles, Sandrini, Scrivner, Wasson and Walker respectively. Alternate Commissioners are also similarly denoted. For example “Co-Rd” denotes Commissioner Curioso made the motion and Commissioner Reed seconded it. The abbreviation “AB” means absent and “ABD” abstained. “All ayes” means that all Commissioners present voted affirmatively. “NO” indicates a negative vote by the indicated Commissioner(s).

Commissioner Scrivner enters the meeting 2:03 P.M.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2) Committee member announcements and reports
 - Commissioner Murphy reported that there was a child death review yesterday at the Board of Supervisor’s. Very supportive of efforts to make sure there were pack and plays, basinet, and cribs as appropriate for infants. In the child death report 2014, 17 suspicious or unnatural deaths due to SIDS had occurred and many of those with co-sleeping. There are so many mixed messages and inconsistent messages as parents come from the hospital or cultural beliefs or even on social media with their being pluses to having the child in bonding and in bed. How do we get across to parents that when you are exhausted and you have an imbibe, there’s still danger with sleeping with a baby and rolling over and smothering the baby. We carried that conversation further this morning with a team of 42 others on the governance committee for Network for Children and talked about what we could do as a group including the Board members who are very ready to stand behind an initiative or an effort to support what we might need to do to get the message out that it just isn’t safe to co-sleep with an infant. So at the age of one and under not having a child in the bed and what role possibly First 5 Kern could play in that with regards to cribs etc., Public Health, Human Services, Differential Response something for us to look at community wide and maybe putting a stake in the ground and meeting with all

hospital administrators along with a couple of Board members and the CAO at one time because even within presentations that I've witnessed at the hospitals there are

Dr. Jonah entered the meeting at 2:06 P.M.

inconsistent messages that take place. This is something that we plan to have more discussion about in the future.

- Commissioner Jonah reported that we are approaching flu season and to get your flu vaccine early.

3) Technical Advisory Committee Report

- Marc Thibault, Consultant, reported that the TAC continues to meet on a quarterly basis with the focus of preparing for less funding in the next five years. Hoping to sustain programs going forward we are following a parallel track between looking at Best and Promising Practices as well as pursuing new funding sources. At the September 21, 2015, meeting we looked at two models; one is the Epstein's Model for parental development and Community Health Initiatives, My Path to Good Health. These kinds of models aren't only useful for looking at the method on how to develop but also the messaging that comes out of it when we're just community based and very family oriented. In the future we hope to engage with our state and federal representatives to find any new sources of funding that may be available. We are looking to engage all of our contractors in working more closely together in the future to look at how they can combine their forces in ways that will leverage new funding.

4) Outreach and Communications Report – Jan St Pierre

- Ms. St Pierre, Communications Officer reported that First 5 California attended the Kern County Fair in their Hands on Health Express for three days reaching hundreds of families.
- Ms. St Pierre invited all to attend the Good Neighbor Festival to be held Saturday, October 10, 2015, 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M., at Martin Luther King Park.

5) Executive Director's Report – Roland Maier

- Mr. Maier, reported that he and Jianjun Wang, Ph.D., will go before the Board of Supervisor's, Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 9:00 A.M., with a PowerPoint presentation on the Overview of First 5 Kern's Investment over the years.
- Mr. Maier reported that Camille Maben, Executive Director, First 5 California and Whitney Staniford, Information Officer, External & Governmental Affairs, First 5 California, visited Kern County on Friday, October 2, 2015. Ms. Maben began the day speaking to business leaders at the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce Governmental Review Council and visiting several First 5 Kern funded programs; Discovery Depot Child Care Center; Special Start for Exceptional Children; and Kern County Children's Dental Health Network offsite at Albany Park School, Delano, California.
- Mr. Maier reported that six staff members attended the First 5 Association Staff Summit, Los Angeles, California, September 28-30, 2015, along with 57 other counties. The focus for this year's Summit was on Policy, Systems Change and Sustainability.

- Mr. Maier gave a legislative update stating that nothing has been passed in the last session as it relates to First 5s.
 - Commissioner Aunai asked in terms of the summit that staff just attended, what were some of the examples of other First 5s and trying to leverage funds? Are there any First 5s who are pursuing their own foundations as 501C3?

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 6) Steven R. Starbuck, CPA, Managing Partner, Brown Armstrong, gave a presentation on First 5 Kern's 2014-15 Fiscal Audit and concluded that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects and the results of its operations for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters, concludes there were no deficiencies in internal control that are considered to be material weaknesses, and no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Governmental Auditing Standards.
- 7) Jianjun Wang, Ph.D., Principal Investigator, California State University, Bakersfield, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2014-15 State Annual Report and invited the programs highlighted in his report to make a brief presentation.
 - Katrechia Short, Coordinator, Black Infant Health and Enrique Ramirez, Community Outreach Liaison, gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining African-American maternal health and birth; black and white disparity in infant mortality rate in the years 2000-2012; Group Intervention Sessions and recent success stories and repo
 - A YouTube video by the Kern Foundation for the Wind in the Willows Preschool program was shown in their absence.
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=wind+in+the+willows+boron
 - Frank Ramirez, Greenfield Family Resource Center, Supervisor, introduced Susan Zandes, School Readiness Facilitator, Mariana Chavez, Family Advocate and Araceli Quintero, Parent participating in the Greenfield Family Resource Center. Mr. Ramirez gave a PowerPoint presentation on the fiscal year 2014-15 school year family walk-in service referrals; what the resource center offers its community and welcomed parent, Araceli Quintero who stated with the help of her family advocate she has met all of her goals in parent education and center based classes, was able to start her own business, move into her own home, taking ESL classes, and has obtained her driver's license. With her successes she fell on hard times and the family resource center was there to help her and her family through a hard time.

PUBLIC HEARING

Wn-My
Rbs, Si-AB
All Ayes

- 8) Annual Financial Audit – OPENED THE HEARING; RECEIVED NO PUBLIC TESTIMONY; CLOSED THE HEARING; RECEIVED AND FILED ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT; DIRECTED BROWN ARMSTRONG TO TRANSMIT THE ANNUAL FINACIAL AUDIT TO THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION.



Ai-My
Rbs, Si-AB
All Ayes

- 9) Annual Report to California Children and Families Commission – OPENED THE HEARING; RECEIVED NO PUBLIC TESTIMONY; CLOSED THE HEARING; RECEIVED AND FILED ANNUAL REPORT; DIRECTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSMIT THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION.

ACTION ITEMS

Ai-My
Jh, Rbs, Si, Sr-AB
All Ayes

- 10) Minutes of the Children and Families Commission meetings of August 5, 2015 – APPROVED

Ai-My
Jh, Rbs, Si, Sr-AB
All Ayes

- 11) First 5 Kern Commission Meeting Schedule for 2016 – APPROVED

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

Ai-My
Jh, Rbs, Si, Sr-AB
All Ayes

- 12) Monthly Financial Report of July and August 2015 – RECEIVED AND FILED

Ai-My
Jh, Rbs, Si, Sr-AB
All Ayes

- 13) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Kern County Superintendent of Schools) – RECEIVED AND FILED

Ai-My
Jh, Rbs, Si, Sr-AB
All Ayes

- 14) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Eastern Sierra Association for the Education of Young Children) – RECEIVED AND FILED

Ai-My
Jh, Rbs, Si, Sr-AB
All Ayes

- 15) Technical Advisory Committee Meeting minutes of June 15, 2015 – RECEIVED AND FILED

ADJOURNMENT

- 16) Adjourned to Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 2:00 P.M., 1300 17th Street, Board RM 1A