

FIRST 5 KERN
KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Kern County Superintendent of Schools
1300 17th Street, Room 1B
Bakersfield, California

MINUTES

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 2:00 P.M.

Present Commissioners: Couch, Lerude, Murphy, Robles, Sandrini, Sill, Wasson
Absent Commissioners: Aunai, Jonah

Note: Ai, Ch, Jh, Le, My, Rs, Si, Sl, and Wn are abbreviations for Commissioners, Aunai, Couch, Jonah, Lerude, Murphy, Robles, Sandrini, Sill and Wasson 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).

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2) Committee member announcements and reports
 - Commissioner Murphy reported that the Kern County Human Services Department held a forum on Thursday, March 30, 2017, called CPS a View from Within which covered programs in child welfare services; what happens when a referral is made; how a child is taken into custody and the entire process. Tom Corson, Executive Director, Kern County Network for Children, facilitated the event.
 - Commissioner Murphy invited all to attend the Child Memorial Flag Raising Ceremony, Friday, April 7, 2017, 8:30 A.M., 100 E. California Ave., to pay honor to the three children lost last year due to abuse.
 - Commissioner Sandrini reported that Commissioner Rick Robles was the recipient of the prestigious award at the State level. The small school district association recognizes outstanding leadership each year with its Charlie Benderup award and this year’s recipient was nominated by the locals of Lamont and it was a surprise award to Mr. Robles at their conference in Sacramento.
- 3) Technical Advisory Committee Report
 - Commissioner Wasson gave an overview of the meeting of March 20, 2017.
- 4) Personnel Committee Report



- Commissioner Robles reported out on the Thursday, March 16, 2017, meeting.
- 5) Executive Director's Report
- Mr. Maier thanked the Commissioners for complying with the Form 700 – California Fair Political Practices, deadline of April 1, 2017.
 - Mr. Maier reported that three of the scheduled Town Halls throughout Kern County are completed and invited the Commissioners to attend any of the remaining nine.
 - Mr. Maier reported that February was Safely Surrender Baby Awareness month and invited Kristy Oropeza, Social Worker, Kern County Department of Human Services, and the Chair for the Safe Surrender Coalition, to give the Commission an update on the Coalition's campaign throughout Kern County.
 - ✓ Ms. Oropeza reported that during the month of February the Safely Surrender Baby Coalition, campaigned throughout the community explaining the SSB law and options for mothers in difficult situations.
 - ✓ Proclamations were received in multiple cities around Kern County, the Coalition attended over 20 collaborative meetings; reached out to colleges and help centers to provide information, gave a press conference and is now running PSA's in 3 local movie theatres in Bakersfield.
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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 6) Contractor Highlight – Lamont Vineland School Readiness Project – Jennifer Wood-Slayton, Coordinator gave a PowerPoint presentation covering direct services for families in need, coordinating services to best serve families and creating a community that supports children and families.
- 7) Contractor Highlight – Differential Response, Jayme Stuart and Kevin Truelson, Child and Family Services Coordinators, gave a PowerPoint presentation that covered the measure of improving the safety and well-being of Kern County children.

PUBLIC HEARING

Wn-My
Ai, Jh – AB
All Ayes

- 8) Strategic Planning Revision 2017-18 – CONDUCTED A PUBLIC HEARING; NO PUBLIC COMMENT OR TESTIMONY; ADOPTED THE STRATEGIC PLAN; DIRECTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DISTRIBUTE THE STRATEGIC PLAN – RECEIVED AND FILED

Rs-Wn
Ai, Jh – AB
All Ayes

- 9) First 5 California Annual Report 2015-16 – OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING; NO PUBLIC TESTIMONY; CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING – RECEIVED AND FILED

ACTION ITEMS

My-Wn
Ai, Jh – AB
All Ayes

- 10) *Minutes of the Children and Families Commission meetings of February 1 and March 1, 2017 – APPROVED

My-Wn
Ai, Jh – AB
All Ayes

- 11) *Professional Services Agreement with Janice St Pierre, Independent Consultant – APPROVED THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JAN ST PIERRE, INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT, BEGINNING APRIL 6, 2017 THROUGH June 30, 2017; IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000; AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COUNSEL AS TO FORM; AND AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS AGREEMENT.

Sl-My
Ai, Jh – AB
All Ayes

- 12) Employee Cost of Living (COLA) Adjustment and Title and Job Description Amendments – APPROVED A THREE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT, 3.5%, COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO THE CURRENT SALARY SCHEDULE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES; APPROVE THE CHANGES FOR THE TWO POSITIONS AFFECTED, CHIEF EVALUATION/PROGRAM OFFICER AND COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA SPECIALIST; AND AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THESE CHANGES.

- 13) Notice of Closed Session – Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Title: Executive Director) (Government Code Section 54957)
- HELD OVER TO THE MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2017

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

My-Rs
Ai, Jh – AB
All Ayes

- 14) Monthly Financial Reports for January and February 2017 – RECEIVED AND FILED

My-Rs
Ai, Jh – AB
All Ayes

- 15) Report and Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (The Rotary Club of Taft Foundation) – RECEIVED AND FILED

Wn-Le
Ai, Jh – AB
All Ayes

- 16) Report and Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (The Assistance League of Bakersfield) – RECEIVED AND FILED

My-Rs
Ai, Jh – AB
All Ayes

- 17) Report and Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Kern County Public Health Services Department) – RECEIVED AND FILED

Wn-Le
Ai, Jh – AB
All Ayes

- 18) Letter from Dena Murphy, Director, Kern County Department of Human Services, dated January 30, 2017, re: support of the 29th Annual Holiday Cottage – RECEIVED AND FILED

My-Rs
Ai, Jh – AB
All Ayes

- 19) Letter from Brown Armstrong, dated February 6, 2017, re: letter of engagement – RECEIVED AND FILED

Rs-My
Ai, Jh – AB
All Ayes

- 20) Letter from Kevin Keys, Prevention Specialist Tobacco Use Prevention Education, dated March 13, 2017; re: appreciation and dedication to Ms. Anastasia Lester – RECEIVED AND FILED

Wn-My
Ai, Jh – AB
All Ayes

- 21) Letter from Wilknica Jefferson, Program Officer, First 5 Kern, dated March 1, 2017, re: letter of resignation – RECEIVED AND FILED



- Rs-Wn
Ai, Jh – AB
All Ayes
- 22) Letter from Dena Murphy, Secretary, Kern Partnership for Children and Families, dated November 22, 2016, re: thank your for contribution – RECEIVED AND FILED
- My-Rs
Ai, Jh – AB
All Ayes
- 23) Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of Thursday, March 16, 2017 – RECEIVED AND FILED

ADJOURNMENT @ 3:04 P.M.

- 24) Adjourned to Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 2:00 P.M., 1300 17th Street, Board RM 1A