

**First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission
Commission Meeting**

October 6, 2015, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM
601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present: Aaron Crutison (Chair), Marisela Barbosa (Vice Chair), Jay Speck, Erin Hannigan, Dan Ayala, Liz Niedziela (arrived 5:06pm), Jerry Huber

First 5 Solano Staff present: Michele Harris, Megan Richards, Ciara Gonsalves, Chereilyn Ellington Hunt, Venis Boyd, Christine Shipman, and Christiana Lewis

Members of the public present: Alan Kerzin (Children's Network), Nazlin Huerta and Deborah Espinoza (BabyFirst Solano), Susan Brutschy (Applied Survey Research), Joanie Erickson and Tamera Owens (Solano Coalition for Better Health), Theresa Alvarez, and Sylvester Bowie.

Chair Crutison called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

I. Public Comment

Mr. Kerzin announced that the Children's Network was awarded \$3.5 million in a competitive federal grant to support fathers in Solano County over 5 years. The award will be allocated directly to the Family Resource Centers.

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve the October 6, 2015 Commission Meeting Agenda
- B. Approve the August 11, 2015 Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve the Commission Meeting Agenda for October 6, 2015, and approve minutes of the August 11, 2015 Commission Meeting

**Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Ayala
Approved 6-0-1**

Yea: Commissioners Crutison, Barbosa, Speck, Hannigan, Ayala, and Huber

Nay: None

Abstain: Commissioner Dean

III. Public Hearing: First 5 Solano FY2014/15 Annual Report

Ms. Ellington presented the First 5 Solano FY2014/15 Annual Report that is being proposed to be submitted to First 5 California which includes aggregate data, fiscal position, outcomes, evaluation activities, and system level activities.

Ms. Ellington explained that First 5 Solano is working with the Auditor-Controller's Office to complete the annual audit; consequently, the fiscal information provided in the report may be slightly adjusted according to the results of the audit.

Overall, 9,539 Solano residents received services and 88% of the 208 performance measures were achieved by grantees. Many unmet performance measures were administrative in nature. Other unmet performance measures were related to the PEAK mental health services; First 5 Solano has met with PEAK staff and begun preparation of compliance action plans for FY2015/16.

Commissioner Crutison asked how First 5 Solano's performance compares to other First 5 agencies. Ms. Ellington responded that is it difficult to compare performance measures since each County is locally funded with different priorities based upon community need.

Motion: Approve the First 5 Solano submission to First 5 CA for the FY2014/15 Annual Report

**Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Barbosa
Approved 8-0-0**

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

IV. Committee Reports

A. Program and Community Engagement

Ms. Erickson presented an overview of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the impact it has on Solano County children and their families, and how the Solano Coalition for Better Health (SCBH) and the Solano Kids Insurance Program (SKIP) works to mitigate some of the challenges to obtaining and understanding health insurance.

B. Systems and Policy Committee

1. Ms. Niclai reviewed the proposed language for the 2 new Core Values: Equity and Integration. Commissioner Dean proposed that the *Integration* value be modified to read: *We support the integration of early childhood resources and building a system of care that is child and family centered and that efficiently addresses a variety of needs.* All Commissioners agreed to the proposed language.
2. Ms. Niclai presented the Strategic Plan Goals by Criteria Report that was requested at the August meeting. The presentation focused on the goals for Priorities 1-3, and Priority 4 goals will be discussed at future Commission

Meetings. Commissioner Barbosa commented that the Systems and Policy Committee directed staff to bring this report forward to the full Commissioner because they felt it addressed the needs of the Commission and was a good starting point for funding discussions during the upcoming Commission Retreat. Commissioner Dean asked for clarification as to what data sets Applied Survey Research (ASR) used to draw conclusions for the report. Ms. Niclai and Ms. Brutschy replied that ASR consulted various reliable community sources and agencies, and used proxy data sources to complete the report where no data source was available.

3. Ms. Harris and Ms. Niclai guided the Commission through the agenda and prioritization process for the Commission Retreat.
4. Ms. Richards discussed the Commission's long-term financial plan update. Discussion points included a stable level of investment, funding cycle length, and funding by area, all of which were guided by the use of Prop 10 funds, creating stable funding, and direction from the Commission to soften the fiscal cliff. Prop 10 revenue projections through FY2018/19 were from the Board of Equalization, projections for FY2019/20-20/21 were based off the previous 3 years, and interest from reserves were projected at 0.4%, congruent with the County Treasury Pool.

Staff recommendation was to set annual Prop 10 expenditure at \$4.1 million with a funding cycle length of 5 years. The Commission agreed with the staff recommendation for the expenditure level and the funding by area, and asked for a 10-year projection to help give them perspective regarding revenues and reserve balance. This information will be brought forward at the Commission Retreat and Commission allocations at the retreat will help to determine the funding cycle length.

Commissioner Dean asked if there were any projections for increases in State funding or additional revenues streams. Ms. Harris explained that projections for State funding were declining, and it is unlikely that First 5 will receive additional funds under the new tobacco tax proposition that is being discussed at the state level.

V. Chair Appoints Nominating Committee for 2016 Officers

Commissioner Crutison asked for Commissioners to be in the 2016 Officer Nominating Committee. Commissioners Hannigan, Speck, and Ayala volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2016 Officers.

VI. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Harris announced that First 5 Solano was awarded nearly \$500,000 for Phase I of the IMPACT Grant from First 5 California, which is expected to be a \$1.3 million program over the next 5 years. Through the efforts of Ms. Gonsalves, Child Start was awarded a \$10,000 grant for Raising a Reader from the Valero Benicia Refinery.

Commissioners are encouraged to mark their calendars for February 27, 2016 from 9am-1pm for the Third Annual Children and Families Policy Forum taking place at the Kroc Center in Suisun. Lastly, the Board of Supervisors acknowledged October 6, as Step Up for Kids Day 2015.

VII. Commissioner Remarks

None.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

The Commission Retreat will be held on October 24, 2015 at 9:00 at the Solano County Events Center, 601 Texas Street, Conference Room A, Fairfield. The next Commission meeting will be held on December 1, 2015 at 5:00 PM at 601 Texas Street, Conference Room B, Fairfield. Future agenda items include: Selection of Officers, Committee Reports; Strategic Planning.

Adjourn

Commissioner Crutison adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

Christiana Lewis, Office Assistant III

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C. Lewis', is written over the 'Approved:' text.