

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

June 6, 2017, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present: Liz Niedziela (Chair), Erin Hannigan (Vice Chair), Marisela Barbosa, Nicole Neff (arrived 5:45PM), Jerry Huber, Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Aaron Crutison, and Dana Dean.

First 5 Solano Staff present: Michele Harris, Megan Richards, Juanita Morales, Gene Ibe, Lorraine Fernandez, and Andrew Boatright

Members of the public present: Sonja New (Solano Family Children's Services)

Chair Niedziela called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

I. Public Comment

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the June 06, 2017 Commission Meeting Agenda

Motion: Approve the Commission Meeting Agenda for June 06, 2017

**Moved by Commissioner Crutison; Seconded by Commissioner Huber
Approved 7-0-0**

**Yea: Commissioners Barbosa, Crutison, Dean, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan,
Huber, Niedziela**

Nay: None

Abstain: None

B. Approve April 04, 2017 Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve the Commission Meeting Minutes for April 04, 2017

**Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Crutison
Approved 7-0-0**

**Yea: Commissioners Barbosa, Crutison, Dean, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan,
Huber, Niedziela**

Nay: None

Abstain: None

III. CARE Clinic Presentation

Sonja New presented information regarding the CARE Clinic run by Child Haven. Ms. New described the services and clients served through the CARE Clinic. Ms. New listed several partners that coordinate on funding and services within the clinic. Ms. New shared a story regarding a child in the program which highlighted the need being filled for children who have experienced trauma and the delays and/or behavioral issues that may result from that trauma; the story highlighted a success of the children in the program as well as an improved parent interaction through systematic integration of parent education and interaction time with the child. Ms. New detailed the trauma-informed approach exercised throughout the program and the process of transferring children from their program into typical school settings.

IV. Committee Reports

Commissioner Niedziela, on behalf of the commission, welcomed the newest commissioner, Nicole Neff.

A. Systems and Policy Committee

Commissioner Hannigan gave an overview of the last Systems and Policy Committee Meeting. Lorraine Fernandez presented information regarding the creation of a legislative platform for First 5 Solano. Commissioner Hannigan recommended the Legislative Platform be reviewed annually in November which would coincide with Solano County's Legislative Platform review.

Motion 1: Approve the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission 2017 Legislative Platform

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Dean

Approved 8-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Barbosa, Crutison, Dean, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber, Neff, Niedziela

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Gene Ibe presented information regarding the potential funding of Brandman University to assist in creating a Master of Social Work (MSW) program, supporting a career pipeline and accessibility of higher education, locally, for social workers in Solano County. Commissioner Hannigan and Commissioner Barbosa reviewed the discussion from the Systems and Policy Committee meeting.

Motion 2: Approve an allocation of funding of up to \$10,330 to Brandman University to assist in development of a Master of Social Work Program in Solano

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson

Commissioner Crutison expressed concerns regarding the return on First 5 Solano's investment for funding a private institution, when the resulting social worker jobs are needed in a public setting. He noted that there is no guarantee and explained that a Federal mandate exists by the name of Title IV-E MSW Programs, which provides a stipend, along with a guaranteed internship, for people seeking Master of Social Work degrees committing to public sector social worker positions. He also pointed out that Brandman is not currently a Title IV-E university. Commissioner Crutison noted that without more information a decision could not be made in favor of the motion. Commissioner Huber noted a saturation of Title IV-E MSW programs in the Bay Area.

Commissioners Hannigan and Estrella-Henderson withdrew their motion to approve an allocation of funding to Brandman University with a request for further information and review at a committee prior to presenting to the full commission.

B. Program and Community Engagement Committee

Megan Richards gave an overview of the Program and Community Engagement Committee Meeting. Ms. Richards reviewed the compliance in Contracts Policy which details Performance Measures grantees must fulfill as a part of their contracts to remain in compliance and continue to receive funding. It was determined that Benicia FRC and Dixon FRC would not be able to meet the performance measures by the end of FY2016/17. Committee members approved to bring a motion to the full Commission to modify the activities and associated funding for the service contracts of Benicia FRC and Dixon FRC.

Blanche Hilman expressed her agreement with First 5 Staff and Committee's plan to modify the activities and associated funding.

Commissioner Dean proposed that the original motion be separated to address each grantee individually.

Motion 1: Approve to modify the activities and associated funding for service contract of Benicia FRC

Moved by Commissioner Dean; Seconded by Commissioner Hannigan

Approved 8-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Barbosa, Crutison, Dean, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber, Neff, Niedziela

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion 2: Approve to modify the activities and associated funding for service contract of Dixon FRC

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson

Approved 7-1-0

Yea: Commissioners Barbosa, Crutison, Dean, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber, Neff, Niedziela

Nay: Dean

Abstain: None

V. Executive Director's Report

Michele Harris announced the "Giant Sandbox" event hosted by First 5 Solano held at the Solano County Fair, August 3-8 and that volunteers are welcome to contact First 5 Staff. Ms. Harris also noted the Pre-K Academies are launching through the summer for children who have never experienced a school setting; she noted site visits are available for commissioners and to contact First 5 Staff. Ms. Harris announced the success of a grant through SANE/SART in partnership with Child Haven. Ms. Harris noted a Systems Change resource develop activity First 5 staff has been developing with the submittal of two partnership proposals to Yoche Dehe community fund. Ms. Harris announced a grant success for First 5 Solano from the Zellerbach Foundation in the amount of \$40,000 to fund a UC Berkeley program "Fundraising and Volunteer Management" which will be offered to a cohort of Solano County non-profits.

Juanita Morales presented pictures of lobby spaces for several community partner locations which have been upgraded through funding under the Executive Director fund.

VI. Commissioner Remarks

Commissioner Niedziela gave a speech to express the Commission's appreciation of Commissioner Dean's participation on First 5 Solano's Commission, with tonight's meeting the last meeting of two 4-year terms. Commissioner Dean was presented an appreciation plaque.

VII. Future Agenda Items

The next Commission meeting will be held on August 8, 2017 at 5:30 PM at 601 Texas Street, Conference Room B, Fairfield. Future agenda items include: Committee Reports, Allocation Updates

Adjourn

Chair Niedziela adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Andrew Boatright, Office Assistant III

Approved:

