

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

April 2, 2019, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
601 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present: Jerry Huber, Lenisha Anderson (Left 7:30 PM), Jennifer Barton, Aaron Crutison (Arrived 5:38 PM, Left 7:30 PM), Mina Diaz, Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Nicole Neff (Arrived 5:36 PM)

First 5 Solano Staff present: Michele Harris, Megan Richards, Kwiana Algeré, Gene Ibe, Lorraine Fernandez, Juanita Morales, Luke Winders

Members of the public present: Tiffany Wanberg (Solano County Resource Family Association), Alexina Rojas (Bay Area Community Resources), Adriana Bejarano (Rio Vista Care), Jane Johnson (Child Haven), Kathy Lago (Solano Family & Children's Services), Debbie Peralez (Child Start, Inc.)

Vice-Chair Huber called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM

I. Public Comment

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the April 2, 2019 Commission Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Approve the Commission Meeting Agenda for April 2, 2019.

Moved by Commissioner Barton; Seconded by Commissioner Anderson

Approved 5-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Anderson, Barton, Diaz, Estrella-Henderson, Huber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

B. Approve January 8, 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve the Commission Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2019.

Moved by Commissioner Barton; Seconded by Commissioner Anderson

Approved 5-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Anderson, Barton, Diaz, Estrella-Henderson, Huber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

III. April Children's Month

Juanita Morales presented a resolution declaring April Children's Month in Solano

County. This resolution was also presented by Ms. Morales and Commissioner Neff to the Board of Supervisors earlier the same day. Commissioner Huber received the declaration. Ms. Morales announced events coming up through the month and invited all Commissioners to participate. Commissioner Estrella-Henderson was thanked for having represented First 5 Solano at a Touro University Autism Awareness event earlier in the day.

Motion: Consider approval of Resolution #2019-01 recognizing April 2019 as “Children’s Month” in Solano County.

**Moved by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson; Seconded by Commissioner Barton
Approved 5-0-0**

Yea: Commissioners Anderson, Barton, Diaz, Estrella-Henderson, Huber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Commissioner Neff arrived. Commissioner Crutison arrived

IV. First 5 Solano FY2019/20 Proposed Budget

Megan Richards reviewed the FY2019/20 proposed budget. The FY2019/20 budget is unique from other years in that it provides for one-time First 5 Center tenant improvements, which is not part of the 2018-23 program investment plan. The proposed budget also requests delegated authority for the Executive Director to incorporate additional grant funds, should they be secured during the year.

Commissioner Huber asked if e-cigarette taxes were part of the First 5 revenue. Ms. Richards explained it was her understanding that Proposition 56 taxed other nicotine products previously untaxed, including e-cigarettes. However, the increase to revenue is not as high as had been hoped. Commissioner Crutison asked why the \$500,000 for First 5 Center tenant improvements was not in the FY2019/20 budget. Ms. Richards said First 5 Solano intends to spend the money this fiscal year, and otherwise will encumber it.

Motion: Consider approval of the First 5 Solano FY2019/20 Proposed Budget; and Delegate authority to the Executive Director to incorporate additional grant funds in the FY2019/20 budget

Moved by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson; Seconded by Commissioner Anderson

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Anderson, Barton, Crutison, Diaz, Estrella-Henderson, Huber, Neff

Nay: None

Abstain: None

V. FY2019-2022 Allocations of Funding

Ms. Richards shared that the Request for Proposals for a First 5 Center operator had closed, and the panel recommended Bay Area Community Resources. The process was very

competitive. The timeline from the RFP has moved and the startup period has increased. Alexina Rojas of Bay Area Community Resources commented that she is looking forward to working with the Commission and staff in supporting the families of Vallejo.

Commissioner Diaz expressed desire for an opportunity to meet with Ms. Rojas to connect BACR with Centro Latino, as Vallejo has 26% Latino population that needs to be connected to the First 5 Center services.

Ms. Harris presented details about site secured for the Vallejo First 5 Center. the address is 3375 Sonoma Blvd, which is located in a high-risk census tract where services are greatly needed. Megan Richards presented design of the center and outlined the uses of different spaces and activity rooms.

Motion A: Consider approval of an award of funding of up to \$1,431,667 to Bay Area Community Resources in response to RFP #2019-01 for FY2019/20-FY2021/22 for operation of the Vallejo First 5 Center

Moved by Commissioner Diaz; Seconded by Commissioner Anderson

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Anderson, Barton, Crutison, Diaz, Estrella-Henderson, Huber, Neff

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Commissioner Estrella-Henderson recused herself from this item and left the room.

Megan Richards reminded commissioners that First 5 Solano entered into one-year contracts with Triple P providers last year because the initial rollout of services focused on training and outreach and the level of ongoing need was not stable. The FY2019/20 awards are the adjustments to how the first year went. These contracts are fee-for-service. Each agency has identified a minimum amount of services they intend to provide in the coming fiscal year as well as a goal they are reaching for. The program is funded equally by First 5 Solano and the Mental Health Services Act.

Commissioner Huber asked for and received confirmation that only services rendered would be paid for. Commissioner Barton asked if First 5 was satisfied with services across the board. Ms. Richards said the start was slower than anticipated, but all providers are committed to the improving and making the program work. Parents are happy with the services when they do receive them.

Motion B: Consider approval of awards of funding of up to \$475,700 for Triple P Parent Education Services for FY2019/20 as follows:

- a. Up to \$269,400 to Parents by Choice***
- b. Up to \$94,500 to Child Haven***
- c. Up to \$37,400 to Child Start***
- d. Up to \$25,700 to Fairfield Adult School***
- e. Up to \$15,000 to Solano Family and Children's Services***
- f. Up to \$14,200 to Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District***
- g. Up to \$10,500 to Solano County Office of Education***
- h. Up to \$9,000 to Rio Vista CARE***

Moved by Commissioner Crutison; Seconded by Commissioner Diaz

Approved 6-0-1

Yea: Commissioners Anderson, Barton, Crutison, Diaz, Huber, Neff

Nay: None

Abstain: Estrella-Henderson

Commissioner Estrella-Henderson returned.

Ms. Richards presented Motions C and D together. The commission has reallocated \$100,000 previously from increasing primary care visits and well-child checks to fund developmental screenings. This is matched by \$100,000 from the Mental Health Services Act. The motions would award Child Haven the same \$150,000 they are receiving currently for screenings and add \$50,000 to the \$200,000 Solano Family & Children's Services is currently receiving so Help Me Grow could perform electronic screenings and provide parent education about developmental screenings.

Commissioner Estrella-Henderson asked if the proposal was outside of the Governor's proposal. Ms. Richards confirmed that this is the reason for the one-year proposals. State action may change the picture on developmental screenings soon. Ms. Richards also confirmed that Motions C and D are using resources the commission has already budgeted. Commissioner Diaz said developmental screenings are very important and shared her support for the item. Commissioner Huber recommended that universal consent be implemented to allow warm handoffs.

Motion C: Consider approval of an award of funding of up to \$150,000 to Child Haven for FY2019/20 for developmental screenings

Moved by Commissioner Diaz; Seconded by Commissioner Anderson

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Anderson, Barton, Crutison, Diaz, Estrella-Henderson, Huber, Neff

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion D: Consider approval of an award of funding of up to \$250,000 to Solano Family & Children's Services for FY2019/20 for Help Me Grow Solano and developmental screenings

Moved by Commissioner Diaz; Seconded by Commissioner Anderson

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Anderson, Barton, Crutison, Diaz, Estrella-Henderson, Huber, Neff

Nay: None

Abstain: None

VI. Nonprofit Capacity Building Update

Ms. Harris gave an overview of the nonprofit capacity building efforts in the county to date, including the UC Berkeley Fundraising and Volunteer Management program. Ms. Harris shared some of the results from the 6-month survey on the program and introduced four of the nonprofit leaders who attended the program: Adriana Bejarano, Rio Vista Care Executive Director; Jane Johnson, Child Haven ED; Kathy Lago, Solano Family and Children's Services ED; and Debbie Peralez, Child Start, Inc. ED.

The participants felt that the program was a benefit to nonprofits working in Solano County and the results will be felt and seen in the community. Commissioner Estrella-Henderson commended the 4 directors and said there was a great return on the Commission's investment. Commissioner Diaz agreed and was amazed at how the nonprofits took what was provided and expanded. Commissioner Huber observed that that community has lost several nonprofits in the last few years and cited that there are lessons to be learned from the four participating organizations' strong history, brand, and economies of scale.

Ms. Harris thanked the commission for having the vision to fund this type of program and not just direct services. First 5 Solano will be sponsoring an additional Nonprofit assessment with H&SS. Eight agencies will be taken through an intensive process of assessing their vision and focus on desired outcomes. Commissioner Neff asked how the nonprofits will be chosen. Ms. Harris said there will be an application process.

Commissioners Anderson and Crutison left.

VII. Policy and Oversight Committee Report

No meeting was held.

VIII. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Harris shared that First 5 Solano worked with Fighting Back Partnership to secure a 3-year \$600,000 per year OCAP grant that will serve pregnant or parenting mothers who are abusing substances or have a history of substance abuse. Kwiana Algeré invited commissioners to attend the Resilient Solano Summit being held at Fairfield High School on May 18th.

IX. Commissioner Remarks

Commissioner Neff introduced Tiffany Wanberg, who is interested in joining the Commission.

X. Future Agenda Items

The next Commission meeting will be held on June 4, 2019 at 5:30PM at 601 Texas Street, Conference Room B, Fairfield. Future agenda items include: First 5 California Annual Report.

Adjourn

Vice-Chair Huber adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM.

Luke Winders, Office Assistant III

Approved:

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