

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

March 2, 2021, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
3375 Sonoma Blvd, Suite 30, Vallejo, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present via Zoom videoconferencing: Jennifer Barton, Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Erin Hannigan, Jerry Huber, Nicole Neff, Marla Stuart, Tyffany Wanberg

Chair Barton called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

I. Public Comment

No public comment

II. Consent Calendar

Motion:

A. Approve the March 2, 2021 Commission Meeting Agenda.

B. Approve the January 12, 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson

Approved 6-0-0

**Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Neff, Stuart,
Wanberg**

Nay: None

Abstain: None

III. First 5 Solano FY2021/22 Annual Budget

Deputy Director Megan Richards presented the proposed budget for FY2021/22, with an overview of the County budget process and Commission planning tools. Ms. Richards explained budget that the budget is built in some assumptions such as projected Proposition 10 tobacco tax revenues and matched funding obligations from First 5 California. The proposed budget also requests authority be delegated to the Executive Director to incorporate additional grant funds, should they be secured during the fiscal year. Projected revenues of \$4.2 Million are stable from last year with decreases in MHSA and interest income offset by State Match for Home Visiting Coordination. Ms. Richards illustrated an observed decreased rate of decline in the Prop 10 revenue over time. Projected expenditures of \$4.6 Million have no net substantive change by category from previous year. Commissioner Stuart asked for details on the home visiting coordination that the State is funding. Ms. Richards explained most funds were passed to Solano Public Health through a MOU to coordinate all home visiting programs in the county.

Motion:

- A. Consider approval of the First 5 Solano FY2021/22 Proposed Budget**
- B. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to incorporate additional grant funds in the FY2021/22 budgets**

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson

Approved 6-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Neff, Stuart, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Ms. Richards explained that motions C, D, and E continued contracts currently in place at current funding level through FY2022/23. Ms. Richards reminded the Commission that Rio Vista was determined the community of second highest need in the County after Vallejo and that extra funding had been granted in previous years. Motion C would extend the funding to Rio Vista CARE for an additional two years.

Motion:

- C. Consider approval of an allocation of funding of up to \$100,000 (\$50,000 annually for FY2021/22 & FY2022/23) to Rio Vista CARE for family support services in Rio Vista**

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Wanberg

Approved 6-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Neff, Stuart, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Commissioner Stuart recused herself.

Motion:

- D. Consider approval of an allocation of funding of up to \$200,000 (\$100,000 annually for FY2021/22 & FY2022/23) to Solano County Health & Social Services, Mental Health Division, for Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services**

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Neff

Approved 5-0-1

Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Neff, Wanberg

Nay: None

Recused: Stuart

Commissioner Stuart returned.

Commissioner Estrella-Henderson recused herself.

Motion:

- E. Consider approval of an allocation of funding of up to \$150,000 (\$75,000 annually for FY2021/22 & FY2022/23) to Solano County Office of Education to provide the Raising a Reader program**

**Moved by Commissioner Neff; Seconded by Commissioner Hannigan
Approved 5-0-1**

Yea: Commissioners Barton, Hannigan, Neff, Stuart, Wanberg

Nay: None

Recused: Estrella-Henderson

Commissioner Estrella-Henderson returned.

Commissioner Wanberg recused herself.

Ms. Richards explained that Motion F continues funding for current Triple P Parent Education providers for an additional 2 years based on previous years' successes and future years projections. Commissioner Hannigan asked how many families have participated in Triple P services. Ms. Richards reported an estimated 1,000 parents a year have received services.

Motion:

- F. Consider approval of allocations of funding of up to \$985,540 (\$492,770 annually for FY2021/22 & FY2022/23) to Triple P Parent Education providers as follows:**
- a. Up to \$400,960 (\$200,480 annually for FY2021/22 & FY2022/23) to Parents by Choice**
 - b. Up to \$202,500 (\$101,250 annually for FY2021/22 & FY2022/23) to Child Haven**
 - c. Up to \$122,160 (\$61,080 annually for FY2021/22 & FY2022/23) to Catholic Charities**
 - d. Up to \$110,560 (\$55,280 annually for FY2021/22 & FY2022/23) to Child Start**
 - e. Up to \$41,500 (\$20,750 annually for FY2021/22 & FY2022/23) to Rio Vista CARE**
 - f. Up to \$40,200 (\$20,100 annually for FY2021/22 & FY2022/23) to Fairfield-Suisun Adult School**
 - g. Up to \$40,160 (\$20,080 annually for FY2021/22 & FY2022/23) to Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District**
 - h. Up to \$27,500 (\$13,750 annually for FY2021/22 & FY2022/23) to Solano Family and Children's Services**

**Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Stuart
Approved 5-0-1**

Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Neff, Stuart,

Nay: None

Recused: Wanberg

Commissioner Wanberg returned.

Ms. Richards reported the developmental health screenings occurring at the Vallejo First 5 Center were very successful. The \$100,000 Motion G is 100% Mental Health Services Act funding but requires Commission approval. Ms. Richards detailed the blended funding of the First 5 Center and the Bay Area Community Resources contract.

Motion:

G. Consider approval of an additional allocation of \$100,000 to Bay Area Community Resources for developmental screenings at the First 5 Center in Vallejo for FY2021/22

**Moved by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson; Seconded by Commissioner Stuart
Approved 6-0-0**

**Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Neff, Stuart,
Wanberg**

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Ms. Richards reported on the difficulties COVID-19 gave to the Pre-Kindergarten Academy providers in 2020, with many academies cancelled and far fewer children served. There remains uncertainty on what classrooms will look like in 2021, but First 5 Solano is working with a design team, Solano County Office of Education and Applied Survey Research to look at models and options for Pre-K academies in Summer 2021 and fund the districts and agencies who provided academies in 2018 and 2019.

Motion:

H. Consider approval of up to a \$200,000 allocation of funding to the following Pre-Kindergarten Academy providers for summer 2021 with delegated authority to the Executive Director for final allocation amount for each provider:

a. Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District

b. Fairfield-Suisun Adult School

c. Travis Unified School District

d. Dixon Unified School District

e. Benicia Unified School District

f. River Delta Unified School District

g. Vallejo City Unified School District

h. Vacaville Unified School District

i. Child Start, Inc

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Neff

Approved 6-0-0

**Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Neff, Stuart,
Wanberg**

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Commissioner Estrella-Henderson recused herself.

Ms. Richards explained motions I and J would apply \$42,000 currently unallocated, and any amount remaining from Motion G, should grantees be unable to provide Pre-K Academies in 2021, toward new sites and providers to serve more children with Pre-K Academies. Solano County Office of Education has developed relationships with many family child care homes and private child care centers who, with support, may be able to provide a Pre-Kindergarten experience for children entering kindergarten.

Motion:

- I. Consider a sole source allocation of up to \$42,000 to the Solano County Office of Education to provide additional Pre-Kindergarten Academies in underserved areas and with non-traditional partners for summer 2021***

- J. Consider approval of delegated authority to the Executive Director to reallocate any unspent funding from the \$200,000 in Motion E to Solano County Office to provide additional Pre-K Academies in underserved areas and with non-traditional partners for summer 2021***

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan Seconded by Commissioner Wanberg

Approved 5-0-1

Yea: Commissioners Barton, Hannigan, Neff, Stuart, Wanberg

Nay: None

Recused: Estrella-Henderson

Commissioner Estrella-Henderson returned.

Ms. Richards described the next steps in the budget process.

IV. Policy and Oversight Committee Report

Lorraine Fernandez, First 5 Solano Program Manager, presented proposed changes to the First 5 Solano legislative platform addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and adding language around ACEs awareness and trauma-informed care. The changes were discussed and recommended at the February Policy and Oversight Committee meeting.

Motion: Consider approval of the 2021 First 5 Solano Legislative Platform

Moved by Commissioner Wanberg; Seconded by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson

Approved 6-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Neff, Stuart, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

V. Executive Director's Report

Michele Harris, First 5 Solano Executive Director, reported that Commissioners were surveyed, and a time was identified to hold Commission meetings during business hours. The proposed new schedule begins in July and moves Commission meetings to 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on third Wednesdays. There is a goal that Commissioners will be able to participate in activities at the First 5 Center on meeting days.

Motion:

A. Consider approval of the FY2021/22 First 5 Commission and Committee Meeting schedule

Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson

Approved 6-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Neff, Stuart, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Commissioner Wanberg recused herself.

Ms. Harris explained that the funds in Motion B are for the current fiscal year. Parents by Choice is exceeding their projected pace of services and is seeing an increased need in the community. First 5 Solano staff has identified \$22,280 unspent Triple P Parent Education funds that can allow Parents by Choice to provide additional services through June.

Motion:

B. Consider approval of an allocation of up to \$22,820 to Parents by Choice for FY2020/21 to provide additional Triple P Parent Education

Moved by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson Seconded by Commissioner Stuart

Approved 5-0-1

Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Neff, Stuart

Nay: None

Recused: Wanberg

Commissioner Wanberg returned.

Ms. Harris thanked Commissioners for participating in Kindergarten backpack distribution events in the Community and invited Commissioners to participate in the Vallejo First 5 Center anniversary event on March 26. Ms. Harris shared that the annual grants RFA will be released on March 8 and will require individual grant development sessions with staff to build out proposed ideas.

VI. Commissioner Remarks

Commissioners shared their experiences participating in backpack distribution events. Commissioner Estrella-Henderson highlighted the importance of Pre-K Academies and school readiness. Commissioner Barton suggested Governor Newsom be invited to visit the Vallejo First 5 Center. Commissioners discussed vaccination progress in the County with prospects of returning children to the classroom.

VII. Future Agenda Items

The next Commission meeting will be held on April 6, 2021 at 5:30 PM at 3375 Sonoma Boulevard, Suite 30 in Vallejo. Future agenda items include: First 5 Center Year 1 Report, System Change Result 14 Summary, Strategic Planning; Committee Report.

Adjourn

Chair Barton adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.

Luke Winders, Office Assistant III

Approved:

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