



## Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

330 North D Street, Fifth Floor, San Bernardino, California 92415

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**Meeting Date, Time and Location** August 3, 2011  
3:30 p.m.  
Vice-Chair Ohikhuare called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.  
San Bernardino County Government Center – Covington Chambers  
350 North Arrowhead Avenue  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

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**Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chair Ohikhuare

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**Attendees** **Commissioners Present**

- Mark Daniels
- Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D.
- Guillermo Valenzuela, M.D.
- Nancy Ruth White

**Staff Present**

- Karen Scott, Executive Director
- Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager
- Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant
- Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant
- Regina Coleman, Commission Counsel
- Mary Jaquish, Interim Supervisor
- Scott McGrath, Supervisor
- Alex Carballo, Staff Analyst II
- Jeffrey Pontius, Staff Analyst I
- Bonnie Woodrome, Media Specialist II

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**Report – Cindy Faulkner, Advisory Committee** The Advisory Committee met on July 21, 2011. The Committee continued their work on establishing priorities for the future Request for Proposal scheduled to be released in November of this year.

Further information will be presented with Agenda Item 4.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. at First 5 San Bernardino.

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**Report – Annual Audit**

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**Karen E. Scott,**  
**Executive**  
**Director**

The Auditors are completing their field audit and will return to the First 5 office on August 8, 2011 to perform any additional review necessary or receive any additional information as requested. The final audit findings for FY10-11 will be presented to you the Commission at a special annual meeting on Thursday, October 20.

### **Save the Date**

Between August 15 and August 17, F5 staff will conduct group Contract Compliance Briefings with agencies specific to their focus area. Attendance is mandatory by contracted agencies. The purpose of the meeting is to ensure that all parties understand expectations, receive technical assistance and are meeting contractual obligations for FY 2011-12.

### **Happening Around the State**

First 5 State Commission and First 5 Association meetings were held in Sacramento on July 20 and 21 with 33 County Commissions in attendance. Following are highlights of those meetings.

#### Parent Signature Programs

- 3 million *Kits for New Parents* have been distributed
- The Hands-on-Health Express Van has reached 47,000 parents and children.
- First 5 California website has received more than 3 million visits since June 2009
- *Yummy for My Tummy* has been downloaded 68,000 times.

#### Teacher Signature Programs

- CARES Plus, now available in English and Spanish was launched at the end of April with the goal of improving child outcomes by enhancing the quality and effectiveness of ECE teachers.
- 34 counties will have CARES Plus programs.

#### Child Signature Program

- The Child Signature program will be based on the best and most promising practices from School Readiness, Power of Preschool, EduCare, and other state and national programs. It was postponed due to the diversion of Commission funds to the state budget, but will launch in 2012.

The First 5 Association reported on the impact of AB 99 on county commissions, which have made drastic cuts in services and contracts in order to comply with the legislation. (See facts shared by San Diego, Fresno, and Sonoma contained in this report). At this time the \$1 billion statewide reduction should be considered an obligation that exists for this fiscal year only. Ten commissions have filed lawsuits, which have been consolidated in the Fresno Superior Court where a hearing will be held on August 30. The judge will have 90 days to render a decision, and then either party will have 60 days to file an appeal.

The realignment of child welfare services to the counties may increase local pressure on First 5 funds, but could also provide opportunities to leverage new approaches in services for the youngest children in CWS and their families.

Other information covered in the ED message includes:

- Strategic Planning and "Unplanning" for Commissions
- Health Care Reform
- Healthy Families Program changes
- Dental Care Expansion
- Childhood Obesity
- Focusing on Evaluation

#### **Staff Corner**

Naseem Farooqi, Staff Analyst II

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**Changes to  
Agenda**

No changes to report.

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**Consent**

A motion was made by Commissioner Daniels and seconded by Commissioner White to approve the following consent item. With Commissioners Egge, Haugan and Gonzales absent, and without further comment or objection, motion carried.

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| <b>Item No.</b> | <b>CONSENT ITEMS</b>  |
|-----------------|---|
| 1               | Approve minutes of July 6, 2011 Commission Meeting<br>(Affected Districts: All)<br>(Presenter: Ann M. Calkins, Executive Assistant, 387-1502) |

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| <b>Item No.</b> | <b>DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>  |
|-----------------|--|
| 2               | 1. Rescind approval of Amendment A4 to Contract Number IC015 with Harder+Company Community Research.<br>2. Approve Amendment A5 to Contract Number IC015 with Harder+Company Community Research to extend the contract term for one year in the amount of \$286,995 resulting in a total amount of \$1,538,549 for fiscal years 2007-2012 to provide external evaluation consulting services.<br>(Affected Districts: All)<br>(Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 387-1504)<br><br>A motion was made by Commissioner Daniels and seconded by Commissioner Valenzuela to approve Agenda Item 2. With Commissioners Egge, Haugan and Gonzales absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried. |

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| <b>Item No.</b> | <b>INFORMATION ITEMS</b>   |
|-----------------|--|
| 3               | Receive information on the Advisory Committee's progress in developing recommendations of priority strategies.<br>(Affected Districts: All)<br>(Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 387-1504) |
| 4               | Receive information on "Water Safety" and "Rethink your Drink" Educational Campaigns.<br>(Affected Districts: All)<br>(Presenter: Bonnie Woodrome, Media Specialist II, 387-1515)                        |

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**Public  
Comment**

Marci Aguirre and Jessica Castillo - IEHP

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**Commissioner  
Roundtable**

None

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**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Valenzuela and seconded by Commissioner White to adjourn the meeting. With Commissioners Egge, Haugan, and Gonzales absent, and without further comment or objection, motion carried. Vice Chair Ohikhuare adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

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**Next  
Commission  
Meeting**

The Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2011 has been **CANCELLED**.

There will be a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at First 5 San Bernardino to hear the Advisory Committee's RFP Priorities Presentation.

The next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting is Thursday, October 20, 2011, 3:30 p.m., San Bernardino County Government Center - Covington Chambers, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, in San Bernardino. Please note this meeting falls on a Thursday.

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**Attest**

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Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D., Vice-Chair

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Ann M. Calkins, Commission Secretary

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