



Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

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

Meeting Location San Bernardino County Government Center
385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, California

Date, time, place Date: February 3, 2010 – Agenda 02-2010
Time: Chair Gonzales called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.
Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers

Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Gonzales.

Attendees

Commissioners Present

- Mark Daniels
- Leslie Egge
- Josie Gonzales, Chair
- Linda Haugan
- Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D.
- Nancy Ruth White

Staff Present

- Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager
- Ann Calkins, Executive Assistant
- Staci Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant
- Debora Dickerson, Administrative Supervisor
- Miki Carpenter, Supervisor
- Regina Coleman, Commission Counsel
- Mary Alvarez, Staff Analyst
- Mary Jaquish, Staff Analyst
- Ruth Griffin, Staff Analyst

Report On behalf of Karen Scott, Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager reported on the following topics:

Save the Date

Tentative - March 31 at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center - Special Guest Speaker Dr. Keith Black; Chairman of Cedar-Sinai's Department of Neurosurgery; on effects of air quality and brain development in infants and young children

To be announced – 1st Commission Workshop Retreat (estimate late February/early March 2010)

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Objective – establish goals and roles; set local strategy and position regarding “seizure of Prop 10 funds”, seeking Commissioner involvement with participation in First 5 Integrated Task Teams for specific strategic projects.

To be announced - Budget Workshop – tentatively for late April 2010

2nd Commission Workshop Retreat – Strategic Plan revisions and make recommendations; follow up from any issues identified in the first workshop

Staffing

Will conduct interviews soon to fill vacant Staff Analyst I & II positions

Staff Highlight

LuCretia Dowdy – Office Assistant II

SCALAR – 2010-2011 Request for \$25,000

Southern California Alliance for Learning and Results is a First 5 Southern California Regional collaborative whose efforts are to collect, manage and analyze each Commission’s successes and present the outcomes from a Regional perspective. There have been eight County Commissions participating in the effort since 2008 with the majority of the counties committing \$25,000 toward hiring a Consultant to assist with this effort. SCALAR would like to renew the contract and is asking participating County Commissions to commit another \$25,000 for this fiscal year.

Advisory Committee

Meeting February 18, 2010 at First 5 San Bernardino, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Chaired by Commissioner Egge.

Funding Opportunities

- Desired Results RFP released January 7 and the due date is February 19 4:00 pm. at F5SB.
- Combined DBH and F5 – SART RFP released January 20 and the due date is February 9, 4:00 p.m. at Department of Behavioral Health office.
- Staff working on other opportunities and will present once details are confirmed.

First 5 Updates

Last week, 45 county commissions attended the Jan. 26 Association meeting in Sacramento. The agenda was shortened to allow members to attend the Senate Budget Review Committee that included a hearing on the Governor’s proposal to put Prop 10 on the June ballot. About 25 First 5 staff testified including our Supervisor, John Pi.

Sherry Novick, F5 Association Executive Director, reminded the membership that county commissions and our staff can speak out about the proposal as long as it is not yet a ballot initiative. She urged members to mobilize First 5 supporters now to prevent the measure from going to the ballot.

Sherry shared that the Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) is focused on keeping state health and human services programs whole and views the unreserved fund balances indicated by way of the F5 commission audits, as money that could be made available. Fiscal staffs at several commissions are working on a model that shows the multi-year commitment of commission funds to share with the LAO and others. F5SB will do the same.

Project Legacy

The proposed First 5 California Commission Signature Programs will focus on

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- Target investments to evidence-based early learning models, PoP, Head Start, Early Head Start, and Educare.
- Position California to maximize competitiveness for new federal funds
- Align investments with the new Quality Rating and Improvement System to be recommended by CalQIS
- Require a \$52.9 million investment in FY 2010-11

Plans for these signature programs are somewhat linked to approval of state and federal funding. F5CA Commissioners suggested meeting in February when more information is available regarding the state budget as it could impact their Signature Programs.

The Commission then voted to approve \$19 million for the extension of POP but decided to table the remainder of the Signature Program requests and added a meeting in February to discuss the overall budget situation.

At this time, it has not been confirmed as to whether the School Readiness Program will be included in the Legacy Program. Currently School Readiness Programs through First 5 California is a one-to-one match with County Commissions.

We have received some concerns from our current School Readiness programs and outlying areas such as Needles whether this program will continue next year.

F5SB is hoping to have a better idea once the First 5 CA Commission meets this month enabling us to determine next steps regarding School Readiness.

Department of Development Services (DDS)

The Governor proposes that a full \$194 million will come next year from county Prop 10 funds for DDS through his ballot initiative, plus another \$50 million that he assumes county commissions will voluntarily contribute to DDS for this upcoming FY. To assist the F5 Association with advocacy efforts, F5SB prepared a report and presented to the F5 Association that outlined the following:

- How F5SB services are reducing pressure on Regional Centers, Early Start, county Mental Health and in some cases MediCal mainly through our SART initiative
- How F5SB is serving children who are not eligible for those systems just mentioned
- How F5SB is leveraging federal dollars for money-strapped county departments
- How F5SB is addressing issues that no other state program is currently doing

Healthy Families (HF)

Again HF is in trouble and legislature is looking to Children and Families Commission. F5SB invested in our local children with \$1.2 million last year. This was a contribution to the \$81 million that the State Commission invested in Healthy Families to keep them whole. Conversation continues amongst commissions to support HF but the glaring issue is supplantation.

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Consent A motion was made by Commissioner Haugan and seconded by Commissioner Ohikhuare to approve the following consent items:

Item No.	Consent Items
1	Approve minutes of January 6, 2010 Commission Meeting
2	Approve employment contract with Tameka L. Nelson, Office Assistant II for the Children and Families Commission for the County of San Bernardino, at a rate of \$12.86 per hour plus benefits, effective February 27, 2010. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen E. Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)
3	Ratify Addendum No. 2 to Request for Proposals for Desired Results RFP 10-01 to extend the proposal submission deadline from Friday, February 12, 2010 at 4:00 PM, PST to Friday, February 19, 2010 at 4:00 PM, PST. (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Mary Alvarez, Staff Analyst, 387-1508)

Item No.	Discussion Items
4	Approve Capacity Building Request for Qualifications for a Sustainability Project Facilitator for Program Years beginning April 2010 through June 2011 (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Ruth Griffin, Staff Analyst, 387-1525) A motion was made by Commissioner Egge and seconded by Commissioner Daniels to approve Item 4. With Commissioner Valenzuela absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.
5	<i>Continued from January 6, 2010 Commission Meeting, Item No. 2</i> Approve Emerging Needs contract for Program Year 2009-2010 for Tier 1 to provide basic needs with "The Salvation Army", contract number EN003 in the total amount of \$25,000, retroactive to January 1, 2010 (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Mary Jaquish, Staff Analyst, 387-1512) Captain Ball from the Salvation Army expressed his appreciation for the Commission support and reported that a new shelter will soon open for homeless families. A 90-day emergency shelter is currently in operation. Plans are in the works for transitional living on the same property. A motion was made by Commissioner Haugan and seconded by Commissioner White to approve Item 5. With Commissioner Valenzuela absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.
6	Receive results of stakeholder surveys (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Miki Carpenter, Supervisor, 387-1524) A motion was made by Commissioner Egge and seconded by Commissioner Ohikhuare to receive the results (Item 6) without further action. With Commissioner Valenzuela absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.

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7	<p>Receive Local Annual Evaluation Report for Program Year 2008-2009 (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Miki Carpenter, Supervisor, 387-1524)</p> <p>Ms. Carpenter introduced Sonia Taddy-Sandino, Vice-President of Harder + Co., to present the report to the Commission.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Daniels and seconded by Commissioner White to receive the report (Item 7) without further action. With Commissioner Valenzuela absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
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**Public
Comment**

Susan Gomez, Executive Director of Another Way thanked the commission for funding her Emerging Needs grant.

Maria Medina, Executive Director for Central City Lutheran thanked the Commission for their Emerging Needs grant which will help support immigration family health and wellness.

Dennis Morris from Moses House Ministries also thanked the Commission for their continued support. Mr. Morris indicated that many calls are referred to his organization via 2-1-1.

**Commissioner
Roundtable**

None

Adjournment

Without further comment or objection and with Commissioner Valenzuela absent, Chair Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

**Next
Commission
Meeting**

March 3, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.
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Attest

Josie Gonzales, Chair

Ann M. Calkins, Commission Clerk