



## Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

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

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

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**Date, time, place** Date: January 6, 2010 – Agenda 01-2010  
Time: Chair Gonzales called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.  
Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers

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

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**Attendees**

**Commissioners Present**

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

**Staff Present**

- Karen Scott, Executive Director
- Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager
- Ann Calkins, Executive Assistant
- Stacy Scranton, Supervising Office Assistant
- Regina A. Coleman, Commission Counsel
- Debora Dickerson, Administrative Supervisor
- Mary Alvarez, Staff Analyst
- Ruth Griffin, Staff Analyst
- Mary Jaquish, Staff Analyst
- David Ramos, Staff Analyst
- Ronnie Robinson, Staff Analyst
- Pattie McGinty-Hagedorn, Staff Analyst

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## Report

Karen Scott, Executive Director reported on the following topics:

### State of First 5 Address

January 7, 2010, Cal State University, San Bernardino. Guest speakers are Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Gary Thomas and the Honorable Judge Slough.

### AmeriCorps Staffing

AmeriCorps is a National Service Program dedicated to serving the needs of local communities. F5SB will utilize two volunteers, Tawnya Soto and Paul Heredia, who will work 900 service hours between January 2, 2010 and June 30, 2010. They will serve children in two of our local preschools, Allred Children's Center with the Ready to Learn program and Bradley Elementary with PEP (Preschool Experience Program) and participate in community events.

### Corner Highlights

Mary Alvarez, Staff Analyst II, is responsible for developing request for proposals, contracts, policies and procedures and working with the leadership team to develop and implement new and innovative funding strategies. Mary has been with F5SB since June 2008 and doing a fantastic job. Thank you, Mary!

### Advisory Committee

Next meeting was scheduled for January 21, however, was moved to February 18. The Advisory Committee will develop a work group to tackle a needs assessment and actions plans for Special Needs children.

### WIC Program Planning Efforts

The Public Health Department recently asked F5SB to join them in brainstorming strategies to ensure WIC services be continued at Fort Irwin. F5SB is seeking guidance from the State WIC operations and exploring public/private partnerships. The next scheduled meeting with the special project director from the First Supervisorial District and Public Health representatives is scheduled for January 13.

### Department of Developmental Services Inquiry

On January 4, First 5 California and First 5 County Executive Directors, Department of Developmental Services and the Health and Human Services Agency participated in a conference call related to the Governor's direction to seek help from First 5 California in his veto message when he blue-penciled \$50 million from the Early Start budget.

Each commission is reporting out on programs we fund with regional centers, how we serve children in Early Start, children no longer eligible for Early Start or at risk of entering the regional center system. For San Bernardino, our greatest efforts go towards SART in conjunction with CAPTA and IDEA.

The next meeting with DDS is scheduled for January 26 in Sacramento.

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## Changes to the Agenda

Ann Calkins, Executive Assistant, announced Item 2C "The Salvation Army" Emerging Needs contract number EN003 will be continued to next month's meeting.

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## Consent

A motion was made by Commissioner Haugan and seconded by Commissioner Valenzuela to approve the following consent item:

Item No.	Consent Items
1	Approve minutes of December 2, 2009 Commission Meeting

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<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Discussion Items</b>
2	<p>Approve Emerging Needs Contracts for Program year 2009-2010 for Tier 1 to provide basic needs with the following agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Another Way EN001, in the total amount of \$25,000</li><li>B. Mary's Mercy Center, Inc., EN002, in the total amount of \$25,000</li><li>C. The Salvation Army EN003, in the total amount of \$25,000</li></ul> <p>Approve Emerging Needs Contracts for Program Year 2009-2011 for Tier 2 to provide continuity of healthcare systems, special needs, displaced family assistance, and family strengthening services with the following agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>D. Time for Change EN004, in the total amount of \$100,000</li><li>E. Aspiranet EN005, in the total amount of \$100,000</li><li>F. Arrowhead United Way, EN006, in the total amount of \$100,000</li><li>G. Central City Lutheran Mission, EN007, in the total amount of \$25,000</li><li>H. Desert Sanctuary, Inc. EN008, in the total amount of \$100,000</li><li>I. DOVES of Big Bear Valley EN009, in the total amount of \$100,000</li><li>J. Legal Aid Society EN010, in the total amount of \$100,000</li><li>K. County Service Area Number 20 Joshua Tree Parks &amp; Recreation Preschool EN011, in the total amount of \$25,000</li><li>L. The Foundation for CSU – San Bernardino, EN012, in the total amount of \$100,000</li><li>M. C.A.S.A. of San Bernardino County, EN013, in the total amount of \$100,000</li><li>N. Ontario-Montclair YMCA EN014, in the total amount of \$84,584</li></ul> <p>(Regional Impact: Countywide) (Presenter: Mary Alvarez, Contract Analyst II, 387-1508)</p> <p>Chair Gonzales abstained from Item 3J due to receipt of campaign contribution from the Legal Aid Society.</p> <p>Item 2C "The Salvation Army" contract will be continued to next month's meeting.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Haugan and seconded by Commissioner Ohikhuare to approve Item 2. With Commissioner Egge absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
3	<p>Approve Request for Proposals for Desired Results (RFP 10-01) and authorize release to provide direct services to children zero to five years of age and their families in the County of San Bernardino for program years 2010-2013.</p> <p>(Regional Impact: Countywide) (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager 387-1504)</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Valenzuela and seconded by Commissioner White to approve Item 3. With Commissioner Egge absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>

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4	<p>To expand and invest in four (4) assessment centers that will provide Health Screening, Assessment, Referral, and Treatment (SART) Services throughout the county, in the total amount of up to \$2,000,000 dollars per year for three years.</p> <p>A. Approve the combined Request for Proposals (RFP) and authorize the release of this RFP to solicit qualified agencies to become a regional SART center.</p> <p>B. Allocate funding for four (4) SART centers in the amount of up to 2,000,000 dollars per year for three years.</p> <p>(Regional Impact: Countywide) (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager, 387-1504)</p> <p>Commissioner Ohikhuare abstained from Item 4 due to his department's involvement with this agency.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Valenzuela and seconded by Commissioner White to approve Item 4. With Commissioner Egge absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>
5	<p>Approve Fourth Amended Agreement between the County of San Bernardino and Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County to reflect additional services provided by the County's Auditor Controller-Recorder office in order to satisfy audit requirements.</p> <p>(Regional Impact: Countywide) (Presenter: Debora Dickerson, Administrative Supervisor II, 387-1505)</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Ohikhuare and seconded by Commissioner Valenzuela to approve Item 5. With Commissioner Egge absent and without further comment or objection, motion carried.</p>

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Item No.	Information Item
6	<p>Receive information on upcoming First 5 San Bernardino capacity building efforts for agencies providing services to young children and families in the County of San Bernardino.</p> <p>(Regional Impact: Countywide) (Presenter: Ruth Griffin, Staff Analyst II, 387-1525)</p>

**Public Comment**

None

**Commissioner Roundtable**

None

**Adjournment**

Chair Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

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**Next  
Commission  
Meeting**

February 3, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.  
County of San Bernardino Government Center  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
385 North Arrowhead Avenue  
San Bernardino, CA

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**Approval**

Approved

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Josie Gonzales, Chair

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Karen E. Scott, Executive Director

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