



EVALUATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

First 5 Monterey County ♦ 1125 Baldwin Street ♦ Salinas, CA

Call to Order: Len Foster, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Roll Call: A legal quorum was present.

Commissioners in attendance: Len Foster and Robert L. Black

Committee Members, Funded Partners Representatives, Consultants and Staff in Attendance:

Raul Martinez, Michelle Magee, Gary Resnick from Harder + Company; Gay Spitz from Salinas Adult School; Krista Hanni from Monterey County Health Department; and David Dobrowski, Francine Rodd, Beth Reeves-Fortney, Ana Duran (recorder) from First 5 Monterey County.

Approve Agenda:

The agenda was approved as presented.

Public Comment Period: *Members of the audience desiring to address the Commission may do so during this time. Public comments on items not already on the agenda will be accepted.*

No public comment.

Action/Information Items:

1. Approval of Evaluation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2009

ACTION: Upon consensus, the Evaluation Advisory Committee Meeting minutes from May 14, 2009 were approved as presented.

2. Evaluator Announcements – David Dobrowski, Evaluation Officer

The website www.kidsdata.org will be expanding to warehouse data on all counties in California this year. F5CA is considering re-approaching the Center for Results. F5CA has issued a preliminary report on the Special Needs Project and is seeking feedback from the participating counties. Reporting to F5CA will remain largely the same and be open on July 1 for counties. Some modifications based on local feedback have been integrated.

3. Evaluation Budget and Overall Design for 2009/10– David Dobrowski, Evaluation Officer

ACTION: Upon consensus, the Evaluation Advisory Committee agreed with Staff's recommendation to not conduct a Participatory Evaluation Case Study nor a separate SNP Evaluation in 2009-10. SNP outcomes will partially be measured by combining SNP providers and Access participants into a provider interview in order to reduce approximately \$80,000 from the evaluation budget in order to stay in alignment with Commission set limits.

4. Parent Interview Update – Raul Martinez, Harder + Co.

Harder + Company has conducted 212 baseline Parent Interviews. Data entry is up-to-date with data collection. The evaluation team, in consultation with F5MC staff, will create a data analysis plan, produce a Data Book, which will be shared with F5MC staff, and draft a brief (20 page) Cross-Cutting Outcome Indicator Parent Interview Report. The findings will be reported on the October Regular Commission Meeting.

5. Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Update – Raul Martinez, Harder + Co.

Raul reported that it has been more difficult for schools to participate in the KRA this year due to school budget cuts and class size adjustments (e.g., 30 to 1). He noted that currently five districts are willing to participate in the KRA assessment, scheduling with two other districts is occurring, and that he's still attempting to contact seven other districts. One district (King City) has declined participation because their kinder teachers already administer intensive child assessments before and during kindergarten. King City did mention that they would be willing to share the results from their assessments and would be willing to have their kinder teachers complete the Kindergarten Teacher Survey.

6. Designs for Sections that will be included in the 2008/2009 First 5 Monterey County Annual Report – David Dobrowski, Evaluation Officer

David presented a draft outline of the 08/09 ELO Evaluation Report. The report for each of the evaluation stages will be completed before the Executive Summary. Each report will contain a brief summary of the findings. It will be structured to align with the Evaluation plan in the Strategic Plan.

There was discussion about carefully presenting service delivery data. It's important that the public understand the range of services, especially intensive services, that are offered and what kinds of families are receiving these services.

7. Persimmony interaction with other Databases – David Dobrowski, Evaluation Officer

In two separate but parallel processes, the state will be providing flat files from PEDS-SNP and CARES databases in order to put the information into Persimmony. The processes seem relatively straight forward, although not ready before July 1 as hoped.

There is a shared intent to have Behavioral Health and MCSTART reduce double entry of information. Working towards having the county's AVATAR system exporting client records into Persimmony. One option may be F5MC becoming a Qualified Service Agency. We will look into becoming a Business Associate by talking with Sid Smith and/or Wayne Clark for AVATAR to share information with Persimmony.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Upcoming Commission Meetings: *Unless otherwise noted, Meetings take place at: First 5 Monterey County; 1125 Baldwin Street; Salinas.*

- Regular Commission Meeting: June 22, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.
- Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting: July 10, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.
- Executive Committee Meeting: July 8, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.
- Evaluation Advisory Committee Meeting: July 9, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.