



EVALUATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, October 8, 2008 1:30 p.m.

First 5 Monterey County

1125 Baldwin Street; Salinas, California 93906

Call to Order: Len Foster, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Roll Call: A legal quorum was not present.

Commissioners in attendance: Len Foster. Commissioner Dr. Robert Black was absent as excused.

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

David Dobrowski, Evaluation Officer; Beth Reeves-Fortney, Program Officer III; Francine Rodd, Executive Director; Kim Stemler, Mindshop Unlimited, LLC; Gay Spitz, Salinas Adult School; Raul Martinez, Michelle Magee, Erika Takada and Nayeli Cerpas of Harder + Company and Lisa Luis, Program Support (recorder).

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. State Annual Report – David Dobrowski, Evaluation Officer

David gave an informational update on the report. It is 80 pages of forms that are required by the State. *F5MC* completed their part and most sections were left blank intentionally. State only wants us to report on the two most compelling outcomes. They require short answers and there are built in character limits for the answers. We *can* add information but the State doesn't want it for most sections. *F5MC* will also submit the full evaluation reports.

2. Special Needs Report – Erika Takada, Harder + Co

Erika gave an overview presentation of the Special Needs Project (SNP) Avancé Key Evaluation Findings from the final SNP Evaluation Report completed this month. She shared some background information and noted that the Avancé Project has four emphasis areas: Screenings, Services, Inclusion and Systems.

A total of 532 children were served, with the majority being Latino and with a primary language of Spanish.

The report includes referrals made, specific types of programs, parent surveys, focus groups with early educators and key stakeholder interviews. One of the goals of the report was to find out what was the impact of the Avancé Project on parents and families of children with special needs, early educators, screeners and Child Study Team members and the service system.

The Committee shared their comments and feedback on the report. They included:

- Beth Reeves-Fortney thanked Harder + Co. for the work. It will help them to improve the program.
- Beth and Kim Stemler, along with Harder + Co. have been looking at what would you do without the State.
- Harder + Co. staff felt it was exciting that **F5MC** is already able to use these findings and take the data apart.
- The SNP Annual budget is \$640,000 (half funded by **F5MC**, half by F5CA) The State funding ends on June 30, 2009. At least right now it isn't on the table for the State to renew funding. First 5 Monterey County, however, plans to continue funding the program
- Kim is helping to process the look of a future SNP project in Monterey County without State funding
- Jackie Frey's team (Monterey County Behavioral Health) is doing work in other parts of the county. Chair Foster said it looks like there is a want to continue this work. Would it be possible to use Prop 63 dollars?
- The report represents prevention – earliest intervention possible. 0-3 portion was really emphasized.
- Beth shared that we need to look carefully at what the practices are. Lenore has grown their approach over the years. Is there enough mental health capacity? Interesting to explore - who do you build capacity with?
- Len commented that Jackie Frey has been the only policy person over at Behavioral Health. Yes, this is an appropriate step for us to take in mental health and in what type of funding. Advised that we involve Sid Smith, Deputy Director of Monterey County Health Department.

3. Presentation documents for Commission – Raul Martinez, Harder + Co

Raul Martinez shared the four types of information that has been gathered. His goal is to present the information to us (Power Point slides) and to get feedback and questions from the Committee. Harder is also looking for suggestions on the best way to present this to the Commissioners.

1. F5MC Service Delivery Data Dashboard 07-08

This slide is looking at:

1. How do funded partners map onto the three Community Vision areas?
2. How many clients were served within each Community Vision?
3. What were the most commonly provided services?

Comments:

- We are seeing more intensive services that are being funded this time around.
- Len suggested not calling it a dashboard, but calling it a summary.
- Gay asked what kind of things fell under the “other” category. Raul said some of the items included resource referral, health, INS applications, workshops and radio shows.

2. F5MC Client-Level Data Dashboard 07-08

This slide is looking at:

1. How many people were served?
2. How many people have been served since fiscal year 2005-06?

3. What was the primary language of parents?
4. What was the age of children served?
5. Where were children served?

Comments:

- A lot of “unknown” this year, 30% is a huge void
- Most children served lived in East Salinas. One quarter lived in South County and less were served on the Peninsula and North County

3. F5MC Playgroup Program Implementation Dashboard 07-08

Raul reviewed the findings with the Committee

- Five programs participated in this intensive evaluation effort.
- These agencies offer Play Groups because they are doing the Parents as Teachers (PAT) programs. This is not happening in isolation. Groups include free play, snack time, and was a variation on the approach to parent education.
- Included Activities and Approach; Population Served; Service Demand; Logistics and Setting; Staffing and Participant Feedback.

4. F5MC Systems Change Dashboard: Background Information

Used the scale from a standardized national study that defined what collaboration means. All of the Funded Partners participated in this evaluation approach.

F5MC Systems Change Dashboard: To what extent are programs collaborating?

Raul explained the three different grids that represent the levels of collaboration:

1. Networking
2. Coordination
3. Collaboration

- The thick lines mean they agree on their level of coordination and collaboration.
- Most Funded Partners agree or strongly agree that the communication is clear.
- Program coordinators and line staff both completed survey. Don't knows are from line staff.
- Len said this was much better and more clear - to have the visualization and the narrative.

4. Meeting schedule for 2009 – David Dobrowski, Evaluation Officer

David asked the Committee if the second Thursday of each month is still a good or ideal meeting day for the Evaluation Advisory Committee meetings to be held. A tentative calendar was handed out so that members could note any days in 2009 they may not be available to meet. David hasn't heard back from Dr. Black. Krista Hanni and Len Foster are agreeable to the current schedule.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

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

- Regular Commission Meeting: Oct 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.
- Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting: Nov 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.
- Executive Committee Meeting: Oct 8, 2008 at 8:30 p.m.
- Evaluation Advisory Committee Meeting: Nov 13, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.