



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Marina Library ▪ 190 Seaside Circle ▪ Marina, CA

Call to Order: Chair Elliott Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: A legal quorum was present.

Commissioners in attendance: Elliott Robinson (Chair), Simón Salinas (Vice-chair), Jeanne Hori-Garcia (Secretary), Ray Bullick, Esther Rubio and Josefina Silva. Commissioner Dr. Robert Black was excused as absent.

Staff in attendance:

Francine Rodd, Executive Director
Beth Reeves-Fortney, Sr. Program Officer
Ana Gonzalez-Romo, Program Officer
Kim Stemler, Policy, Advocacy &
Communications Manager

Manuela O. Kolpin, Finance/Ops Officer
David Dobrowski, Evaluation Officer
Ana Duran, Finance Support
Lisa Luis, Program Support
Joanna Jensen, Administrative Manager (Recorder)

Addition and Corrections to Agenda:

Consent Agenda Items: *Consent agenda items are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Commission Staff. Consent items will be considered first and may be approved by one motion if no member of the Commission or audience wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Commission concerning the item before action is taken. Staff recommendations are shown in capital letters.*

1. January 24, 2011 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes – APPROVAL

ACTION: The action was unanimously approved as stated. Commissioner Salinas made the motion, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Bullick.

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 comments were made.

Action/Information Items:

2. Executive Director's Report

Francine Rodd, Executive Director provided the report.

a. First 5 California

- Composition of the State Commission is as follows:
 - Chair, Jennifer Kent - Associate Director of Department of Health Care and Services
 - Vice-Chair, Molly Munger - Co-founder and Director of the Advancement Project
 - Dr. Maria Minon - Vice-Chief Medical Officer for Orange County
 - Conway Collis, Sr. Counselor and Chief Government Affairs Officer for Daughters of Charity Health System

- Patrick Duterte – Director of Solano County Department of Social and Employment Services
 - Case McKeever – Administrative Law Judge for the California Department of Social & Employment Services
 - Joyce Iseri – Experience with health and human service issues
 - The last meeting was meeting was on January 26th.
 - Funding was provided to Early Start and MRMIB for Fiscal Year 10/11.
 - They received a clean audit.
 - The Joint Conference with the Water Cooler is taking place the next couple of days.
- b. First 5 Association - First 5 Staff Summit took place at the end of January.
- c. First 5 Monterey County – Everyone is back from maternity leave. NAREA will be holding a seminar in the summer in Monterey County around the launch of the Wonder of Learning. Site visits to King City will occur at that time. Appointment of community members to sit on the Evaluation Advisory Committee will take place in March.

3. **Statewide Budget Update – F5MC Commissioners, Staff and** - DISCUSSION

Chair Robinson provided a brief update on the proposed budget from a human services standpoint.

- CalWorks – time limits for parents go from 60 to 48 months. 5% grant cut (was originally 13%)
- 50% reduction in funding to CalLearn to support teen parents.
- Childcare – there were variations on cuts proposed by the Senate and the Assembly and it is unclear what the final outcome will be -- several centers in our county have expressed grave concern about possible closure.

Chair Bullick provided a brief update on the proposed budget from a health and human service standpoint

- MediCal – proposal to cap the number of visits, pregnant women and children would be excluded on that cap. There are also proposed caps on subscriptions and medical supplies.
- Will require a mandatory \$5 co-pay on medical visits, dental visits, and prescriptions.
- Mandatory \$50 co-pay to non-emergency Emergency Room visits.
- 10% provider rate cut across the board.
- Shifting Prop 10 funds to cover 0-5 MediCal patients.
- Healthy Family rate increase of co-pay to \$14.
- Increase inpatient stay – would have to contribute \$100 a day.
- Realignment of EPSDT mental health services.

F. Rodd. Provided the following input.

- Last wed the Joint Legislative Budget Committee approved the stage 3 backfill.
- Shared the Budget Conference Committee’s language for Prop 10 and information on the potential movement of First 5 funds to the State in the amount of \$1 billion.

4. **Annual Review of the First 5 Monterey County Strategic Plan – ACTION**

This item was heard after Item 5.

POSSIBLE ACTION: REVIEW Strategic Plan. If necessary, PROVIDE recommendations for revisions.

F. Rodd conducted a review of the adopted Strategic Plan. Various program staff reviewed the supplemental information and documents that provide an overview of where the Commission currently stands with regard to the Strategic Plan.

The Commission directed staff to develop a couple of potential long-term financial plans to bring the Commission back into solvency pending a possible sweep of half of the reserves and gave the following guidelines to consider in their development.

- Exhaust reserve funds at the end of fiscal year 2014/15.
- Fulfill the commitments of the 4-year funding cycle.
- Limit cuts to direct services
- Ask Funded Partners what they can do to reduce their budgets.

- Reconsider programs that serve a narrow population.
- Recognize investments that have already been made to infrastructure.
- Focus on targeting funding cuts as opposed to cutting funds across the board.
- Look at the programs that have the most outcomes in combination with their program expense (those that maximize both).
- Take a balanced approach to funding cuts.

5. Long-Term Financial Plan Review

This item was heard before item 4.

F. Rodd reviewed the Long-term Financial Plan with the Commission. Extensive information was shared with the Commission including several versions of the Long-term Financial plan and the assumptions they contain which included the sweep of funds as proposed by the State.

RECESS for LUNCH (30-45 minutes)

The Commission recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and went back into open session at 12:37 p.m.

6. Review of the Political Reform Act - Susan Levenberg, Counsel for First 5 Monterey County
 Legal counsel shared guidelines on Commission statewide ballot measure activity.

7. Discussion and Approval of Recommendations for Funding from the Vision 3b (Services for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma or Exposure to Drugs and Alcohol) Community Grantmaking Application Review Panel

B. Reeves-Fortney reviewed the briefer and provided an update.

By consensus, the Commission agreed to consider approval of contracting for fiscal year 2011/12 only and to consider the remaining 3 years of the funding cycle at a future meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Salinas made the motion, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Silva. The action was unanimously approved as stated below.

APPROVED applicants and allocations to be funded and AUTHORIZED Executive Director to negotiate and execute agreements for a term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in accordance with the direction and modifications recommended by the Review Panel up to the not-to-exceed amount of funds allocated as stated below:

- Kinship Center - \$61,000
- Monterey County Probation Department - \$110,000
- Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance - \$50,128

Recusal: Commissioner Bullick indicated that he would abstain from participating and voting in regards to the Monterey County Health Department due to a potential conflict of interest. Commissioner Bullick excused himself and left the room.

ACTION: Commissioner Salinas made the motion, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Rubio. The action was unanimously approved as stated below.

APPROVED applicant Monterey County Health Department, Children’s Behavioral Health and AUTHORIZED Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Monterey County Health Department, Children’s Behavioral Health for a term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in accordance with the direction and modifications recommended by the Review Pane for a total amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.

Commissioner Bullick returned to the dais.

Recusal: Commissioner Robinson indicated that he would abstain from participating and voting in regards to Door to Hope due to a potential conflict of interest. Commissioner Robinson excused himself and left the room.

Vice-Chair Salinas took over chairing the meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Rubio made the motion, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Silva. The action was unanimously approved as stated below.

APPROVED applicant Door to Hope and AUTHORIZED Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Door to Hope for a term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in accordance with the direction and modifications recommended by the Review Pane for a total amount not-to-exceed \$281,000.

Commissioner Robinson returned to the dais.

8. Discussion and Approval of Recommendations for Funding from the Parenting Development Initiative (Vision 1) Community Grantmaking Application Review Panel

A.González-Romo gave a brief review of the process and reviewed the Review Panel recommendations with the Commission.

ACTION: Commissioner Salinas made the motion, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Silva. The action was unanimously approved as stated below.

APPROVED applicants and allocations to be funded and AUTHORIZED Executive Director to negotiate and execute agreements for FY 2011/12 in accordance with the direction and modifications recommended by the Review Panel up to the not-to-exceed amount of funds allocated as stated below:

- Centro Binacional Para El Desarrollo Indígena Oaxaqueño, Inc. - \$126,411
- Early Development Services - \$84,852
- Easter Seals Central California - \$104,496
- Kinship Center - \$66,540
- Action Council on behalf of the Family Resource Center Network - \$1,292,470. *Should the Commission wish to contract directly with any subcontractor, contract approval will be provided at a future meeting.*
- Salinas Public Library - \$84,000

Recusal: Commissioner Bullick indicated that he would abstain from participating and voting in regards to the Monterey County Health Department due to a potential conflict of interest. Commissioner Bullick excused himself and left the room.

ACTION: The action was unanimously approved as stated below. Commissioner Salinas made the motion, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Silva.

APPROVED applicant Monterey County Health Department and AUTHORIZED Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Monterey County Health Department for a term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in accordance with the direction and modifications recommended by the Review Panel for a total amount not-to-exceed \$114,568.

Commissioner Bullick returned to the dais.

Recusal: Commissioner Rubio indicated that she would abstain from participating and voting in regards to the Monterey County Office of Education due to a potential conflict of interest. Commissioner Rubio excused herself and left the room.

ACTION: The action was unanimously approved as stated below. Commissioner Salinas made the motion, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Bullick.

APPROVED applicant Monterey County Office of Education and AUTHORIZED Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Monterey County Office of Education for a term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in accordance with the direction and modifications recommended by the Review Panel for a total amount not-to-exceed \$109,155.

Commissioner Rubio returned to the dais.

A. Summarize results from the day and define next steps – ACTION

- Heard about State budget and the potential impact to First 5 should funds be swept.
- At the current spending rate reserves would be exhausted by 2014/15.
- Staff was directed to go back and look at a balanced combination of operations and program changes that are part of the long term spending plan.
- Keep cuts from direct services as much as possible
- Look at areas serving specific populations, both where it is important and also where it is limiting and not reaching as broad an audience as possible.
- Ways to maximize and leverage resources.
- Try to be as focused and strategic as possible. Question everything.
- Look at political viability and value the infrastructure to which the Commission has provided significant resources.
- Approved one year allocations and contracts.
- Staff will come back in April with some recommendations for long term planning.
- Evaluation – would like to see less self reporting and more third party observations.

Closed Session: *The Commission will meet in closed session to discuss matters involving pending litigation, personnel, pursuant to Government Code section 54957, and/or real estate negotiations pursuant to Government Code sections 54954.2-54954.5*

B. Conference with Legal Counsel--Potential Litigation

The Commissioner went into close session at 2:17 p.m. and went back into open session at 2:39 p.m.
Report out: One item on potential litigation was heard. No action was taken.

Adjournment:

Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

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

- Regular Commission Meeting: March 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
- Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting: March 4, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.
- Executive Committee Meeting: March 9, 2011 at 12:30 p.m.
- Evaluation Advisory Committee Meeting: TBD