



California Children and Families Commission Meeting

**MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 2017
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Marriott Courtyard Sacramento Airport Hotel
2101 River Plaza Drive
Sacramento, CA**

Agenda Item 1 – Opening Remarks

George Halvorson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: George Halvorson
Joyce Iseri
Conway Collis
Muntu Davis
Shana Hazan
Lupe Jaime

Ex Officio Member Present: Jim Suennen

Announcements: Chair Halvorson discussed Beatrice Beebe's book, *The Mother-Infant Interaction Picture Book: Origins of Attachment*.

Chair Halvorson asked Commissioners if there were any items that presented a conflict of interest. There were none.

Reports:

First 5 California (F5CA) Executive Director – Camille Maben

- Staffing Update – Recent retirements and hires were discussed.
- Child Signature Program (CSP) Evaluation Report Released – The CSP report was released in March and the report is on the F5CA state website.

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- Dual Language Learner (DLL) Efforts – F5CA was asked by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to participate in an application for the U.S. Department of Education Office of English Language Acquisition, Application for New Grants under the National Professional Development Program. F5CA is the lead on the task related to family engagement.
- DLL Pilot Update – F5CA expects to award the DLL Pilot Evaluation contract by mid-July.
- First 5 IMPACT Statewide Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Infrastructure Development for CA-QRIS – The contract for T&TA for CA-QRIS was awarded to the WestEd Center for Child and Family Studies. The contract will be in place through June 2020.
- First 5 IMPACT Evaluation – In April 2017, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the California Department of Education (CDE) to share the CA-QRIS Common Data File for both First 5 IMPACT and CDE Block Grants.
- First 5 IMPACT Partner Survey – The survey was sent to nearly 400 local partner agencies. Almost 70 percent of agencies responded. The successes and challenges of QRIS implementation were discussed.
- Federal Advocacy – Ms. Maben will be travelling to Washington D.C. to continue to provide perspective on federal issues regarding children’s policy.
- Regional Coordination and Training and Technical Assistance Hubs – Ms. Maben will be visiting Hubs over the coming months.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

First 5 Association of California Executive Director – Moira Kenney

- Federal Advocacy – The First 5 Association’s partnership with F5CA to meet with Congressional staff is proving to be productive. Health programs and home visiting programs are up for re-authorization in September.
- Sesame Street Tool Kit – Counties worked with Sesame Street to create a toolkit to help immigrant children and their families deal with the current fears and anxieties they may have.
- Statewide Networking – The First 5 Association has launched a year-long project with a team of consultants, 15 Executive Directors from across California, and F5CA, to

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develop a holistic network strategy within First 5s, and to create a plan for building influence in the field.

DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed the Sesame Street tool kit and were pleased to hear about it. They were in agreement that the counties are doing great work.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Advisory Committees – Commissioners

- Research and Evaluation – Commissioner Davis reported a lot of good work is happening and that some reports would be presented later during the meeting.
- Fiscal – Vice Chair Iseri reported Sierra Losh would discuss all fiscal matters during the fiscal update later in the meeting.
- Program – Commissioner Jaime reported Ms. Maben’s Executive Report covered most topics. She stated everyone is still working on First 5 IMPACT and that F5CA has been asked to present at a national QRIS meeting.
- Strategic Planning – Commissioner Hazan reported the changes to the Strategic Plan were discussed and that the Commission would hear a presentation on those changes later in the meeting.
- Legislative – Commissioner Collis reported the Legislative team is very active and that there would be a report on the activity later in the meeting.
- Executive – Chair Halvorson reported the agenda and Strategic Plan were discussed, and the meetings were productive.
- Public Education and Outreach – No committee meeting was held.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

Chair Halvorson opened the floor for public comment.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Action Items 3 – Consent Calendar

The Commission considered approval of the consent calendar as detailed on the agenda.

MOTION/ACTION: Commissioner Jaime moved the Commission approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collis.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

VOTE: The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Action Item 4 – State and Federal Budget and Legislative Update

Erin Gabel, Deputy Director, External and Governmental Affairs Office, provided an update on the status of the 2017–18 State Legislative Session, bills being followed by F5CA, the 2017–18 State Budget debates, and federal policy engagement activities.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Collis discussed support for tax incentives for childcare at the federal level. Commissioner Jaime discussed four pilot bills that local First 5 Commissions are co-sponsoring (AB 258, AB 300, AB 377, and AB 435).

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Action Item 5 – Approval of Annual Report Guidelines

David Dodds, Deputy Director, Evaluation Office, discussed new data collection categories and definitions to support improved messaging about statewide contributions of First 5 county commissions. Mr. Dodds asked the Commission to approve the Annual Report Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2017–18.

MOTION/ACTION: Vice Chair Iseri moved the Commission approve the Annual Report Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2017–18, other than pages 15–17 (Supplemental Schedule of First 5 California Funding), in support of data to be prepared for annual reporting requirements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collis.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Kenney thanked the Commission for the changes as it makes the process more streamlined.

VOTE: The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Action Item 6 – Educare Los Angeles at Long Beach

Dr. Claudia Sosa-Valderrama, Head Start Director, Long Beach Unified School District, and Sonia Campos-Rivera, Senior Director, Education Policy and Public Affairs, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, provided an update on Educare Los Angeles at Long Beach. Ms. Gabel requested the Commission approve a no-cost, time-only extension to Educare's previously approved funding.

MOTION/ACTION: Commissioner Collis moved the Commission approve a time-only extension of the \$2.7 million in remaining funding for Educare Los Angeles at Long Beach until June 30, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jaime.

DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed Educare enrollment and funding. Commissioners also were interested in how other cities might participate in Educare and what lessons those cities might learn from Long Beach's experience.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

VOTE: The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Action Item 7– Child Health, Education, and Care Summit – Venue Contract

Diane Levin, Chief Deputy Director, provided background on the previous F5CA Summits, followed by a request for Commission approval to enter into a contract for up to \$250,000 for a 2018 Summit venue.

MOTION/ACTION: Commissioner Jaime moved the Commission approve First 5 California staff entering into a contract for up to \$250,000 for a Summit venue. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Iseri.

DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed what the costs included. Commissioners requested additional budget and background information from previous Summits.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

VOTE: The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Action Item 8 – First 5 California Strategic Plan

Ms. Maben discussed the updates to F5CA's Strategic Plan (Plan). Ms. Maben asked the Commission to approve the amended Plan.

MOTION/ACTION: Commissioner Davis moved the Commission approve the amended First 5 California Strategic Plan as outlined in Attachment A of the agenda item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hazan.

DISCUSSION: Chair Halvorson stated the changes reflected the work that was done at the February Strategic Plan retreat. Commissioners agreed that the Plan changes were positive.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

VOTE: The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Information Item 9 – Financial Update

Sierra Losh, Director, Fiscal Services Office, provided a financial update of F5CA funds, including updates on revenue and fiscal mapping to the Strategic Plan.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Information Item 10 – California Health Interview Survey Report – Families with Young Children

Nicole Lordi, MSc, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, summarized a report on profiles of families with young children and dual language learners.

DISCUSSION: Chair Halvorson suggested more data could be collected regarding Talk. Read. Sing.® and its impact. Mr. Dodds confirmed that data could be reported.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Chair Halvorson adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

The next scheduled Commission meeting is July 27, 2017, in Sacramento.