



California Children and Families Commission Meeting

October 25, 2018

MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 – Opening Remarks

George Halvorson called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Commissioners Present: George Halvorson
Lupe Jaime-Mileham
Muntu Davis
Monica Fitzgerald
Shana Hazan
Molly Munger

Commissioners Absent: Alejandra Campoverdi

Ex Officio Member Present: Jim Suennen

Announcements: Chair Halvorson asked Commissioners if there were any items that presented a conflict of interest. There were none. Chair Halvorson discussed the success of the Talk.Read.Sing.[®] program and how important it is for the message to reach every family.

Reports:

First 5 California (F5CA) Executive Director – Camille Maben

F5CA Executive Director Camille Maben touched on several topics, including the F5CA Express Tour, F5CA collaboration with ESPN, Quality Counts California (QCC) updates, First 5 IMPACT/QCC Evaluation, Data Visioning, and the DLL Pilot Study.

DISCUSSION: In regards to data visioning, Commissioner Davis stated it is important to gather relevant data, and to consider what data could be purchased. Chair Halvorson agreed and stated when data is customer-centered it is more helpful, so our goal should be to collect kid-centered data.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Celia Ayala, Child 360, commented the Commission is doing great work by continuing its efforts and investment in children. She also stated QCC and First 5 IMPACT are doing wonders and hopes F5CA will continue doing work around non center-based child care. Ms. Ayala thanked F5CA for their good work and investments. Bill Spurling, Child 360, commented QCC supports all the good work that Talk.Read.Sing.[®] begins. The entire state is being affected in a positive way.

Advisory Committee Reports – Commissioners

- Strategic Planning – Commissioner Munger reported the Committee met and an update would be given during the Strategic Planning Update item.
- Fiscal – Commissioner Davis reported the Committee met and an update would be given during the Financial Update item.
- Evaluation – Vice Chair Jaime-Mileham reported the Committee received an update from staff.
- Executive – Chair Halvorson stated the Committee met and approved the agenda for the meeting.
- Legislative – Commissioner Hazan reported the Committee met and that Erin Gabel would be giving a thorough report during the Legislative Update item.

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 Davis moved the Commission approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hazan.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

VOTE: The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Action Item 4 – Child Health, Education, and Care Summit – Venue Contract

Jaime Hastings, Director, Administrative Services, recommended the Commission approve a contract for up to \$250,000 for a Child Health, Education, and Care Summit venue in 2020.

MOTION/ACTION: Commissioner Hazan moved to amend the motion statement to approve two summit venue contracts up to \$250,000 each for F5CA’s next two summits. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jaime-Mileham.

VOTE: The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

DISCUSSION: Commissioners agreed the Summit has been a great success. Commissioner Hazan suggested considering San Diego as the location for a future Summit.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A First 5 San Diego employee agreed San Diego would be a good location for the Summit. An employee from First 5 Riverside suggested the city of Ontario be considered.

MOTION/ACTION: Commissioner Davis moved the Commission approve two summit venue contracts up to \$250,000 each for F5CA’s next two summits. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munger.

VOTE: The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Action Item 5 – State and Federal Budget and Legislative Update

Erin Gabel, Deputy Director, External and Governmental Affairs Office, provided the 2018 legislative overview, including an update on the final outcomes of F5CA “Level 1” priority bills. Ms. Gabel also provided a federal policy update, information on the initiatives underway to develop 2019 policy recommendations, and an update on F5CA’s 2019 policy agenda planning.

MOTION/ACTION: No action was taken on this item.

DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed the shortage of mental health and screening services for children. Commissioners agreed policy work is making an impact and good work is being done.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dr. Vaughn stated pediatricians appreciate the efforts of the F5CA legislative policy agenda and that the California Medical Association supports F5CA’s messaging around early childhood development and education.

Information Item 6 – Two First 5 Riverside County Strategies That Contribute To Riverside County’s Early Childhood System

First 5 Association staff and representatives from First 5’s Help Me Grow Inland Empire discussed county profiles, county highlights, and strategies that contribute to Riverside County’s Early Childhood System.

DISCUSSION: Commissioners agreed a lot of good work is being done. Commissioner Munger asked for additional information and background about Help Me Grow. Moira Kenney, Executive Director, First 5 Association, invited Commissioner Munger to visit a Help Me Grow site near her. Commissioner Hazan asked if there is a logic model. Ms. Kenney responded there is a logic model that she can provide to Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Information Item 7 – Getting Down To Facts II Report

Deborah Stipek, author of the Early Childhood Education (ECE) reports in *Getting Down to Facts II* and Professor of Education at Stanford University, presented findings from the report, which covered current policies related to ECE and where they fall short.

DISCUSSION: Commissioners agreed that the report contained valuable information. There was robust discussion around the pros and cons of how child outcomes are currently measured and what measurement tools should be used. Commissioner Davis suggested the Commission review how we discuss these issues so there is common understanding of acronyms and programs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kimberly Goll, Executive Director, First 5 Orange County, discussed how her county measures child outcomes. Monique Segura, California Teachers Association and Kindergarten teacher, stated two-thirds of her class are not at Kindergarten level when they start. Ms. Segura stated it is difficult to establish relationships with the parents of students with special needs and if parents don’t follow through, it is more difficult to get their child up to the standard. Chair Halvorson suggested having First 5 Orange County present at the next meeting.

Information Item 8 – Financial Update

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

DISCUSSION: At the request of Vice Chair Jaime-Mileham, Mr. Gillies provided background information on the “back-fill.”

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Information Item 9 – Strategic Planning Update

Frank Furtek, Chief Deputy Director and Counsel, provided an update of the new F5CA Strategic Plan (Plan) work to date.

DISCUSSION: Chair Halvorson suggested scheduling a half day meeting the day before the January Commission meeting so the full Commission would have the ability to provide input on the new Plan. Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Davis suggested a new title for the “At A Glance” page, “Structure of the Plan at a Glance.” Commissioner Hazan agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Action Item 10 – Adjournment

MOTION/ACTION: Commissioner Munger moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jaime-Mileham.

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

VOTE: The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Chair Halvorson adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

The next scheduled Commission meeting is January 24, 2019, in Sacramento.