

FIRST 5 KERN
KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Wallace Cafeteria
3240 Erskine Creek Blvd.
Lake Isabella, California

Minutes

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 2:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Audelo, Barlow, Brandon, Goh, Maier;
Alternate Commissioners Cloud and Nilon
Absent: Commissioner Cheadle

Note: Ao, Bw, Bn, Ce, Gh, Jk, Kk, Mr, and Ro are abbreviations for Commissioners Audelo, Barlow, Brandon, Cheadle, Goh, Jonah, Koditek, Maier and Rubio respectively. Alternate Commissioners are also similarly denoted. For example "Bn-Jh" denotes Commissioner Brandon made the motion and Commissioner Jonah seconded it. The abbreviation "AB" means absent and "ABD" abstained. "All ayes" means that all Commissioners present voted affirmatively. "NO" indicates a negative vote by the indicated Commissioner(s).

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Sherry Costa a past recipient of a First 5 Kern minigrant thanked the Commission for what it does for the community and for assisting her in purchasing a sunshade for her daycare.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2) Commissioners
 - Commissioner Maier introduced and welcomed the new Interim Executive Director, Larry Rhoades and County Counsel, Martin Lee.
 - Alternate Commissioner John Nilon made a referral to staff requesting the minutes of the Strategic Planning session and the Special meeting of March 21, 2008, re: the appointment of the interim director.
- 3) Technical Advisory Committee's Report – Esther Brandon, Chair
 - Commissioner Brandon reported that prior to the TAC the committee held an orientation for the new TAC appointee's and those seeking a refresher course.



- Commissioner Brandon reported that the TAC had a brainstorming session regarding directions in helping to implement the strategic plan with many suggestions:
 - ✓ Commissioner Brandon reported that the commission's funds are diminishing and state and federal funds are being cut back and the needs of children and families prenatal to five continue to increase.
 - ✓ Suggested strategies focused on collaboration, including targeted solicitation of community partners to backfill the funding decisions.
 - ✓ Get informed of successful sustainability efforts of our funded partners and share these success stories.
 - ✓ Think in terms of sustaining services versus sustaining programs.
 - ✓ To promote the social and financial benefits of preschool, education, healthcare, and family resource centers to the community.
 - ✓ Engage the business community in the necessary work by inviting them on site visits to witness First 5 Kern's dollars at work.

- 4) Executive Director's Report – Interim Executive Director Larry Rhoades
 - Mr. Rhoades reported that he spoke with Wendy Wayne; she was in good spirits and will be meeting with her next week to have coffee.
 - Mr. Rhoades reminded the Commissioner's that their Statement of Economic Interest Forms should have been filed as of April 1, 2008, and mailed to the Clerk of the Board, Kathleen Krause and a copy mailed to the First 5 Kern office.
 - Mr. Rhoades reminded the Commission of the First 5 California Annual Statewide Conference date, May 21 - 23, 2008, and invited all to attend.

- 5) Report on Children's Health Initiative –
 - Margarita Holman, Program Officer gave an update on the recent activities of the Children's Health Initiative which covered the progress of Healthy Kids Kern County, and the Application Assisters programs and responded to questions.

ACTION ITEMS

6) School Readiness Projects –

- a. Project 2004.6.1 - Bakersfield City Phase II – CONTINUED FUNDING FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS TO JUNE 30, 2012, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,378,592;

- b. Project 2004.6.2 - Buttonwillow – CONTINUED FUNDING FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS TO JUNE 30, 2012, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$501, 848;

Bn –Gh
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes

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Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes



Bn –Gh
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes

c. Project 2004.6.3 - Greenfield Union – CONTINUED FUNDING FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS TO JUNE 30, 2012, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$851,688;

Bn –Gh
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes

d. Project 2004.6.5 - Lost Hills/Semitropic – CONTINUED FUNDING FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS TO JUNE 30, 2012, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$800,488;

Bn –Gh
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes

e. Project 2004.6.6 - Mojave Unified (Clinica Sierra Vista) – CONTINUED FUNDING FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS TO JUNE 30, 2012, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$748,576;

Bn –Gh
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes

f. Project 2004.6.7 - Richland – CONTINUED FUNDING FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS TO JUNE 30, 2012, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$768,568;

Bn –Gh
Mr - ABS
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes

g. Project 2004.6.8 - Taft/Maricopa – CONTINUED FUNDING FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS TO JUNE 30, 2012, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$793,136;

Bn –Nn
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes

7) Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee meeting of February 25, 2008 - APPROVED

Bn –Nn
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes

8) Minutes of Children and Families Commission regular meeting of February 6, 2008 – APPROVED

Bn –Nn
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes

9) Approve the Agreement with Clinica Sierra Vista Application Assisters for a term of two months, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 in Fiscal Year 2007-08 - APPROVED

Ao - Bw
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
Bn – Nn - ABS
All Ayes

10) Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Minigrant Committee on injury prevention minigrant awards – APPROVE THIRTEEN GRANTS, TO BAKERSFIELD HOMELESS CENTER, PATHWAY FAMILY SERVICES, SHAFTER HEALTHY START, TEMPLE BETH EL, BAKERSFIELD PARENT NURSERY, WEST KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, COMMUNITY CONNECTION, MCFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TAFT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, KERN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, AS SHOWN ON TABLE A, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$170,226; AUTHORIZED THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANTS AWARDED, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COUNSEL AS TO FORM; AUTHORIZED THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE MODIFICATION OF MILESTONES AND DEADLINES.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED



- Bn –Nn
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes
- 11) Monthly Financial Reports for January and February 2008 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Bn –Nn
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes
- 12) Monthly Report on Reserved and Unreserved Funds for January and February - RECEIVED AND FILED
- Bn –Nn
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes
- 13) Letter from Brown Armstrong dated January 18, 2008, re: Audit engagement letter – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Bn –Nn
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes
- 14) Letter from Racquel Dominguez, APLE Scholarship recipient, thanking First 5 Kern for the funding of the Scholarship program – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Bn –Nn
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes
- 15) Report on Expenditures under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events for First 5 Kern partnering with Madera County Office of Education, Madera County First 5 School Readiness Teacher Collaborative Network and the California Preschool Instructional Network to provide reference books to 160 pre-kindergarten teachers throughout the Central Valley who will participate in the early literacy conference in June 2008 - RECEIVED AND FILED
- Bn –Nn
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes
- 16) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (KC Child Development Conference) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Bn –Nn
Ce, Jh, Kk, Ro – AB
All Ayes
- 17) Letter from Diane G. Koditek, M.F.T., Director, County of Kern Mental Health Department announcing her retirement effective April 4, 2008. – RECEIVED AND FILED

ADJOURNMENT

- 18) Adjourned to Wednesday, May 7, 2008