

FIRST 5 KERN
KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Kern County Superintendent of Schools
1300 17th Street
Bakersfield, California

Minutes

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 2:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Audelo, Brandon, Goh, Maier, Rubio, Waterman; Alternate Commissioners Brashear and Nilon

Absent: Commissioner: Barlow

Note: Ao, Bw, Bn, Ce, Gh, Jh, Mr, Ro, and Wn, are abbreviations for Commissioners Audelo, Barlow, Brandon, Cheadle, Goh, Jonah, Maier, Rubio, and Waterman 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).

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SHOWN IN CAPITAL LETTERS

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Raquel Dominguez, Cal State University, Bakersfield student thanked the Commission and First 5 Kern for providing her the opportunity to continue her education under the Advancement in Preschool Learning, Leadership and Education (APLLE) program, an early education program funded by First 5 Kern.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2) Commissioners:
 - Commissioner Maier introduced new Commissioner Jim Waterman, Interim Director, Kern County Mental Health Department.
 - Commissioner Rubio thanked Raquel Dominguez for her courage in coming forward and speaking to the Commission and thanked the men and women at the Downtown Elementary School for taking great care of the future leaders of our community.



- Commissioner Rubio reported that he would not be able to attend the First 5 California Statewide conference but stated his staff member Kirstin Woody will attend in his absence.
 - Commissioner Rubio reported on the meetings of the Integration of Services Committee and requested that First 5 Kern play a role in future meetings.
- 3) Technical Advisory Committee’s Report – Esther Brandon, Chair
- Commissioner Brandon gave an update on the TAC meeting of April 21, 2008, which included a presentation by Judith Harniman on the progress of the Strategic Plan.
- 4) Executive Director’s Report – Larry Rhoades, Interim Executive Director
- Mr. Rhoades reported that two Commissioners have confirmed attendance for the First 5 California Statewide conference and encouraged others to attend. Mr. Rhoades reported that the deadline for conference registration is drawing near and asked that those interested contact Sharon Powell, Administrative Assistant.
 - Mr. Rhoades reported that First 5 Kern is in receipt of a letter from the Kern County Board of Supervisors, signed by Supervisor Rubio, to Legislators Parra, Maze and Fuller regarding its support of Legislation AB 2527: Targeted Case Management Federal Matching Funds.
 - Mr. Rhoades reported that First 5 Kern is in the process of hiring for the position of Program Officer. Mr. Rhoades reported that a total of 63 applicants applied and from that pool, three were selected for a final interview being conducted this week.
- 5) Report on Children’s Health Initiative – Judith Harniman, Chief Finance Officer
- Provided an update on the recent activities of the Children’s Health Initiative and responded to questions.
- 6) Report on Strategic Planning Workshop – Judith Harniman, Chief Finance Officer
- Provided an update on the Strategic Planning activities.

ACTION ITEMS

Ro – Ao
Bw- AB
All Ayes

- 7) Minutes of Children and Families Commission regular meeting of April 2, 2008 – APPROVED

Bn – Nn
Bw – AB
All Ayes

- 8) Committee Appointments – CHAIRPERSON MADE AND COMMISSION APPROVED APPOINTMENTS AS SHOWN ON ATTACHMENT A.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

Ao - Bn
Bw- AB
Nn - NO

- 9) Project 2000.2.22 – McFarland Family Resource Center (McFarland Unified School



District) – APPROVED THE AGREEMENT WITH THE MCFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FRC FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$359,880 IN FISCAL YEARS 2008-10; AUTHORIZED THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COUNSEL AS TO FORM; AUTHORIZED THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM.

Bn - Ro
Bw- AB
Nn - NO

- 10) Project 2001.1.3 Discovery Depot (Bakersfield Homeless Center) – APPROVED THE AGREEMENT WITH THE BAKERSFIELD HOMELESS CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$320,000 WITHOUT CDE FUNDING OR \$70,000 FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR WITH CDE FUNDING; AUTHORIZED THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COUNSEL AS TO FORM; AUTHORIZED THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM.

School Readiness Projects – (*REAPPLICATIONS*)

Ao - Bn
Bw- AB
All Ayes

- 11) Project 2004.6.2 – Buttonwillow Unified School District– CONTINUED FUNDING FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS; IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$244,558 IN FISCAL YEARS 2008 – 2010. AUTHORIZED THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COUNSEL AS TO FORM; AUTHORIZED THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM.

Nn - Bn
Bw- AB
All Ayes

- 12) Project 2004.6.6 – Mojave Unified School District (Clinica Sierra Vista) – CONTINUED FUNDING FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$354,267 IN FISCAL YEARS 2008 – 2010. AUTHORIZED THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COUNSEL AS TO FORM; AUTHORIZED THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM.

- 13) Project 2004.7.5 (Kern County Department of Human Services) – ITEM HELD OVER FOR JUNE 4, 2008 COMMISSION MEETING.

CLOSED SESSION ITEM

Nn - Gh
Bw- AB
All Ayes

- 14) Notice of Closed Session – Report from Legal Counsel re: Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9b) – ADJOURNED TO CLOSE SESSION AT 3:31 P.M.

READJOURNED TO OPEN SESSION, 3:50 P.M.; CHAIRMAN MAIER REPORTED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING TO REPORT FROM THE CLOSED SESSION.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

- Nn – Ro
Bw – AB
All Ayes
- 15) Monthly Financial Reports for March 2008 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Bn – Nn
Bw – AB
All Ayes
- 16) Monthly Report on Reserved and Unreserved Funds for March 2008 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Ro - Nn
Bw – AB
All Ayes
- 17) Report on the Ad Hoc Project Review Committee and Recommendations – RECEIVED AND FILED
- 18) Letter from Christie Howell, Ph.D. for CSUB, dated April 17, 2008, re: Request six-month continuation of funding project number 2006.5.2, Advancement for Preschool Learning Leadership and Education Project (APLLE). HELD OVER FOR FUTURE MEETING, JUNE 4, 2008.
- Ro-Bn
Bw – AB
All Ayes
- 19) Letter from Steve Schilling, Chief Executive Officer of Clinica Sierra Vista, dated April 18, 2008, re: Request for continuation of funding of the Medically Vulnerable Infant Program (MVIP) – RECEIVED AND FILED AND REFERRED BACK TO STAFF FOR CONSIDERATION
- Bn – Nn
Bw – AB
All Ayes
- 20) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Kiwans Club of South Bakersfield) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Bn – Nn
Bw – AB
All Ayes
- 21) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Mothers of Preschoolers) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Bn – Nn
Bw – AB
All Ayes
- 22) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Bn – Nn
Bw – AB
All Ayes
- 23) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Horace Mann State Pre-K) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Bn – Nn
Bw – AB
All Ayes
- 24) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Golden Empire Transit District) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Bn – Nn
Bw – AB
All Ayes
- 25) Letter from Irene Cook, Director, Discovery Depot, dated March 3, 2008, re: Staff Appreciation – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Bn – Nn
Bw – AB
All Ayes
- 26) Letter from Dr. Claudia Jonah, Interim Health Officer, Kern County Department of Public Health, dated April 1, 2008, re: Clinica Sierra Vista, Medically Vulnerable Infant Program – RECEIVED AND FILED

ADJOURNMENT

- 27) Adjourned to Wednesday, June 4, 2008, KCSOS, 2:00 P.M.