

FIRST 5 KERN
KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 1, 2010
Kern County Superintendent of Schools
1300 17th Street
Bakersfield, California

Minutes

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 2:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Audelo, Champness, Goh, Jonah, Maier, Puckett;
Alternate Commissioners Brashear, Cloud
Absent: Commissioners Cheadle, Waterman

Note: Ao, Cs, Ce, Gh, Jh, Mr, Pt, and Wm are abbreviations for Commissioners Audelo, Champness, Cheadle, Goh, Jonah, Maier, Puckett, and Waterman respectively. Alternate Commissioners are also similarly denoted. For example “Ao-Gh” denotes Commissioner Audelo made the motion and Commissioner Gh 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).

COMMISSION ACTION SHOWN IN CAPITAL LETTERS

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Jan Hefner, Director, Children’s Health Initiative of Kern County, gave a brief update on the Successful Application Stipend (SAS) program.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2) Commissioners
 - Commissioner Maier reported that he was honored to be back on the First 5 Kern Commission appointed by Supervisor Watson. Commissioner Maier stated that First 5 is a great organization and it has an excellent staff.
 - Commissioner Audelo reported that she was in receipt of two letters from our State Legislators requesting that First 5 Kern intervene with funding to bridge the gap of subsidized stage 3 child care, until the State can resolve its budget crisis. Commissioner Audelo reported that the majority of the Commissions’ budget has been allocated to the programs that we fund through 2013. Commissioner Audelo reported that staff has done some outreach to our programs to observe what, if any their impact would be and it was reported to be minimal for most of them. Commissioner Audelo reported that First 5 Kern will not be transferring any bridge gap funding to the State.



3) Technical Advisory Committee's Report –

- Commissioner Audelo reported that the TAC has been working on its Mission Statement to come before the Board at its March 2011, Strategic Planning Session.

4) Executive Director's Report – Jamie Henderson

- Mr. Henderson welcomed Commissioner Maier back to the Commission adding that he is a great resource with lots of experience and thanked him for giving of his time.
- Mr. Henderson reported that he has visited 32 of our 44 funded programs.
- Mr. Henderson reported that he had the opportunity in October to go to the First 5 Association, First 5 California and the California Regional meetings, met and networked with other First 5 Executive Directors. Mr. Henderson reported that the outcome of the Central California Regional meeting was the 8 Central Region Executive Directors and their staff would meet in July 2011, in Hanford, California, to do job alike, some sharing of information and best practices.
- Mr. Henderson reported that he, staff and other agencies from Kern County had the opportunity to visit the UCLA Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, met with doctors and members of the UCLA staff, and found it to be quite informative.
- Mr. Henderson reported back to the Commission the question asked by Commissioner Goh at its last meeting, regarding the disproportion diversity of ethnicity, specifically the African American community and responded to questions.
- Mr. Henderson thanked Commissioner Audelo for her leadership in handling the State Legislators funding request to bridge the gap for State subsidized stage 3 programs.
- Mr. Henderson reported that he and staff are scheduled to meet with our State Legislators Tuesday, March 8, 2011 and invited all Commissioners to attend. Mr. Henderson asked that those interested contact Administrative Assistant Sharon Powell.
- Mr. Henderson reported that Kaiser Permanente has awarded the Medically Vulnerable Infant program \$20,000.
- Mr. Henderson reported that First 5 Kern staff will be presenting at the First 5 Association Summer Bridge Preschool Learning Exchange this December in San Leandro, CA.

ACTION ITEMS

Cs – Mr
Ce, Wm – AB
All Ayes

- 5) Minutes of Children and Families Commission meetings of October 6, 2010 – APPROVED

Br - Cd
Ce, Wm – AB
All Ayes

- 6) Election of Officers – THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WAS MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; THE VICE CHAIRPERSON CALLED FOR NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR AND NONE WERE OFFERED; OFFICERS WERE



ELECTED AS FOLLOWS; MIMI AUDELO, CHAIRPERSON; ROLAND MAIER, VICE CHAIRPERSON.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

7) CARES Plus

- Judith Harniman provided the Commission with an overview of First 5 Kern's possible participation in the Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards (CARES) Plus Program and responded to questions.
- AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FURTHER RESEARCH THE FEASIBILITY OF AN APPLICATION FROM KERN COUNTY IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS; AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION'S CAPACITY TO PROVIDE A MONETARY CONTRIBUTION AND TO PROCEED WITH A COMMITMENT IF PRUDENT; AND AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY.

Cs – Jh
Ce, Wm – AB
All Ayes

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

Cs – Mr
Ce, Wm – AB
All Ayes

8) Monthly Financial Reports for September and October 5 2010 – RECEIVED AND FILED

Cs – Mr
Ce, Wm – AB
All Ayes

9) Letter from John Perez, Speaker of the Assembly, California State Assembly, dated October 19, 2010, re: the loss of Subsidized Stage 3 Child Care – RECEIVED AND FILED

Cs – Mr
Ce, Wm – AB
All Ayes

10) Letter from Senator Darrell Steinberg, 6th District, President pro Tempore, California State Senate, dated October 19, 2010, re: Help To Assist With Immediate Bridge Funding to Restore the CALWORKS Stage 3 child care services – RECEIVED AND FILED

Cs – Mr
Ce, Wm – AB
All Ayes

11) Letter from Tammy Burns, Conference Committee Member, Kern County Child Development Conference, dated November 9, 2010, re: Thank You For the Donation – RECEIVED AND FILED

Cs – Mr
Ce, Wm – AB
All Ayes

12) Letter from Susan M. Benham, Vice President & Chief Development Officer, Bakersfield Memorial Hospital Foundation, dated November 11, 2010, re: distribution of Kit for New Parents at discharge – RECEIVED AND FILED

Cs – Ao
Ce, Wm – AB
All Ayes

13) Professional Services Agreement between KDG Solutions and Kern County Children and Families Commission – RECEIVED AND FILED

Cs – Mr
Ce, Wm – AB
All Ayes

14) Professional Services Agreement between Strategies and Kern County Children and Families Commission – RECEIVED AND FILED

Cs – Mr
Ce, Wm – AB 15) Meeting Notes of the Project Review Committee meeting – RECEIVED AND FILED
All Ayes

Cs – Mr
Ce, Wm – AB 16) Meeting Notes of the Executive Committee meeting – RECEIVED AND FILED
All Ayes

Cs – Mr
Ce, Wm – AB 17) Meeting Notes of the Nominating Committee meeting – RECEIVED AND FILED
All Ayes

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned to Wednesday, February 2, 2011.