

FIRST 5 KERN

KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, January 28, 2008
2724 L Street
Bakersfield, California

Minutes

COMMITTEE CONVENED @ 10:06 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Audelo, Brandon, Goh, Committee Members: Burns, Choi, Christman, Cloud, Cook, Krehbiel, McNally, Newman, Nilon, Puckett and Thal

Absent: Commissioner Cheadle, Committee Members: Digges, Koenig, Wasson and Wood

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Chairperson's Report and Report from the Commission
 - Commissioner Brandon reported on the Commission meeting action items of December 5, 2007.

- 2) Committee Members:
 - Committee Member Cloud reported that Cathy Monsibias would be the replacement for Committee Member Newman who would be retiring.
 - Committee Member Krehbiel reported that the collaboration between United Way of Kern County and FamilyWize.org has saved Kern County residents \$268,000 in prescription cost. Ms. Krehbiel reported the prescription cards are still available and asked for those interested to please contact the United Way for more information.
 - Committee Member Krehbiel reported that the Raising a Reader Program will kick off this month.
 - Committee Member Krehbiel reported that low-income workers with a maximum earning of \$42,000 can get free help with tax preparation through a program called VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance). Committee Member Krehbiel reported that there will be 21 VITA sites around Kern County and to call 2-1-1 the local community resource information number to find a site in your area.
 - Committee Member John Nilon commented that all of the pictures of the Commissioners and TAC Members framed and hanging



throughout the First 5 Kern office were very nice.

- Committee Member Choi reported that the author, Eric Schlosser of *Fast Food Nation* and *Chew on This* will be the guest speaker at a few events in Kern County starting February 7, 2008, 7:00 P.M. at the CSUB, Dore Theatre, to talk about his writings, question and answer session and book signing, February 8, 2008, 7:00 A.M., at the Beale Memorial Library for breakfast and informal discussion with the author, Friday, February 8, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. at the Beale Memorial Library Auditorium for a film screening and discussion of SuperSize Me. Member Choi reported that all events are free and open to the public and asked that the First 5 Kern staff distribute information to its contractors.
- Committee Member Cook reported that with the help of the First 5 Kern staff the Discovery Depot program wrote a grant to the California Department of Education and has made it through the first round.
- Committee Member Choi reported that Edward Riley, PhD would be presenting on Prenatal Alcohol Exposure, Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at 6:00 P.M., at the Kern County Public Health Department.

3) Executive Director's Report

- Kimberly Fulton, Chief Program Officer reported that November of last year First 5 Kern submitted its annual report of findings to First 5 California. Subsequently First 5 California submitted its annual report to the legislators. Once approved First 5 Kern will receive a copy to be submitted to the Commission by Spring 2008.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 4) No one was heard.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5) Minutes of November 19, 2007 meeting – APPROVED
Motion by Cloud
Second by Nilon
All Ayes
- 6) Revised Calendar of 2008 Meetings - DISTRIBUTED
- 7) Distribution of new report to Stakeholders - DISTRIBUTED
- 8) Presentation by Irene Cook regarding Bakersfield Homeless Shelter
- Committee Member Cook gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Bakersfield Homeless Center's, Discovery Depot Program, distributed flyers and responded to questions.



- 9) Report by Irene Cook on her meeting regarding Touchpoints in Sacramento in December, 2007.
 - Committee Member Cook reported on the Regional Technical Assistance facilitated by First 5 California in an effort to discuss bringing Touchpoints to California.
- 10) Report from Strategic Plan Review Committee
Approval of First 5 Kern Strategic Plan Summary – HELD OVER FOR A LATER DATE
- 11) Report on Partnership Committee by John Nilon – HELD OVER FOR A LATER DATE

ADJOURNMENT

- 12) Adjourned to Monday, February 25, 2008 at 10:00 A.M.