

# FIRST 5 KERN

KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, December 15, 2008  
2724 L Street  
Bakersfield, California

Minutes

### COMMITTEE CONVENED @ 10:05 A.M.

### ROLL CALL

Present Commissioners: Audelo, Goh, Committee Members: Brandt, Burns, Choi, Christman, Cloud, Koenig, Nilon, Wasson and Wood

Absent Committee Members: Cook, Gordon, Laven, McNally, Monsibais, Puckett and Woody

### REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Chairperson's Report and Report from the Commission
  - Commissioner Audelo reported on the Commission meeting of December 3, 2008 which topics included the TAC Subcommittee update, press release regarding litigation outcome with the previous executive director, Commission took action to capture the Healthy Families waitlisted children to gain access the Healthy Kids Kern County program.
  - Commissioner Audelo reported that there are two vacant seats on the Commission to be filled and urged those interested or knew of anyone interested to please contact Supervisors Maggard and McQuiston's offices.
  - Commissioner Audelo reported that the MVIP Task Force met Thursday, December 11, 2008, and gave an update on the committee's most recent activities which included a survey process distributed to all of the Neonatal Intensive Care Units for comprehensive outreach to prevent duplication of services and prevent any gaps in the system.
  
- 2) Committee Members
  - Committee member Wasson reported that the Kern County Department of Public has about 700 doses of the flu vaccine left and are looking for non-traditional sites that may benefit from receiving the vaccination.



- Committee member Wood stated due to the struggling economy there has been huge shortages of gifts and food and encouraged all to either donate or adopt a family during the holidays.

3) Interim Executive Director's Report

- Ms. Harniman gave an update on the State's budget crisis.
- Ms. Harniman reported that Healthy Families was more than 17 million in the red, leaving more than 65,000 infants and children on its waiting list for health coverage.
- Ms. Harniman reported that First 5 California will provide \$16.7 million to the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB), the agency that administers Healthy Families. Ms. Harniman stated the funds will be used to pay health care premiums for children up to age five who are new applicants to Healthy Families through the end of the fiscal year, June 2009.
- Ms. Harniman gave an update on the progress of the RFP Subcommittee meetings, invited all to attend for a broader perspective, gave the dates of the next meeting and confirmed that all meetings will be held at the First 5 Kern office.

- Health and Wellness, December 18, 2008, 3:00 P.M.
- Integration of Services, December 19, 2008, 1:00 P.M.
- Child Care and Early Education, December 22, 2008, 1:00 P.M.
- Parent Education and Support Services, December 22, 2008, 3:00 P.M.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 4) No one was heard.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5) Minutes of November 17, 2008 meeting – APPROVED  
Motion by Committee Member Cloud  
Second by Committee Member Choi  
All Ayes

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 6) RFP Subcommittee's report on its recent Activities
- Chairperson's from each of the RFP Subcommittees, Health and Wellness – Cindy Wasson, Education and Support Services – Nancy Puckett (Judith Harniman reported in Ms. Puckett's absence), Child Care and Early Education – Tammy Burns, and Integration of Services – John Nilon reported out on their appointed subcommittees.
  - Discussion from the TAC as whole for next steps to include

detailed information regarding Request for Information (RFI) process.

- Marc Thibault, Consultant introduced himself, explained his role in guiding the RFP process and responded to questions.

### ADJOURNMENT

8) Adjourned to Monday, January 12, 2009, 10:00 A.M.