

First 5 Yolo

Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Agenda Item- Commission Meeting Minutes
<i>Background</i>
Final minutes from Yolo County Children and Families Commission January 11, 2006.
<i>Executive Director Overview</i>
First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on January 11, 2006 from 3:00 – 6:00 pm at 403 Court Street in Woodland.
<i>Additional Information</i>
<i>Action Requested</i>
Approve minutes as submitted.

FIRST 5 YOLO
Commission Meeting Minutes
DRAFT
January 11, 2006

The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 11th day of January 2006 at the First 5 Yolo office at 403 Court Street, Woodland, California at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Helen Thomson – Chair, Katie Villegas, Suzanne Anderson, Dr. Bette Hinton, Sue Heitman – Treasurer, Sheila Allen, Donita Stromgren

Commissioners Absent: Irma Rodriguez and Jorge Ayala

Staff in Attendance: Margaret Bacot, LaTina Price, Carmen Garcia, Regan Overholt, Jackie Hausman, Donna Elmore

Public in Attendance: Senely Navarrete, Barbara Ashby, Laura Ortiz, Yin Myo-Flores, Soveig Seland-Tof, Samrina Marshall, Robbie Townsley, Alida Hrivnak, Gail Nadal, Lucille Willalobos, Sarah Rock, Matina Kaufman, Nancy Mack, Steve Basha, Wanda Rountree

Item 1: Call to order

Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

Item 2: Roll Call

Item 3: Approval of Agenda

Approve the Agenda as presented.

MOTION: S. Allen **SECOND:** K. Villegas Motion carries unanimously.

Item 4: Public Comment

None

Items 5 – 8: Consent Agenda

5. Approve minutes of 11/9/05 First 5 Yolo Commission meeting
6. Adopt Calendar for January and February 2006
- 7A. Receive Grant Fund Balance Report
- 7B. Receive FY05-06 Revenue & Expense Report
8. Approve Mini-grant funding recommendations

Approve consent agenda items 6-8

MOTION: S. Anderson **SECOND:** S. Heitman Motion carries unanimously.

Item 5: Minutes of 11/9/05 First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting

S. Allen pulled the minutes from the consent agenda to point out a correction to be made to the motion for item number eleven – recommendation of new commissioner. She advised that the motion should read “Superintendent of Yolo County Office of Education” instead of simply “Superintendent of Schools”.

Approve minutes of 11/9/05 Commission meeting with noted changes.

MOTION: S. Allen **SECOND:** K. Villegas Motion carries unanimously.

Item 9: Special Project Applications

S. Heitman advised commissioners that two special projects applications were submitted and recommended for funding by the review panel.

(Commissioners S. Allen and B. Hinton excused themselves prior to discussion and voting on the Yolo County Breast Feeding Coalition application.)

L. Ortiz spoke on behalf of the Breastfeeding Coalition and thanked the commission for recommending that the project be funded. She advised commissioners that all of their prior recommendations had been worked out and addressed for this proposal. She stated that acquiring baseline data regarding breastfeeding rates in the county has been a key goal of the organization. Recruitment for project participants will take place at pediatric sites and WIC offices. She clarified that the budget item “incentives for medical providers” refers to funds that will be used for items such as outreach materials.

Approve recommendation to fund Yolo County Breast Feeding Coalition’s special project at \$23,413.

MOTION: K. Villegas **SECOND:** D. Stromgren Motion carries unanimously.

(Commissioners S. Allen and B. Hinton returned and Commissioner S. Anderson excused herself for discussion and voting on the Yolo County Childcare Planning Council application.)

Barbara Ashby, Vice-chair of the Yolo County Childcare Planning Council, addressed the Commission stating that this was the first endeavor to bring about a countywide project. Their organization is planning to host a conference on early learning and brain development with Dr. Perry as a guest speaker. Forum Q & A will be part of the conference. The conference is planned for April 1st which is the first day of the “Week of the Young Child” and has goals of keeping the balance between school readiness and healthy child development. Providers and Parents are invited to attend.

Approve recommendation to fund the Yolo County Childcare Planning Council’s special project at \$12,587.

MOTION: S. Heitman **SECOND:** B. Hinton Motion carries unanimously.

Item 10-1: CHI Quality Subcommittee Recommendations - Presentation

Dr. Samrina Marshall, Co-Chair of the Yolo County Children’s Health Initiative Coalition and Chair of the Quality Assurance Subcommittee gave a presentation to commissioners on the findings and recommendations for addressing quality healthcare issues in Yolo County.

Commissioners thanked S. Marshall and the Quality Assurance subcommittee for their time and efforts but concluded that they are not prepared to vote at this time on

committee recommendations. Commissioners made known their desire to ensure that quality improvement measures included children's mental health.

Item 10-2: CHI Update

J. Hausman gave a report to commissioners on the progress of the Children's Health Initiative and Healthy Kids. She announced that the Healthy Kids program has launched and the kick-off event is scheduled for March 9, 2006. Healthy Kids enrollment in the County is decentralized and trainings for enrollers are planned for this week.

The contract and MOU with YCCA to reorganize including K. Villegas as the Executive Director working in coordination with First 5 has been approved. The CHI is actively fundraising with the Yolo County Children's Alliance and has met with local health systems to request funds. She stated that she is optimistic about great success on fundraising for 6 – 18 year olds with YCCA as a partner. The CHI is also working with Kaiser to determine their role in Healthy Kids and strategizing to maximize their participation in the County. In addition, the YC CHI is participating in regional outreach efforts to develop processes and strategies for retention and utilization. Persimmony is developing a database to track Healthy Kids applications and demographics. She stated that the QA subcommittee, having submitted their recommendations, will meet in the future as the evaluation committee to follow up on recommendations.

Item 11: Presentations from Funded Partners

S. Rock, of the Yolo Family Resource Center, gave commissioners a presentation on the Health Insurance Project detailing outreach, enrollment, retention and utilization efforts in the county. Program highlights included their progress towards meeting or exceeding program objectives for year one, sample data collection tools, utilization and retention surveys, and an outline of the health insurance screening process.

J. Ordonez from the YC Health Department Car Seat Program, gave commissioners a report on program activities completed during the year with the support of First 5. His presentation included highlights of project successes, and the importance of outreach efforts and program sustainability. He thanked his staff and program administrators for their instrumental efforts in the program and the First 5 Yolo Commission for their support.

B. Hinton stated that all parents want to keep their kids safe and as a result the program has received a great deal of praise from participants who were able to benefit from the program. Commissioners congratulated the Car Seat Program for meeting and exceeding their goals.

Item 12: Executive Director Report of Staff Activities

Commissioners reviewed the Executive Directors Report of staff activities and asked staff if there was any information they would like to add or bring to their attention. D. Elmore addressed commissioners stating that coming to work for First 5 Yolo was an exciting experience for her and that she is excited about the potential for West Sacramento. Staff had no additional comments.

Item 13: Commissioner Reports

S. Allen reported that she has been sworn in to the School Board. She took the opportunity to educate audiences on proper coughing and sneezing etiquette, the importance of hand washing in the classroom, and flu season precautions.

S. Heitman reported that Western Yolo may be the recipient of Prop 63 funds which will be used to conduct a pilot program to study how mental health services can help children 0 – 5 in rural communities. She stated that she is very excited about the project.

K. Villegas reported that March 9, 2006 is the date for the Health Kids kick-off event and encouraged everyone to attend. She stated that she was able to meet with school board members regarding the school readiness program and this was a great recommendation from the commission.

B. Hinton stated the county may be able to get more money for health insurance outreach. She also cautioned everyone that flu season is here.

S. Anderson introduced Wanda Roundtree, the new Director of Head Start, and thanked her for coming to the commission meeting.

D. Stromgren reported that there were no specific state budget cuts in the childcare arena for the first time in several years. She stated that legislative staff are looking to develop a three year plan for reform and improvement in childcare systems. The Governor put \$114 million cut into single county allocations for TANF for this current fiscal year. This budget cut will affect county administration, employment services, and child care.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM. The next Commission meeting will be held February 8, 2006 at 3:00 pm.