

**FIRST 5 YOLO**  
Commission Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2009

The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009 at the First 5 Yolo office at 403 Court Street, Woodland, California at 2:00 p.m.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Helen Thomson (Chair), Bette Hinton, Jorge Ayala, Sheila Allen, Katie Villegas, Donita Stromgren

**Staff in Attendance:** Julie Gallelo, Margaret Bacot, Jackie Hausman, Regan Overholt, Elena Enriquez

**Public in Attendance:** R. Baker, C. Flores, R. Townsley, P. Deats, L. Aldrete, F. Wright, G. Flores, T. Garcia

Item #1: Call to order

Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Item #2: Roll Call

Item #3: Approval of Agenda

Approve the agenda with Item #12 moved up on the agenda right after recognition of service for retiring commissioners B. Hinton and S. Allen.

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

Item #4: Public Comment

H. Thomson welcomed those in attendance and invited the public to address the Commission on any issue that is not on the agenda. No public comments were made.

H. Thompson introduced new 4<sup>th</sup> District County Supervisor from Davis Jim Provenza whom then introduced Dr. Rick Baker as a new First 5 Yolo Commissioner.

Item #5: Recognition of Service for Retiring Commissioners Hinton and Allen

H. Thomson and J. Gallelo gave recognition to B. Hinton and S. Allen for their long standing work as First 5 Yolo Commissioners. They were presented with a certificate of appreciation and a gift.

Item #6-9: Consent Agenda

6. 11/12/2008 Commission Meeting Minutes
7. February 2009 Commission Calendar
8. 1/06/2009 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
9. 11/21/2008 Public Awareness Committee Meeting Minutes

***Approve agenda items 6-9 next commission meeting.***

**MOTION:** J. Ayala      **SECOND:** K. Villegas      Motion carries unanimously.

Item #10: Treasurer's Report

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the quarterly revenue and expense report and the mid-year budget revisions. Due to the lack of a voting quorum the Commissioners received the reports and

will forward the Finance Committee's recommendation for approval to the full commission at the March commission meeting.

Item #11: Community Presentation

Christina Flores from Woodland Joint Unified School District- School Readiness Program presented on the changes that have occurred over the last two years. She reported that interventions currently include *Raising a Reader* family literacy program, home visiting using Parents As Teachers curriculum, parent education classes and in home sessions, summer transition program (Kinder Camp) and on-site school support. Their goal for 2009 is to increase parent attendance at workshops and have more parents sign up for these workshops. Another goal is to increase involvement with Punjabi families.

Item #12: Healthy Families Premium Assistance Request:

CHI Coordinator, J. Hausman, requested that the Commission approve allocating funds not to exceed \$77, 575 to cover Healthy Families members who are aged 0-5 and reside in Yolo County. Use of these funds by MRMIB need to include a reconciliation mechanism assuring that funds are only used for children 0- through age 5 in Yolo County.

The \$77, 575 funding will be coming directly from reserves. This will be a one-time expenditure. Staff informed the Commission that funding the Healthy Families expansion was the most cost effective way to ensure that our local children had health insurance. Healthy Families premiums and administrative costs would be less expensive than placing the children onto our local Healthy Kids insurance program.

Approve funding with the following contingencies:

- MRMIB and/or First 5 CA supply the following information on a monthly basis to First 5 Yolo:
  - a. Number of new Yolo County children ages zero to five enrolled into Healthy Families;
  - b. Specific age of newly enrolled Yolo County children;
  - c. Assurance of Yolo County residence for each newly enrolled child;
- An explanation of how MRMIB determined the cost of Yolo County children zero to five;
- Any proposal to eliminate First 5 California and reduce County commission funds by 50 percent does not pass before June 30, 2009.

***Approve one-time funding for the Healthy Families Program up to \$77,575 from December 18, 2008 to June 30, 2009***

**MOTION:** B. Hinton                      **SECOND:** K. Villegas                      Motion carries unanimously.

Item #13: Increasing Awareness of First 5 Yolo Programs

J. Gallelo reported that the public Awareness Committee recommended that staff develop a PowerPoint presentation that could be "taken on the road" to meetings which could be provided by the appropriate commissioner in each district, to increase awareness of First 5 Yolo activities.

LaTina Price will be given some time at the next meeting to present Region-specific Funding & outcomes power point presentation.

J. Gallelo shared that staff will be working with commissioners to determine a date/time for the presentations listed on attachment.

Item #14: 2009 Appointments to First 5 Yolo Committees

Commissioners reviewed that as a result of retiring Commissioners Hinton and Allen, there are two vacancies in the Program and Policy Committee. Commissioner Heitman will take on the role of Program & Policy Committee Chair, however she will simultaneously terminate her role as Commission Treasurer. Commissioner Baker will become a standing member to the Program & Policy Committee. Commissioner Anderson will take over the role of Commission Treasurer.

***Approve to appoint Commissioner Heitman as Program and Policy Chair, appoint Baker as a standing member to Program and Policy Committee, and appoint Commissioner Anderson as Treasurer.***

**MOTION:** K. Villegas      SECOND: J. Ayala      Motion carries unanimously.

Item #15: Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities

Commissioners received an update of staff activities and program events. J. Hausman reported that as part of building mental health provider capacity for early childhood mental health, First 5 Yolo and Yolo Family Services Agency will be providing four tuition scholarships to local providers to attend the Infant Parent Mental Health Post-Graduate Program with funds from IFSI. Classes are offered primarily on weekends in Napa Valley.

R. Overholt reported that MDRDP/Family Survey project has been completed. Results are in the process of being analyzed and will be shared at the next commission meeting.

M. Bacot reported that the FY 07-08 Annual Report Publication to the Community is completed. In addition, the First 5 CA invoices and reports due in January for CARES, UP4WS, and CHI have been submitted.

J. Gallelo reported that IFSI is progressing as expected with continued collaboration among community partners. The first Family Focus Forum planning committee will convene on January 16, 2009. Staff will be attending a Staff Summit in Asilomar February 9-11, 2009.

Item #16: Commissioner's Reports

J. Ayala reported that YCOE is working with school districts to review budgets and make decisions on how to save money.

K. Villegas shared that the recreational center opened at the new high school in West Sacramento on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The Yolo County Children's Alliance and Foster Care Program met with the United Way about doing some work with transitioning youth and opportunities.

D. Stromgren shared that President Elect Obama has an economic recovery plan that includes a total of \$3 billion dollars for childcare and Head start. California typically gets about 10% of that or \$300 million dollars.

H. Thomson shared that the Board of Supervisors hired a new Public Health Officer/Director of Health services Dr. Joe Iser. He is a veteran of 26 years in public health services and is very

interested in children's issues. She also announced that First 5 Yolo needs one more Commissioner and that they have been recruiting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next commission meeting will be held March 11, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.