

FIRST 5 YOLO
Commission Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2008

The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 12th day of March, 2008 at the First 5 Yolo office at 403 Court Street, Woodland, California at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Helen Thomson (Chair), Donita Stromgren (Vice-Chair), Sue Heitman (Treasurer), Katie Villegas, Suzanne Anderson, , Bette Hinton, Pam Miller, Jorge Ayala, Sheila Allen

Staff in Attendance: Julie Gallelo, Margaret Bacot, LaTina Price, Regan Overholt, Jackie Hausman

Public in Attendance: F. Wright (DCN), K. Bowers (DCN), R. Townsley (R&R).

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 the addition to a report out of staff cola and benefits to item #15.

MOTION: S. Allen **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.

Item 5 –9: Consent Agenda

Approve agenda items 5 – 9.

MOTION: S. Heitman **SECOND:** P. Miller Motion carries unanimously.

Item #10: Presentation - Early Child Mental Health Needs Assessment

Kathleen Bowers of the Bowers Group presented findings from the Early Mental Health Needs Assessment conducted for Yolo County under the direction of the First 5 Yolo Commission. The needs assessment addressed 5 areas: Prevalence, Needs, Assets, Promising Practices, and the development of a Resource Guide.

Commissioners asked that the data for children 0 – 17 who are fully served reflect that the percentage is out of those who qualify for mental health services and not all children needing services. Commissioners also asked that “autism” be added to the categories of “mental health issues related to a severe developmental delay or physical ability” and that the pyramid chart of the paradigm shift be included in the final report.

Commissioners discussed the findings that the greatest needs were seen in public awareness and promotion of early mental health, prevention and early intervention, and access to mental health service providers and the need for the resource directory to include information regarding providers certifications and trainings related to early mental health.

Item #11: First 5 Yolo Strategic Planning for FY08-19 through FY14-15

J. Gallelo informed commissioners of the progress made during the two Program & Policy Committee meetings held since the last commission meeting. She stated that the amount of funding available FY08-09 and FY09-10 totals \$1,050,000 and that the committee determined that a community-driven RFP process will better suit the needs of the commission and potential applicants. Approximately 10% or \$100,000 of the \$1,050,000 will be used for commission-driven special projects. One RFP will be written for the “Integrated Family Support Initiative” and will include outcomes for each of the commission’s 4 priority areas. A total of \$950,000 will be available in the RFP. Two-year contracts will be granted with an option to renew for 5 additional years though all contracts will be reviewed annually.

J. Gallelo asked commissioners to review the list of outcomes and corresponding indicators and the priority number assigned to each outcome within each priority area. For the purpose of the RFP, commissioners were asked to focus on one or two outcomes for each priority area that they consider top priorities. These select outcomes and indicators will be written into the RFP.

Physical Health: Priority Outcomes:

Outcome #1 – Children Stay Healthy.

Outcome #2 - Children have Access to Dental Care.

Commissioners suggested adding language to each contract to affect the outcome of “Children Eat Well and Exercise” by asking providers to put some efforts towards making sure that the children they serve improve their fitness and health.

Social/Emotional Health: Priority Outcome:

Outcome #1 – Families provide nurturing and positive emotional support to children as the top priority.

The outcomes addressing provider capacity and public awareness will be address by the commission in an alternative process due to their nature. The commission decided that \$222k of the \$322k will be included in the RFP for the priority outcome while \$100k will go towards efforts to made increased awareness.

Ready to Learn: Priority Outcome:

Outcome #1 – Parents Provide Home Environment Supportive of Early Learning and Literacy.

Childcare: Priority Outcomes:

Outcome #1 – Families have Access to High Quality Childcare
Outcome #2 - Families have Access to Affordable Childcare.

Funding for the childcare priority outcomes have been previously set at 60% towards Outcome #1 and 40% for Outcome #2.

Item #12: Executive Director Report of Staff Activities

No Discussion due to time constraints.

Item #13: Commissioner Reports

No Discussion due to time constraints.

CLOSED SESSION -

Item #14: Executive Director Performance Evaluation

OPEN SESSION:

Item #15: Report on Executive Director Evaluation and Staff Cola & Benefits

The meeting was re-opened at 4:45 and the Chair reported out that the Executive Director had been placed into Step 4 with an annual salary of \$107,208 retroactive to March 8, 2008. All staff (except Executive Director) are to receive \$25,000 life insurance policy. All staff will receive a 3% COLA retroactive to November 11, 2007.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next commission meeting will be held April 9, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.