

**FIRST 5 YOLO**  
Commission Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2009

The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009 at the First 5 Yolo office at 223 Elm Street, Woodland, California at 2:00 p.m.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Helen Thomson (Chair), Donita Stromgren, Sue Heitman, Katie Villegas, Suzanne Anderson, Diana Williams, Rick Baker

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

**Public in Attendance:** L. Ivans, B. Van Kessel, J. Lee, D. Casey, J. Thompson, K. King-Goldberg, R. Townsley, L. Aldrete

Item #1: Call to order

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

Item #2: Roll Call

Item #3: Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** K. Villegas      **SECOND:** R. Baker      Motion carries unanimously.

Item #4: Public Comment

H. Thomson welcomed invited the public to address the Commission on any issue that is not on the agenda.

There was no public comment.

Item #5-11: Consent Agenda

5. 3/11/09 Commission minutes
6. May Commission Calendar
7. 3/26/09 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
8. 3/12/09 Public Awareness Committee Minutes
9. 3/23/09 Program & Policy Committee Minutes
10. 4/1/09 Personnel Committee Minutes

***Approve agenda items 5-11.***

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

Item #5: Commission Meeting Minutes 3/11/09

S. Heitman noted that the draft minutes did not include her name, but that the revised minutes before the Commission were correct.

Item #12: Five (5) Financial Plan Scenarios for FY09/10- FY14/15

County Counsel R. Drivon explained the voting process. J. Gallelo explained that Finance and Program and Policy Committees have met to do budgetary scenario planning in the event that Proposition 1D passes. R. Drivon proposed that Commissioners that are Officers and/or Directors

of agencies that would be affected by the budget scenarios will need to leave the room. H. Thomson, K. Villegas, and D. Williams each have conflicts. Because there is not a quorum, 1 of the 3 Commissioners will need to be present to vote on the scenarios presented. H. Thomson, K. Villegas, and D. Williams drew straws. K. Villegas drew the short straw. H. Thomson and D. Williams left the room.

J. Gallelo gave an overview of the 5 budget scenarios. If Proposition 1D passes, \$268 million per year for 5 years, will be redirected from First 5 to the general fund. That represents an approximate \$5.5 million loss for First 5 Yolo over the 5 years. In addition, Proposition 1D would redirect First 5 California reserves, which means an additional \$600,000 - \$700,000 per year in matching fund loss for First 5 Yolo. In FY 09-10, First 5 Yolo would receive \$642,000 in matching funds from First 5 CA if Proposition 1D does not pass. The issue of the definition of direct services will need to get worked out. Senator L. Wolk has offered to help with clean-up legislation on this issue. The worst-case scenario is that Proposition 1D will not allow any indirect services to be funded. Two scenarios include this assumption.

Scenario 1 assumes that Proposition 1D fails. This is the proposed budget for FY 09-10. Scenario 2 assumes that Proposition 1D passes, with no restrictions on the types of services. Scenario 2a is a budget that assumes that First 5 Yolo does not receive any matching funds from First 5 CA. Scenario 2b is a budget that assumes that First 5 Yolo does receive matching funds from First 5 CA.

M. Bacot showed slides indicating the financial situation of First 5 Yolo in 6 years.

J. Gallelo offered a detailed explanation of each scenario followed, with slides indicating budgets and assumptions under each scenario. Annual allocation at 40% of what it is this year (60% reduction), and no matching funds from F5CA. Proposed reduction in Integrated Family Support Initiative from 7 years to 4 years in each scenario. Agencies would get more money during those 4 years, rather than less money each year.

**Scenario 2a:** 11 percent reduction in F5Y staffing. Full funding for oral health contract and Universal Preschool for all in West Sacramento, as the last year of funding is FY 09-10 for both programs. Reduce all programs except Healthy Kids premiums by 5%. Retain HK premiums at the same level so that currently covered children will not be disenrolled from Healthy Kids. Reduce Healthy Families America program at YCCA to core best-practice model, which would eliminate the Public Health Nurse, social worker, and licensed mental health clinician. Reduce funding to childcare priority area. Combine special projects and mini-grants, and reduce total amount to \$100,000 per year. This leaves \$1,000,000 per year going out to the community, and at least \$1,000,000 in reserves. Reduce F5Y operating expenses, media and other consultants. Under this scenario internal cuts are 31%, and external cuts are 29%.

**Scenario 2b:** Similar to 2a except that it includes \$642,000 in matching funds. Higher F5Y staffing for 1 year. Major difference is that it puts out more money to get the matching funds, which results in less money going out in later years.

**Scenario 3a:** Worst-case scenario assumes that Proposition 1D will not allow programs and services to be funded that are not direct services provided to children and families. This would result in the elimination of quality childcare and affordable childcare programs that are not slots for children. In addition, this would eliminate the mental health provider capacity building project.

The budget assumptions are basically the same. Some amount of money would be put back into the childcare and mental health priority areas for direct services. Scenario does not entail a 5% cut across all IFSI programs and internal cuts would be 31% while external cuts equal 26%.

**Scenario 3b:** Similar to 3a, except has state matching funds. This scenario would result in slightly less money for IFSI.

If 1D passes, may not know for a while about the definition of “direct services” and whether F5Y would receive state matching funds.

Commissioners noted that F5Y will need to approve contingency plans at the June meeting and that there may need to be some additional budget assumptions. Commissioners thanked the committees and staff for the work, and noted that F5Y has always been in the position of giving out funding, never in the position of having to cut programs, and may be in a very hard position. until May 20<sup>th</sup>, which is demoralizing for programs. Programs have staff that may choose to leave for fear of losing their jobs.

**Public Comment on Item #12:**

L. Ivans addressed the Commission on Item #12 and noted that City of Davis Resource and Referral assists parents and providers with special needs children, offers parenting classes, childcare conferences, and provided quotes from parents and providers.

B. Van Kessel addressed the Commission on Item #12 and noted that parents of children at Davis Community Church Nursery School benefit from parenting classes, and that staff of DCCNS benefit from Quality Enhancement Program offered through the City of Davis Resource and Referral.

J. Lee addressed the Commission on Item #12 and stated that childcare programs and parents benefit from services provided.

D. Casey addressed the Commission on Item #12 noting that parents of children with special needs benefit from the program.

J. Thompson addressed the Commission on Item #12 offered that the QEP program at City of Davis should be considered direct services.

R. Townsley addressed the Commission on Item #12.

**Discussion:**

S. Heitman commented that First 5 Yolo has a reserve fund, which will enable it to continue funding. She also noted that recent state polls suggest that none of the propositions will pass except 1F. She noted that she sat on both committees, and would like the Commission to take the assumptions, for example that F5Y should put out at least \$1,000,000 per year in grants, and retain \$1,000,000 in reserves. She would like the Commission to adopt the assumptions, with the exception of funding for specific programs.

D. Stromgren fully supports adopting the assumptions. She noted that no one will know about the matching funds, and proposes entertaining other scenarios. The definition of “direct services” is based on dialogue with Senator Cox. She looked at the text at the Secretary of State website, which was challenging to find. First 5 CA can have 5 percent in an education fund, for education materials, professional and educator training, and 3 percent in a childcare account, including but not limited to training of providers and educational materials. She noted that it would be premature of us to presume a definition of “direct services” and cut programs based on our understanding. She proposes adoption of scenarios 3a and 3b that don’t depend on the definition of “direct services.”

J. Gallelo reported that she also looked at the bill, which seems to allow the state F5 Commission to pay for administration, evaluation, direct services, provider capacity building and parent education. If the proposition is not changing what the State Commission is spending money on, why would it change for county Commissions? She believes that it is the worst-case scenario that is before the Commissioners.

S. Heitman asked what the First 5 CA Association definition of “direct services” is and if D. Stromgren is recommending scenario’s 2a and 2b only? J. Gallelo noted that the Association is not considering the definition of “direct services” unless Proposition 1D passes. D. Stromgren proposed looking only at scenarios 2a and 2b stating that other counties aren’t considering the definition of “direct services” in the same way; every county is defining it differently. S. Heitman stated that she would like a motion to not consider scenarios 3a and 3b.

J. Gallelo asked if scenarios 2a and 2b could be adopted stating that these scenarios assume that F5Y can continue funding everything that we are currently doing. Some are advocating that the definition for “direct services” be left up to each county commission, rather than getting clean-up language, which is how “supplantation” is treated.

***Approve scenarios 1, 2a and 2b only***

**MOTION:** R. Baker                      **SECOND:** S. Heitman                      Motion carries unanimously.

***Approve scenario 1:***

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

Review of Scenarios 2a and 2b:

D. Stromgren noted that staff salaries continue to increase. Given the situation of the economy, salary increases should go back to Personnel Committee for review and discussion. R. Baker disagreed stating that salary increases should be looked at on an annual basis and therefore remain in the scenarios

***Request Executive Director to review staff salary increases on an annually basis.***

**MOTION:** R. Baker                      **SECOND:** K. Villegas                      Motion carries unanimously.

***Adopt scenarios 2a and 2b in the event that Measure 1d passes.***

**MOTION:** R. Baker                      **SECOND:** S. Heitman                      Motion carriers unanimously.

Item #13: Executive Director’s Report on Staff Activities

Commissioners received an update of staff activities and program events. J. Hausman reported that enrollment in the Healthy Kids program is steady for children 0 – 5. She reported that the MH Case Consultations are well attended and that YFSA is working on a MH specialist certification program with WestEd. She also reported that she is working with a group called Saving California Communities, and they are planning a community conversation for May 16, from 9-3. More information will follow. She also noted that Step-by-Step has begun screening and enrolling its first clients, and is also setting up an Advisory Committee. Dental trainings will begin later this month, with approximately 15 dental offices participating.

R. Overholt announced that a large number of the new countywide School Readiness Index (SRI) surveys have been completed – over 600 have been collected from Woodland. Kinder transition camps will occur this summer, regardless of the outcome of Proposition 1D.

Item #14: Commissioner's Reports

S. Heitman asked Cathie Wicks, Executive Director of RISE, Inc. to update the Commission on a new childcare center in Esparto. 24 subsidized slots have been created, and were full within a few days. Childcare is a priority in the negotiations with the Tribe.

K. Villegas announced that YCCA submitted a grant for OERU to Kaiser, that the Child Abuse Prevention Council luncheon will be held tomorrow April 9<sup>th</sup>, and that a press conference on child abuse prevention was held and had good attendance.

D. Williams announced that they are getting 1,100 – 1,200 calls a day at DESS, and 6,100 people coming through their doors every day. Medi-Cal applications are up, food stamp applications are up. \$1.4 million in food stamps were given in January. At the same time that there is an increase in demand for services, there are fewer staff, with more staffing cuts likely to be coming.

Adjournment

The meeting went into closed session at 4:00 p.m. The next commission meeting will be held May 13, 2009.