

FIRST 5 YOLO
Commission Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2008

The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 11th day of June, 2008 at the Woodland Senior and Community Center located at 2001 East Street, Woodland, California at 2:00 p.m.

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

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

Public in Attendance: Tammy Fullerton, Cathie Wicks, Jan Babb, Dee Dee Gilliam, Robin Affrime, Robbie Townsley, Chris Kelsch, Cheri Schroeder, Jim Rodgers, Marilyn West, Susan Slover, Patty Wong, Diane Casey, Chris Gist, Staci Anderson, Gail Nadal, Carrie Jones, Ronda Adams, Katy-King Goldberg, R. Drivon, Colleen Brook, Al Millan, Pauline Wooliever, Francesca Wright, Ximena Bustamante, Shannon Mayo, Lisa Yates.

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:** S. Allen 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: Public Hearing – First 5 Yolo 2008-2015 Strategic Plan

J. Gallelo provided an overview of the provisions of Proposition 10 that requires each county commission to develop a strategic plan to meet the needs of children 0 – 5 and their families locally. She reported that First 5 Yolo’s new strategic plan outlines the process for its development including the community needs assessment and data gathered throughout the process to identify the needs of Yolo County families.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

No comments.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

Approve the First 5 Yolo 2008-2015 Strategic Plan.

MOTION: D. Stromgren **SECOND:** S. Heitman Motion carries unanimously.

Item 6 –8: Consent Agenda

Approve agenda items 6 – 8.

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

Item 9: Awarding of Integrated Family Support Initiative Contracts

H. Thomson advised those in attendance of the process to be implemented in awarding contracts under the Integrated Family Support Initiative. She stated that agencies applying for funds under the initiative will each be given 3 minutes of testimony regarding their project application. Afterwards, the commission will vote on each contract separately so that commissioners may recuse themselves from discussing and voting on contracts that pose conflicts of interest.

Counsel for the commission, R. Drivon was present and announced how she worked closely with First 5 Yolo staff on the voting process to ensure that commissioners do not vote on or participate in discussion on matters impacting them and/or the agencies they represent. This includes commissioners who serve as parties on board of directors on certain entities.

J. Gallelo gave an overview of the commissions Strategic Plan and Integrated Family Support Initiative. She stated that the new plan and initiative represents growth and the community-driven process relied on the experts in the community to propose collaborative projects to address the needs of the county. All approved contracts will undergo final contract negotiations with staff.

Applicants under the Integrated Family Support Initiative were invited to address the commission on behalf of their agency in response to the review panel recommendations. Agency representatives thanked the commission for funding recommendations, commented on the Integrated Family Support Initiative RFP process, and in some instances voiced disappointment for lack of funding consideration.

1. City of Davis Childcare Services

Commissioners K. Villegas and J. Ayala recused themselves from discussion and voting on the City of Davis contract.

Approve the Integrated Family Support Initiative Contract with City of Davis Childcare Services in the amount of \$201,500 as recommended by the review panel.

MOTION: S. Allen **SECOND:** D. Stromgren **ABSTAIN:** None

Motion carries unanimously.

2. CommuniCare Health Centers

Approve the Integrated Family Support Initiative Contract with Communicare Health Centers in the amount of \$242,896 as recommended by the review panel.

MOTION: S. Allen **SECOND:** K. Villegas **ABSTAIN:** None

Motion carries unanimously.

3. RISE, Inc.

Commissioner P. Miller recused herself from discussion and voting on the RISE, Inc. contract.

Approve Integrated Family Support Initiative Contract with RISE, Inc. in the amount of \$153,224 as recommended by the review panel.

MOTION: S. Heitman **SECOND:** S. Allen **ABSTAIN:** None
Motion carries unanimously.

4. Yolo County Children’s Alliance – Foster Care Project

Commissioners K. Villegas, J. Ayala, P. Miller, and B. Hinton recused themselves from discussion and voting on the Yolo County Children’s Alliance foster care project. By a random process, H. Thomson was selected to participate in discussion and voting so that a quorum would be present.

Approve Integrated Family Support Initiative contract with Yolo County Children’s Alliance for their Foster Care project in the amount of \$127,636 as recommended by the review panel.

MOTION: J. Ayala **SECOND:** S. Heitman **ABSTAIN:** None
Motion carries unanimously.

5. Yolo County Children’s Alliance – Step by Step Home Visitation Project

Commissioners K. Villegas, J. Ayala, P. Miller, and H. Thomson recused themselves from discussion and voting on the Yolo County Children’s Alliance foster care project. By a random process, B. Hinton was selected to participate in discussion and voting so that a quorum would be present.

Approve Integrated Family Support Initiative contract with Yolo County Children’s Alliance in the amount of \$467,760 for a home visitation program in collaboration with the Yolo County Health Department for a negotiated amount to be determined upon both parties agreeing on a home visitation model to implement.

MOTION: S. Allen **SECOND:** B. Hinton **Ayes:** S. Allen **Nays:**
S. Anderson, D. Stromgren, S. Heitman **ABSTAIN:** B. Hinton
Motion does not carry.

Approve Integrated Family Support Initiative contract with Yolo County Children’s Alliance for their Step by Step project in the amount of \$357,760 as recommended by the review panel.

MOTION: S. Allen **SECOND:** S. Anderson **ABSTAIN:** B. Hinton
Motion carries.

6. Yolo County Health Department – Step by Step Home Visitation Project

Commissioners B. Hinton and J. Ayala recused themselves from discussion and voting on the Yolo County Health Department contract.

Approve Integrated Family Support Initiative contract with Yolo County Health Dept. in collaboration with the Yolo County Children’s Alliance’s Step by Step project in the amount of \$110,000 as recommended by the review panel.

MOTION: S. Heitman **SECOND:** H. Thomson **ABSTAIN:** P. Miller and S. Allen Motion carries.

7. Yolo County Library

Approve Integrated Family Support Initiative contract with Yolo County Library in the amount of \$33,224 as recommended by the review panel.

MOTION: K. Villegas **SECOND:** P. Miller **ABSTAIN:** None
Motion carries unanimously.

8. Yolo Family Service Agency

Approve Integrated Family Support Initiative contract with Yolo Family Service Agency in the amount of \$83,760 as recommended by the review panel.

MOTION: K. Villegas **SECOND:** D. Stromgren **ABSTAIN:** None
Motion carries unanimously.

Item #10: Awarding of Special Project Grants

Six Special project grants were recommended for funding in full or partially by the review panel and were voted on by the commission all at once. Commissioners X and Y recused themselves from discussion and voting on this agenda item.

Approve Special Project Applications as recommended by the review panel for the following: Winters Healthcare Foundation in the amount of \$32,810; People Reaching Out, Inc. in the amount of \$33,000; Community Housing Opportunities Corp. in the amount of \$32,835; University of California Cooperative Extension in the amount of \$32,988; Woodland Healthcare in the amount of \$33,000; and CommuniCare Health Centers in the amount of \$3,367.

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

Item #11: Executive Directors Report

J. Gallelo reported that staff will begin to immediately negotiate contracts and get them ready to go by July 1, 2008. In addition, staff will continue to research integrated family support initiatives and system change efforts on larger scale. She announced that there is much activity in the First 5 arena around protecting Proposition 10 dollars. First 5 CA recognizes that this is a serious situation and is working on a plan.

D. Stromgren added that with the intense budget crisis many democrats are now also looking at the potential use of First 5 funds. Assembly and Senate rejected a lot of the governors' cuts without a revenue source to fill the cuts. As such, First 5 is very much at risk. There needs to be more voice backing First 5. Families need to voice a level of concern to their legislators and how they will be impacted if First 5 funding and programs are gone. She announced that the advocacy group Together for California's Future will be hosting a meeting on June 12th at 6:00pm at 4100 Truxel Road and welcomed all to attend.

Item #12: Commissioner's Reports

J. Ayala reported that the Yolo County Office of Education is looking at funding for state preschool with the amount of funding available unknown. The cuts to education were rejected but no funding solutions given..

K. Villegas reported that the city of West Sacramento was fluoridated. She announced that the Yolo County fair is coming up and the Yolo County Children's Alliance will be sponsoring a booth at the fair. She invited all partners to join in participating in the event.

P. Miller reported that Mary Frances Pollens was promoted within the agency. She stated that the Department of Employment and Social Services anticipated an increase in business due to the economy. Cal-works applications doubled and there has been a large increase in requests for services. The agency is trying to keep up with the influx of new customers.

S. Heitman stated that it was great to see Winters receive funding which will support their coming together as a community. She reported that the Casino has plans to triple in size which will impact affordable housing and child care needs as it triples the job force. The Capay community is looking at shared solutions.

S. Allen reported that Valley Oak Elementary will be closing. It has served the community since 1953 and will now house special education preschool and a children's center. She announced that the city of Davis was selected as one of the 5 friendliest cities in the U.S. and was able to raise \$1.8 million for their school system to offset budget cuts.

H. Thomson reported that the Yolo County budget hearing will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, June 17 and 18th prior to the state adopting its budget. She thanked all of the applicants and the review panels recognizing the role of the commission staff for bridging and encouraging people to work together.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next commission meeting will be held July 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.