

FIRST 5 YOLO
Commission Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2009

The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 12th day of August, 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 (Vice-Chair), Sue Heitman, Pam Miller, Rick Baker, Kim Suderman, Jorge Ayala

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

Public in Attendance: P Wong, R. Townsley, F Wright, L. Aldrete, S. Clark, J. Jimenez, N. Lorenzi

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: D. Stromgren **SECOND:** J. Ayala 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.

There was no public comment.

J. Gallelo took the opportunity to introduce the new UP4WS Director, Justine Jimenez, to the Commission.

Item #5-7: Consent Agenda

5. 6/10/09 Commission minutes: With corrections to Item# 14 in H. Thomson's report
6. August & September Commission Calendar
7. 8/7/09 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Approve agenda items 5-7.

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

Item #8: Treasurer's Report

M. Bacot presented the FY08/09 Year End Revenue and Expense Report to commission.

Receive First 5 Yolo Year End Revenue and Expense Report for FY 08/09 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

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

Item #9: Community Presentation: “High Five” Award- Yolo County Library

Funded partner Patty Wong of the Yolo County Library presented the Commission with a quick overview and outcomes of the program “Families Reading Together”. The program strategies are to provide bilingual story time programs in all seven County libraries as well as bilingual parent workshops and involvement groups. Outcomes showed that 3810 children attended 287 bilingual story times in Yolo County from July 2008-June 2009. 715 parents and grandparents attended story times and 55 parenting workshops. Feedback from parents indicates a change in behavior after attending regular story times and parenting workshops.

R. Overholt presented a “High Five” achievement award to the Yolo County Library on behalf of First 5 Yolo. This project has met/exceeded their annual objectives and continues to survey families on topics of importance when planning parent workshops.

Item #10: First 5 Economic Impact Report for Greater Sacramento Region funding

J. Gallelo reported that in June 2009, the Commission allocated approximately \$2,000 for First 5 Yolo’s contribution toward a regional Economic Impact Report encompassing the Greater Sacramento Region. In July 2009, First 5 Yuba Commission voted against allocating funds for the project, reducing the number of counties participating to eight. Executive Directors from all eight counties selected Social Entrepreneurs, Inc. to develop the report for a total cost of \$65,000. Under the new cost allocation format, First 5 Yolo’s contribution would be \$3,500. This is the pro-rated amount based on our tobacco tax allocation and designation as a small county.

J. Gallelo requested to approve an additional \$1,500 increase to Regional Economic Impact Report Allocation from \$2,000 to \$3,500.

Approve expenditure of \$3,500 (increase of \$1,500) for development of a First 5 Economic Impact Report for Greater Sacramento Region.

MOTION: J. Ayala **SECOND:** P. Miller Motion carries unanimously.

Item #11: Family Focus Forum Update

R. Overholt presented on First 5 Yolo Integrated Family Support Initiative- Family Focus Forum. FFF is First 5 Yolo’s approach to provide tools that strengthen agency capability and build collaborations. FFF encourages providers to work together to set up systems that successfully connect Yolo County’s children and families with the resources and services they need to thrive in today’s society. Over 70 staff of 39 CBO’s, school districts, city/county departments, and non-profits have attended a FFF meeting in the past year. Topics are based on results of participant survey of organizational needs.

Next Family Focus Forum meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2009, 9a.m. - 1p.m. at the Woodland Community Center Senior Center.

Item #12: Public Hearing – First 5 CA Annual Report

As mandated by the Children and Families Act, each county commission is required to hold a public hearing to review the First 5 CA Annual Report. The 2007-2008 report was streamlined to reflect a more reader friendly document.

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L. Aldrete of ACS Quantum Strategies commented that she was disappointed that there aren't county-specific pages to highlight what is happening in Yolo County.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Receive and approve First 5 CA Annual Report

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

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

Commissioners received an update of staff activities, funded programs and events. J. Gallelo also informed that First 5 Yolo will be making some changes to the web-site to include a password protected link for funded partners to access their documents to submit reporting.

Item #14: Commissioner's Reports

K. Suderman announced that besides dealing with cuts, she is pleased to say that ADMH has a new Adult Program Manager.

P. Miller stated that there is no way DESS is able to save all positions. She added that Child welfare and case referrals are down.

D. Stromgren announced two upcoming meetings, the Healthy Families meeting and the Legacy Project meeting that will be held August 27th 9am-12pm in Woodland.

J. Ayala announced that many of the schools have started. He shared that Head Start was celebrated; it was one of six to meet compliance of 2,000 regulations.

S. Heitman announced that the Winters Farmers Market is going on. She stated that it is nice to see Winters come alive. Also, RISE will be opening another office in Winters next month. RISE will be providing services to the Winters community. She also announced that next week Capay Valley will be having their 3rd year of "tasting of Yolo County" at the Yolo County fair.

R. Baker announced that August is National Immunization month. He shared immunization rate is declining among those with higher education. He stated they are trying to convince people that immunization is important by using scientific evidence and that it is well established that all the scientific evidence supports the benefits of immunizations. He also shared that there will be a lot of information coming out this fall regarding the influenza vaccine.

H. Thomson shared the book Understanding the Child Welfare System in CA by Diana F. Reed and Kate Karpilow with commissioners. She stated the importance of this issue and wants the commissioners to have an understanding of what the Child Welfare system actually is in California. She announced that YCCA will be having a booth at the Yolo County Fair. There will be resources for the families and activities for the children. There will be a place for mothers to nurse their children quietly and safely. She added that the Board of Supervisors in their last meeting in June, they balanced their budget but cut about \$20 million and now they have to go back and look for \$11.8 million more. She stated that it is not going to be an easy thing to do. There is going to be a lot of people without services.

Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. The next commission meeting will be held September 9, 2009.