

FIRST 5 YOLO
Commission Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2009

The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 9th day of September, 2009 at the First 5 Yolo office at 223 Elm Street, Woodland, California at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Helen Thomson (Chair), Suzanne Anderson (Treasurer), Sue Heitman, Pam Miller, Katie Villegas, Rick Baker, Kim Suderman, Jorge Ayala

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

Public in Attendance: M. Lewis-Aleyeem, L. Bowles, M. West, K. Sutton, N. Hodel, L. Aldrete, L. Ivans, J. Iser, K. Ziebron.

Item #1: Call to order

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

Item #2: Roll Call

Absent: Commissioners D. Stromgren and K. Suderman

Item #3: Approval of Agenda

MOTION: J. Ayala **SECOND:** S. Heitman 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.

Laura Bowles addressed the Commission regarding Project AWARE (Alliance of Woodland for Alcohol Reduction and Education). She announced community awareness events sponsored by Project AWARE and stated that she is seeking community support for their educational campaign. The “No Social Hosting” campaign targets parents not to provide alcohol to minors or allow underage youth to drink in their homes. September 28, 2009 is National Family Day. The group is partnering with Nugget Market to encourage families to pledge and commit to making family meals a priority. She announced that parenting classes focused on teens will be provided through “The Parent Project” for families in the Woodland Joint Unified School District.

Item #5-8: Consent Agenda

5. 8/12/09 Commission minutes
6. September & October Commission Calendar
7. 8/20/09 & 9/4/09 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
8. 8/25/09 Program and Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Approve agenda items 5-8.

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

Item #9: FY07-08 Audit Change Process Plan

J. Gallelo reported that the State Controller's Office selected some of the county commissions who received findings on their FY07/08 audits to be reviewed by the State's Financial Audit Bureau. First 5 Yolo was among those selected for review. Documentation is needed to show steps taken in response to the finding in First 5 Yolo's FY07/08 audit. The "Change in Process" document formally outlines the steps that the Commission implemented at the October 8, 2008 commission meeting in order to respond to the findings. The commission's Finance Committee reviewed and approved the "Change in Process" for recommendation to the full commission.

Approve First 5 Yolo "Change in Process" Plan to address FY07/08 audit findings.

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

Item #10: Community Presentation: Yolo County Children's Alliance Foster Care Program

R. Frank of the Yolo County Children's Alliance introduced the collaborators on the foster care program grant. DESS, Families First, Yolo Foster Family Association and the Foster & Kinship Care Education Program all contribute to the program's success.

C. Shroeder, the program coordinator provided commissioners with a presentation on the successes of the program to date. She stated that the collaborative project has the goal of strengthening supports and resources for County Licensed foster families and children placed in their homes. The key components of the program include recruitment, respite care, mental health services, mentoring & support, essential placement items, and retention of foster families. Since the program's inception: 40 Yolo County foster homes have been licensed, 216 hours of supervised visits were provided to 14 families, 88 respite care slots were used by 11 families, and 62 essential placement gift cards were distributed to foster parents and kinship caregivers.

Item #11: First 5 Yolo Support of Safety Net Services

J. Gallelo reported that staff met with county department heads to identify areas where First 5 Yolo could help support core safety net services for children 0-5 and their families. The Program & Policy Committee and Finance Committee have met to discuss the ways in which additional funding to secure safety net services in adherence to the Commission's supplantation policy, could be gleaned from the Commission's sustainability plan.

Commissioners reviewed and discussed possible funding opportunities and budget scenarios developed by the Finance Committee.

Public Comment:

J. Iser gave his support of DESS's proposal for matching funds to draw down Emergency Contingency Fund monies from a federal grant. He stated that funding opportunities in support of child health services include home visitation for at risk children and increased immunizations.

L. Ivans informed the commission of challenges faced by the child care agency. She reported that the subsidy program has a wait list for the highest priority children – children involved with CPS, which is rare. She stated that if these children are not getting spaces, foster children who are next in line for spaces are also not getting child care.

Item #12: Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities

Commissioners received an update of staff activities, funded programs and events. This included Healthy Kids enrollment and utilization data and school readiness and UP4WS program updates.

J. Hausman announced that AB1422 passed last week which imposes tax on Medi-Cal operating programs. First 5 CA voted to approve allocating up to \$81.4 million to MRMIB. With AB1422 passing and contributions from First 5 CA, Healthy Families will have sufficient funds to avoid disenrolling children and enroll children from the wait list.

Item #13: Commissioner's Reports

P. Miller announced that DESS may be looking to make changes now that staffing has settled down. She reported that they are hoping to move Child Services from the Beamer Building to Cottonwood and that work load analysis meetings may need to be scheduled soon for remaining staff. She thanked First 5 for getting the word out about the needed supplies for the breastfeeding rooms for county employees and announced that many of the needed items have been donated.

K. Villegas announced that this was her last Commission meeting. She shared that community representative Karen Ziebron from West Sacramento will be appointed next month to represent District 1 in her place. She reported that the next Safety Net meeting will be next month on October 21st from 10-12pm. She mentioned that they are hoping to get an inventory of all the programs that are still available and to identify ways to collaborate.

R. Baker shared that he is working on an educational effort to let people know what is going on with the H1N1 virus. He is continuing education on prevention and trying to convince people it is worthwhile and very important to get vaccinated. He commends the Yolo County Health Department and staff on getting information out to the public. Seasonal Flu shot will be available on October 3rd at the Woodland Senior Center.

S. Anderson shared that she recently joined the Winters Healthcare Foundation Board.

J. Ayala announced that they recently had two big conferences, one on 8/26/09 with the State Department of Education regarding ECE and developing policies around "Quality" preschools and childcare including finances. The other was on 8/27/09- First 5 Project Legacy. He also reported that YCOE is waiting for results of grant to expand Head Start and Early Head Start. He will give an update at the October Commission meeting.

S. Heitman announced that the Esparto Farmers Market will be this coming Saturday, September 12th and the Winters Farmers Market on September 13th. The RISE collaborative meetings will recommence again after an August break and the next meeting will be on September 17th. On October 3rd the "Hose Down" celebration of Agriculture Arts will take place. And on October 17th the Wayfare Center will have their "Empty Bowls" fundraiser. She also wanted to invite everyone to the 6th Annual "Taste of Capay" that will be on October 25th.

H. Thomson reported that there will be another Budget session coming up. She announced that her Assistant Deputy Matt Erke will no longer be with them as he will be leaving to attend George Washington University to study environmental science. He received half a scholarship and will be

working in Congressman Thomson's office. Since his position will be vacant, they are currently looking to fill the position. She also announced that she will be retiring in December of 2010.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next commission meeting will be held October 14, 2009.