

## First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Agenda Item- Commission Meeting Minutes
<b><i>Background</i></b>
Final minutes from Yolo County Children and Families Commission September 13, 2006.
<b><i>Executive Director Overview</i></b>
First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on September 13, 2006 from 3:00 – 6:00 pm at 403 Court Street in Woodland.
<b><i>Additional Information</i></b>
<b><i>Action Requested</i></b>
Approve September 2006 minutes as submitted.

**FIRST 5 YOLO**  
Commission Meeting Minutes  
**DRAFT**  
September 13, 2006

The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006 at the First 5 Yolo office at 403 Court Street, Woodland, California at 3:00 p.m.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Helen Thomson – Chair, Katie Villegas, Dr. Bette Hinton, Dr. Jorge Ayala, Sheila Allen, Suzanne Anderson, Sue Heitman - Treasurer

**Commissioners Absent:** Donita Stromgren

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

**Public in Attendance:** Terri Shaw, Children’s Partnership; Robbie Townsley, City of Davis R&R; Terezia Pozgayou, Luda Semeryak, Lizette Martinez and Linda Gladney, Washington USD School Readiness Program; Pablo Stansbury, Evaluation Consultant, , Cheryl Boney, YC Health Dept.

Item 1: Call to order

Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Item 2: Roll Call

Item 3: Approval of Agenda

***Approve the Agenda as presented.***

**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 received.

Item 5 – 8: Consent Agenda

S. Allen asked that the minutes - Item No. 5 be removed from the consent agenda.

***Approve agenda items 6 – 8.***

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

Item #5: Commission Meeting Minutes

S. Allen provided clarification of her announcement under Item # 13 Commissioner Reports. She stated that they indeed were successful in their campaign to save childcare slots in Davis. The minutes read that their efforts saved three out of four child care slots which is incorrect. Instead of three out of four child care slots it should read that three-

fourths of the funding for child care slots was saved. She said that she will find out the actual figures on how much money was saved and report back for the record.

***Approve minutes of 7/12/06 Commission meeting as amended.***

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

**Item #9: Treasurer's Report**

S. Heitman presented Commissioners with the FY06/07 report of revenue and expenditures through July 2006. She added that next month's Finance Committee meeting is a crucial in that the year end balances will be reviewed. A final report will be presented back to Commissioners. At that time, Commissioners will be able to see a full picture of what happened last year and have the information available for strategic planning purposes.

***Receive FY06/07 Revenue and Expense Report thru July 2006.***

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

**Item #10: Prop 86 Informational Presentation**

J. Gallelo introduced Terry Shaw from Children's Partnership, who provided an informational overview of Proposition 86, what it does and how it will affect the work of First 5 Commissions, its impact on children and families across the state and specifics on children's health insurance. She stated that the Children's Partnership works in partnership with many other organizations who have been diligently working towards health insurance for all children in the state for a number of years. Children's Partnership has joined a broad coalition of individuals and organizations in support of Prop. 86. Supporters of Prop. 86 includes Children NOW, PICO, other First 5's around the state and the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. She added that as leaders in the field of children and families, people look to First 5's for their opinions on these issues and it is her goal to make sure that the Commission is informed about the issues and benefits of Prop. 86. The Prop. 86 initiative is a public health benefit that will have significant impact on the state because it is a tobacco tax increase that will reduce smoking, prevent kids from becoming smokers and ultimately save lives. The revenue generated from Prop. 86 will backfill Prop. 10 first, then go towards children's health insurance, hospital emergency care, prevention activities and research regarding tobacco control. With the passage of Prop. 86, resources currently being put into the CHI to cover children's healthcare premiums, can be redirected for other purposes such as outreach. Other legislation around children includes a provision in the state budget for healthcare outreach and enrollment efforts. SB 437 is complimentary to Prop. 86 and is currently awaiting the Governors signature. She stated that there are two big opposition campaigns – RJ Reynolds and Phillip Morris, with a total budget of \$40 million. The opposition says that hospitals are backing the campaign and that only 10-15% of revenues will go towards smoking cessation. Supporters argue that many different organizations put money into the campaign and that 100% of revenue goes towards tobacco cessation. She added that the polls say voters are in favor of the proposition 2:1.

Commissioners expressed their interest in supporting the Prop. 86 initiative.

***Approve the endorsement of Yes on Prop. 86 by First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission.***

MOTION: S. Heitman

SECOND: S. Allen

Motion carries unanimously

Item #11: WUSD Presentation on School Readiness Program

R. Overholt addressed Commissioners stating that Washington Unified School District's School Readiness Program Staff are here to give a presentation on their program. The presentation comes at a request from Commissioners to receive an update on the program in order to assess its progress in overcoming previous challenges. She introduced the Program Coordinator, Linda Gladney.

L. Gladney reported to Commissioners that she has been an employee of the School Readiness Program since January and that the program is now fully staffed with two bilingual home visitors, one Russian and one Spanish speaking. The program has experienced great strides having had a total of fourteen workshops and several "Reading Parties" where children play together and parents learn how to encourage a love of reading in their children. During this school year the program will be implementing Raising A Reader with 11 families as beginning participants.

At the request of Commissioners, L. Martinez gave an overview of what takes place during home visits. She stated that when visiting families she works with them to develop skills to engage their children in reading activities. She models the techniques and behaviors for parents who observe her reading to the children. In time, parents are encouraged to practice reading to their children while the home visitor observes and coaches.

Item #12A: CHI Outreach, Enrollment, Retention & Utilization (OERU) Program Restructure

K. Villegas recused herself from the discussion and left the room. She did not vote on this matter.

J. Gallelo reported that the CHI Ad Hoc Committee has been strategizing about ways to improve OERU and structure funding effectively. In addition to the Ad Hoc Committee meeting several times, the Program & Policy Committee has also met to discuss these issues and review recommendations. The recommendation of the CHI Ad Hoc Committee is to place OERU funding with the YC Children's Alliance. The funding will be for 1) Countywide outreach, and 2) Direct Services to enroll, educate, and retain children 0 – 5. Funding will be combined with funding from Kaiser to pay for an Outreach Coordinator for children 0 – 18; Hire 1 – 2 CAA's to work with partnering agencies to do outreach for children 0 – 5; Purchase technology for CAA's to be mobile; Dedicated telephone number to receive calls for assistance and referrals to programs. J. Gallelo added that the recommendations were made to address issues previously raised regarding OERU efforts.

***Approve CHI Outreach, Enrollment, Retention & Utilization Program Restructure as recommended by the CHI Ad Hoc Committee and the Program & Policy Committee.***

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

Item #12B: CHI MOU with Yolo County Children's Alliance

J. Hausman reported that the MOU between First 5 Yolo and the Yolo County Children's Alliance is up for renewal. The MOU outlines in-kind services provided by First 5 in relation to the Children's Health Initiative and a provision for the Policy Ad Hoc Committee. The MOU will be effective July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007.

***Approve CHI MOU with Yolo County Children's Alliance***

**MOTION:** B. Hinton      **SECOND:** S. Anderson      Motion carries unanimously.

Item #12C: Quality Enhancement Recommendation

J. Hausman reported that the CHI QA Committee had focused their efforts on three main areas – Dental, Mental Health and Obesity, to provide trainings and education for providers. She stated that the committee is working with the CA Dental Health Foundation on trainings and is actively assisting with planning efforts for the Childhood Obesity Forum targeting providers.

Commissioners made recommendations regarding the proposed trainings. H. Thomson advised that similar trainings were held by Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society and could be a good resource. She added that the YCCA should be actively involved in obesity trainings since it is a community goal. S. Allen advised that the Davis School District has taken measures to fight obesity including every school adopting a fitness plan, and participating in a healthy lunch program with CAFF.

***Approve Quality Enhancement Recommendation for \$50,000 for Provider Education on Oral Health, Behavior Health and Obesity Prevention.***

**MOTION:** K. Villegas      **SECOND:** B. Hinton      Motion carries unanimously.

Item #12D: CHI Funding Set-Aside for IT Purchase and Maintenance

J. Hausman addressed Commissioners stating that according to predicted and current enrollment trends for 0 – 5 year olds, the premium assistance funds will be in excess. She added that the CHI is requesting to utilize the funds predicted not to be needed this year to purchase an information technology program to aid in application assistance for multiple programs and data tracking.

P. Miller advised that the COMPASS program is a grass roots program. She stated that in her opinion it is not ready and as such she would not recommend it. S. Heitman added that she would like to see a county with more resources launch COMPASS and report back on how it is working for them. Commissioners agreed that the funds should not be committed to purchase a specific program at this time, Instead the funding should be set-aside for the purpose of purchasing such a program in the future. The Commission would like the final recommendation to be brought back to the Commission for approval.

***Set-aside \$100,000 in unspent First 5 CHI Premium Assistance Funds for a potential purchase of Information Technology that will enable web-based enrollment and data tracking. Actual spending of these funds is to be approved by the Commission.***

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

Item #12E: Water Fluoridation Equipment Funding

J. Hausman informed Commissioners that in July of 2006 the YC Board of Supervisors approved granting West Sacramento up to \$250,000 of tobacco settlement monies for water fluoridation. Subsequently the West Sacramento City Council voted in August to fluoridate West Sacramento's water supply. The \$100,000 now requested to be re-directed to water fluoridation is from the \$150,000 that was set aside previously for quality assurance. Fifty-thousand dollars was just approved to be set aside for training and this is the remaining \$100,000 in the budget.

***Approve \$100,000 for Water Fluoridation Equipment using funds re-directed from FY06-07 Quality Enhancement Funds.***

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

Item #13: ED Report on Staff Activities

J. Gallelo gave Commissioners a report on staff activities. She stated that CHI enrollments stand at 286, the School Readiness Program will be training staff on Parents as Teachers (PAT). S. Heitman announced her excitement with the school readiness program implementing the Parents as Teachers curriculum stating that her mother was one of the earliest advocates for its implementation.

D. Elmore gave an update on Universal Preschool for West Sacramento. She stated that all of the planning for the past two years have come to fruition. The programs are up and running, providers are on board and families are enrolling. In addition, the capital improvement funding made available by the City of West Sacramento is being utilized by childcare providers to enhance their facilities. She stated that many experts were involved in creating this wonderful program. She added that a 3-day orientation was held for providers on how to screen and assess children.

Item #14: Commissioner Reports

K. Villegas presented invitations for the CHI Oktoberfest fundraiser to be held October 19, 2006. Electronic versions will be sent to Commissioners for distribution. Woodland Healthcare is already a sponsor for the event at \$5,000 and other sponsors are needed. She stated that the West Sacramento Neighbors Fair will be held Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-6:00pm and includes a parade prior to its start.

J. Ayala announced that Headstart is currently undergoing a federal review and he expressed his appreciation for Commissioners, First 5 Yolo, and partners who have been there for Headstart. He stated that Headstart is expanding into Washington Unified School District, to Grafton, and to Knights Landing. In addition, enrollment has been increased in Esparto. He added that UC Davis has provided 6,000 hours worth of interns for the program.

B. Hinton stated that the health department has been spending a lot of time on the Avian Flu. She stated that a two-page mailer on the pandemic flu was sent home to parents in Davis and she has been asked by the President of the School Board to give a presentation. A total of 23 cases of West Nile Virus have been detected in Yolo County with at least 22 of the cases occurring prior to the spraying in Woodland and Davis. The spraying was effective. She stated that breastfeeding study is progressing and an Epidemiologist will be helping the health department with the study and analyzing data.

S. Heitman reported that the Co-op daycare in Knights Landing has 29 children enrolled and is doing quite well. The ground has been cleared for the Tot Lot in Knights Landing. The sidewalks are being put in and the play equipment is ready to be assembled. She stated that Esparto preschools are at capacity and children are being waitlisted. Outreach coordinators at RISE are working to provide outreach to parents. She announced that the “Hoes Down” event will be held October 7 – 8 and the “Taste of Capay” on October 22<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate food and the coming together of the community. She added that the 5-A-Day program is coming to Farmers Market.

P. Miller announced that mandatory citizenship laws for Medi-cal enrollments went into effect in July requiring proof of citizenship for applications. This has caused increasing workloads for case managers who are responsible for helping applications obtain required documentation. The department is focusing on improving customer services and is taking various measures to do so. Case managers are transitioning from universal caseloads back to having assigned caseloads in an effort to improve customer services. The facilities will provide better signage in the lobby to direct people to services. The Child Welfare Service Program “adopt a social worker” has won a CSAC award.

S. Allen announced that she is working in the Lead Prevention Program at the public health department. She stated that Davis Mayor Ruth Asmudson and she had a great time visiting local schools on the first day of school to wish students and teachers a “Happy First Day”. The Davis Farmers Foundation is promoting healthy eating in schools. The state budget looks good for public education with concentration on low performing schools and funding for PE teachers.

H. Thomson announced that she took the month of August off and had the pleasure of taking her grandchild to her first day of preschool. She reported that the opening ceremony for the new Health and ADMH building will be November 21 from 4 – 6pm. The building is being named after Dr. Herbert Bauer who started the first Health Department in Yolo County. The Board of Supervisors has become the Commission for the YC Housing Authority due to recent challenges in its administration. According to a HUD survey, 3.5% of household reported being told that they had been exposed to lead poisoning. She added that she would like to do more with the Yolo County Children’s Alliance and foster care and the challenges facing these kids.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM. The next Commission meeting will be held November 8, 2006 at 3:00 pm.