

FIRST 5 YOLO  
Commission Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2018

The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 14th day of March, 2018 at Yolo County Children's Alliance West Sacramento Family Resource Center, 637 Todhunter Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691 at 3:00 p.m.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Jim Provenza, Francisco Castillo, Sally Brown, Heidi Kellison, and Jenn Rexroad

**Staff in Attendance:** Gina Daleiden, Lauren Adams, and Victoria Zimmerle

**Public in Attendance:** Jeneba Lahai, Mayra Gonzalez, Nancy Ledesma, Joyce Lee, Bertha Villalpando, Margarita Tadeo, and Veronica Diaz.

Item #1: Call to order

J. Provenza called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

Item #5: Public Comment

Jenba Lahai, Health Programs Manager at the Yolo County Children's Alliance (YCCA), welcomed the Commissioners to YCCA's Family Resource Center. YCCA assists families to get the resources they need (e.g., Cal Fresh, Cal Works, health insurance and child development screens). She introduced Nancy Ledesma, YCCA staff and the lead early learning associate for First 5 Yolo's Play School Experience (PSE). Help Me Grow screenings are also conducted at this site.

J. Provenza welcomed those in attendance and invited the public to address the Commission on any issue not on the agenda.

Public comment:

Two families that participate in the PSE program at YCCA came to discuss the positive impact that YCCA and, more specifically, Play School Experience, have had on their families:

Veronica Diaz shared that her child had difficulty interacting with other children prior to attending PSE. Now, since participating in the PSE program, she has seen an improvement in social skills. Her son also participated in the Help Me Grow Program, and after receiving resources to support his language developments, she has seen that his speech and language development has improved. Her youngest child has also been participating in PSE and is meeting her developmental milestones.

Another mother shared that she has seen her child's social development improve and that the child's skills have progressed by participating in PSE. She also sees that her child shares more and participates more readily in various activities (e.g., playing with playdough and Legos). They have been participating in the PSE program for 1.5 years.

Mayra, the HMG liaison, shared her experience with both the PSE program and Help Me Grow prior to working for YCCA. When her son was younger, they attended PSE and completed HMG screening. As a result of the screen, it was noted that he was behind in his language development and information was provided to help him improve. He was re-screened three months later was connected with Alta Regional Center for services. He received speech referral and early intervention services. Now, he says 60 words (many more than the original 3 words prior to beginning the program), and the specialists say he is making great progress.

Jeneba Lahai noted that YCCA has had consistent participation from the community for the PSE program.

The Commissioners asked follow-up questions, and the parents thanked the commission for the opportunity for their children.

Joyce Lee, from the First 5 IMPACT program, shared that she and the other Quality Counts consultants recently attended a training from the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Fund on the Strengthening Families 5 Protective Factors framework. She noted that the Quality Counts consultants can now provide the trainings with childcare providers, families, and preschools.

Item #2: Roll Call

Absent: Jill Cook, Jesse Ortiz, Sue Heitman, and Nichole Arnold

Item #3: Approval of Agenda

G. Daleiden requested that Item 12 be moved to the top of the Agenda.

Chair: J. Provenza deemed the agenda approved.

Item #4: State of Conflict and Recusal

None.

Item # 6: Updates and Announcements from the Chair

Supervisor Provenza reported that the Board of Supervisors has finalized the language for the Cannabis Tax that will go on the June ballot. "Early childhood intervention and prevention" is called out as a funding area in the ballot question. This is significant work by Yolo County to recognize the importance of early childhood. An oversight committee will be formed, and each board member will have one appointee with additional at-large members appointed by the full board.

Item # 7-9 Consent Agenda

7. Approve 2/07/18 Commission Meeting Minutes
8. Adopt April and May 2018 Commission Calendar
9. Receive Sponsorship Fund Allocation Report (Yolo County Housing Spring Fling Event)

***Approve consent agenda items 7-9.***

**MOTION** F. Castillo

**SECOND:** S. Brown

Motion carries unanimously

Item #12: Accept Q2 Revenue and Expenditure YTD Summary Report, and Adopt updated DOF Prop 10 Revenue Projections

The Commission received a staff presentation on the Q2 Report. During the November 2017 meeting, the Commission voted to adopt the July 2017 State Department of Finance (DOF) Prop. 10 revenue projections to provide additional clarity in the Commission's financial position and plan. In January 2018, DOF released updated projections which included a 1.7% decrease (~32.5K) in revenue projections from the July 2017 projections as a result of decreased backfill projections (the result of a lower impact of Prop. 56 on cigarette consumption) and decreased e-cigarette revenue. Because the impact of Prop 56 is unfolding presently, the actual impact on revenues through FY17/18 continues to remain unclear.



From the Commission's work, First 5 Yolo Staff summarized and compiled "Program Investment Criteria," as well as "Strategies" the Commission identified for each Strategic Plan Goal. G. Daleiden presented this staff work to the Commission for discussion and comments, indicating that this portion of the Strategic Plan will inform The Commission's decisions about future investments and the ultimate adoption of a Funding Plan. The Funding Plan is then incorporated into the Strategic Plan, and updated each fiscal year.

Also at the Retreat, Commissioners and Staff discussed the uncertainty surrounding potential new revenue and/or new leveraging partnerships that are likely to develop over the course of the next year or so. In order to maintain the ability to leverage First 5 Yolo funds with new opportunities and possible countywide initiatives for collective impact, Commission direction was given to delay multi-year allocation of funds (which would otherwise occur by June 2018).

G. Daleiden noted that J. Cook (absent) communicated that she would like to specific "health equity" under the Child Health Goal. Commissioners agreed with this addition.

***Approve Strategic Plan Updates for Working Draft as presented, with the addition of "health equity."***

**MOTION:** J. Rexroad

**SECOND:** S. Brown

Motion carries unanimously

**Item #13: Approve Mid-Year Contract Reporting**

G. Daleiden presented the Mid-Year Contract Report. First 5 Yolo funded partners are required to submit demographic data quarterly and performance measure data twice yearly, in January (Q2) and July (Q4).

First 5 Yolo Staff verifies that funded partners are making satisfactory progress at Q2, and then payments are released. The Commission receives a brief summary report after Q2 reporting and staff review is complete. Annually, per First 5 protocol, a Local Evaluation Report is reviewed and adopted by The Commission. The goal is to work on Continual Quality Improvement in programs.

S. Brown asked whether commissioners may attend the Funded Partner Roundtable at some point in the future. G. Daleiden noted that as contractors are still making the transition to the Clear Impact reporting system, the coming Funded Partner Roundtables will likely focus on training. She said that she would expect that Commissioners could attend in a meaningful way in the next coming year.

***Approve Mid-Year Contract Reporting***

**MOTION:** F. Castillo

**SECOND:** H. Kellison

Motion carries unanimously

**Item #14: Adopt Commission Position on County of Yolo Proposed Tax on Cannabis Businesses for June 2018 Ballot**

G. Daleiden asked the Commission to adopt a position on the proposed County Tax on Cannabis Businesses. Per County Counsel, First 5 Yolo, as a public agency, is permitted to adopt an official position on ballot initiatives. This vote on position must occur at in an open and public meeting of the Commission.

On March 6, 2018, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors (BOS) finalized a ballot initiative that, if passed by voters in June 2018, will tax cannabis business in unincorporated Yolo County.

The ballot question for the tax measure, adopted by the BOS March 6, 2018, reads as follows:

*“Shall a tax be imposed on marijuana businesses in unincorporated Yolo County, subject to a citizen’s oversight committee, between 1-15% of gross receipts, with a 4% initial rate on cultivation and 5% for other marijuana businesses, which can be spent for criminal enforcement of illegal cultivation, early childhood intervention and prevention, youth development, rural infrastructure and for other unrestricted general revenue purposes, with potential annual revenue of \$1,000,000 plus, for an indefinite duration?”*

G. Daleiden recommended a *support position* on the ballot measure, as it addresses the First 5 Yolo mission that children are healthy, safe, and ready-to-learn.

She thanked the Friends of First 5 and Commissioners who attended meetings, individuals who wrote letters, and J. Provenza for working on incorporating “early childhood intervention and prevention” in the ballot question language.

***Adopt an official “support” position by First 5 Yolo for the County of Yolo Tax on Cannabis Businesses for June 2018 Ballot***

**MOTION:** H. Kellison

**SECOND:** S. Heitman

Motion carries unanimously

**Item #15: Executive Directors Report**

- Per policy, G. Daleiden reported a salary step increase for Business Services Officer due to a positive review.
- G. Daleiden will be attending the First 5 CA Summit in April. She will be on a panel to discuss new revenue, along with Santa Cruz and Humboldt First 5 ED’s and J. Provenza. Yolo has been invited to talk about new revenue from cannabis-related businesses.
- Davis Arts Center received a grant from the Bucks Foundation, and they will be working with First 5 Yolo PSE and Ark Preschool to provide trauma-sensitive art therapy. This includes both staff development and direct work with the children in the program.
- A partnership proposal with the City of Davis for the use of the City’s dedicated 1% Cannabis Community Benefit fee has been submitted, with Executive Committee review. The city is only working with First 5 Yolo and DJUSD for projects for this Community Benefit Fund. The proposal, The CHILD project, includes the expansion of screening, assessment, and high-intensity home visiting and other auxiliary services in Davis. CommuniCare has agreed to partner as the medical provider. The project includes an initial screening of prenatal families receiving services at CommuniCare. First 5 Yolo is able to use the validated screen developed by the Orange County Children and Families Commission. G. Daleiden is also working with UC Davis to develop a more robust screen based on Emily Putnam Hornstein’s published research on risk factors. Families that screen in will be offered a full 1:1 assessment through HFA. The goal is to identify the 3-5% of highest risk families and offer services in a scaled up home visiting model, as well as triage others into needed services.

### Item # 16: Receive Reports from Commissioners

J. Provenza reported that legal language is being drafted for a Preschool Ballot Initiative that would be placed on the ballot by signatures. There is still some question about the voting threshold required by such a measure.

J. Rexroad reported on her work with a collaborative of parents/caregivers, collecting data from parents from around the state based on mental health needs. She highlighted a conference in Asilomar, with a large part of the Agenda on 0-5 years of age. HMG is attending and will be on a panel. J. Rexroad will send it out to the Commission.

Next Meeting: May 9<sup>th</sup> –Commissioners noted that they would like to have a retirement celebration for Sue Heitman at her last meeting in June.

### Item #17: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.. The next Commission Meeting will be May 9, 2018 from 3-5pm at the First 5 Yolo, 502 Mace Blvd. Ste. 11, Davis, CA 95618.