



SPECIAL MEETING

The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 8th day of April, 2020

NOTE: This meeting was held via teleconference, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), available at the following [link](#).

Commissioners in Attendance: Jim Provenza, Nichole Sturmfels, Heidi Kellison, Sally Brown, Jenn Rexroad, Garth Lewis, Nichole Arnold

Staff in Attendance: Gina Daleiden, Melina Ortigas, Victoria Zimmerle

Public in Attendance: None.

Item #1: Call to order

J. Provenza called the meeting to order at 8:32am

Item#2: Roll Call

Absent: M. Roberts, K. Jakowski

Item #3: Approval of Agenda

Approve Agenda

Motion: H Kellison ***Second:*** S. Brown Motion carries unanimously

Item #4: State of Conflict and Recusal

None.

Item #5: Public Comment

None.

Item #6: Updates and Announcements from the Chair

J. Provenza updated commissioners on the frequent meetings that the Board of Supervisors is holding virtually. The stay at home orders appear to be working effectively thus far. The BOS is currently focused on looking for relief for renters, and in areas where there are special unmet needs. They have worked with the Food Bank for essential needs and have been able to house 120 homeless people to date by continuing to lease motels and hotels and give access to everyone to shelter in place.

Item #7: Approve COVID-19 Response Resolution

G. Daleiden summarized that the Resolution allows First 5 Yolo staff to respond rapidly to the COVID-19 emergency and shifting circumstances and needs. First 5 Yolo will work to get supplies to agencies in order to support the families they serve. Emergency Relief funding would be limited to \$2,500 per eligible agency. It is expected that much of the funding will go to covering additional IT infrastructure to move to compliant video platforms, or to change workflow to continue services to children and families during the crisis.



First 5 is working with OCAP and Family Resource Centers to leverage funding that is unallocated to fund supplies for family resource centers, and this has been very broadly defined, agencies do not have to carry the title of FRC but rather offer family strengthening activities. The timeline for this funding is unknown. If OCAP can contract with a single agency like First 5, this could help, as we can more quickly and nimbly contract with providers.

Travis Credit union has offered a donation to First 5 Yolo for COVID response.

N. Sturmfels suggested requesting donations on the First 5 website. J. Rexroad suggested all donations coming through the website currently be earmarked for COVID-19. The Commission discussed and agreed to allocating donations to COVID-19 relief efforts unless otherwise specified by the donors.

Approve COVID-19 Response Resolution

Motion: H. Kellison **Second:** G. Lewis Motion carries unanimously

Absent in roll call of votes: K. Jakowski, M. Roberts

Item # 8. Executive Director Report

G. Daleiden, V. Zimmerle and M. Ortigas provided updates on current services offered virtually by funded partners and discussed the quick work to amend contracts and allow for partners to adapt to COVID-19 conditions. Partners adapted quickly and implemented virtual platforms. They are offering virtual connection or some intermittent drop-offs at homes for essential supplies and resources to families.

J. Rexroad raised concerns about the dropping rates of child welfare reports and increase in domestic violence and the potential to use virtual services to help families connect to appropriate services as needed. G. Daleiden agreed the link to child abuse could be further highlighted. J. Rexroad agreed to connect with G. Lewis to discuss ideas for the role of the school districts. J. Provenza suggested discussing further with K. Jakowski to see how the messaging about rights can be improved. There are people who may not be aware of the restraining orders that they have access to, even during Shelter Orders.

Item 9: Commissioner Reports

Commissioners made suggestions about supplies. H. Kellison suggested working with distilleries to procure difficult-to-find hand sanitizer. S. Brown offered two locations in Winters that might be willing to help children and families and agreed to follow up with staff to share contacts.

Item # 10. Adjournment

J. Provenza adjourned the meeting at 9:43am