



The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 13th day of January, 2021

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, Karleen Jakowski, Heidi Kellison, Jennifer Rexroad, Garth Lewis, Nichole Arnold

Staff in Attendance:

Gina Daleiden, Melina Ortigas, Victoria Zimmerle, Sarah Hartman

Public in Attendance:

None.

Item #1: Call to order

Chair called the meeting to order at 3:09pm

H. Kellison provided notice that she would arrive late. She arrived at 3:40pm.

Item#2: Roll Call

V. Zimmerle called a voice roll call:

Absent: Sally Brown, Melissa Roberts

Item #3: Approval of Agenda

Approve Agenda

Motion: G. Lewis ***Second:*** K. Jakowski

V. Zimmerle called a voice roll call

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 announced that Supervisor Gary Sandy was assigned as the new alternate Supervisor for the Commission and will be invited to attend a future meeting.

J. Provenza also shared that COVID-19 vaccines are being shipped to the County and to County healthcare providers (Sutter, Dignity, UC Davis Health System). Priorities are changing quickly and are not always clear. However, childcare licensed and non-licensed are included by The State in priority tiers. The public should sign up online through the county website and tell their provider that they want the vaccine so they can get registered.

There is a team-based approach in the county to tackle the emerging issues related to COVID-19. Two



supervisors are working on health and alternates are being asked to play a bigger role with vulnerable populations such as children and the elderly.

Item #7: Approve First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting Minutes from [11/18/2020](#)

Approve Consent Agenda item 7, Move item 8 to Regular Agenda

Motion: J. Rexroad **Second:** G. Lewis

V. Zimmerle called roll call vote. Motion carries unanimously.

Item #8: Receive COVID-19 Fund Allocation Report

First 5 Staff noted a change for La Ranchera Radio Station for Spanish Public Service Announcement on vaccines and well child visits. The total amount was changed from \$750.00 to \$1,500 to account for all services rendered by the vendor.

Receive COVID-19 Fund Allocation Report with revision

Motion: J. Rexroad **Second:** N. Arnold

V. Zimmerle called roll call vote. Motion carries unanimously.

Item #9: Receive Presentation: The CHILd project: Road to Resilience (R2R) Home Visiting Video

G. Daleiden thanked the staff for their support in creating the R2R video script, and all the editing and work with the vendor to produce the video. R2R partners helped with the messaging as well and provided their own voice in the videos.

First 5 Staff will upload the video on the website, and it will be available to partners who will loop on television screens in waiting rooms in the clinic and other settings like family resource centers. This video will be helpful to communicate to the broader public more concretely about how R2R works and what support it can offer to families. The video was able to be created because of a grant from Yolo County cannabis funds.

Item #10: Receive Home Visiting Coordination Grant Update and Introduction of Sarah Hartman, First 5 Yolo Systems Improvement Officer

G. Daleiden introduced the new First 5 Yolo Systems Improvement Officer, S. Hartman. She has a PhD in human development from UC Davis, and her research focused on prenatal stress and how it impacts birth outcomes and early childhood outcomes. She also has an interest in research on resilience which drew her to First 5 Yolo. Home visiting can be a lifeline for families, and it can help families connect to many different resources and empower them through community support.

S. Hartman is currently working on First 5 California's Home Visiting Coordination Action Plan to improve systems around early child development. The plan will address identifying ways to create a more coordinated and integrated system of care: one that is seamless and provides the best services



according to a family's individual needs.

The Action Plan outlined different goals to address these issues of systems integration and coordination. The first task completed was the development of a survey to ask agencies and community organizations about priorities for systems and priorities to create a coordinated system of care. Survey participants are asked about what is working well and what is not working to help First 5 Yolo understand the needs of the community and where to prioritize efforts.

Item # 11: Consider and Approve COVID-Emergency Resolution Update

G. Daleiden explained that the language in the updated Resolution extends the Resolution through June 30, 2021 and expands allowable COVID-19 related expenditures to include COVID-19 recovery efforts.

There is approximately \$17,400 left of the original \$50,000 allocated with the original Resolution. Funds remain due to significant savings by way of generous donations from Baby2Baby, First 5 CA and CARES funding from the County to help serve childcare providers and families in need.

V. Zimmerle further explained that First 5 Yolo funds allocated are drawn from Proposition 10 funding, which is fully under the Commission's discretion.

Amend resolution 2020-01 to include recovery activities and extend the effective dates through June 30, 2021, as provided in Attachment A.

Motion: G. Lewis **Second:** K. Jakowski

V. Zimmerle called roll call vote. Motion carries unanimously.

Item 12: Receive a Briefing on UC Davis ACEs Aware Grant Application and Provide Direction for First 5 Yolo to Accept Funds

G. Daleiden provided an overview of the ACE's Aware Grant that includes First 5 Yolo as a leadership agency. In December 2020, the California Surgeon General's Office put out an ACEs Aware Grant for application by county partners. The turnaround was very tight (due date of December 21, 2020) for a grant that required coordination of multiple partners, and a collaborative group had to form very quickly. This group included UC Davis, CommuniCare Health Centers, Winters Health Care, Resilient Yolo, First 5 Yolo (and its Help Me Grow program with Children's Therapy Center as a First 5 Yolo subcontractor), Yolo County Children's Alliance, and UniteUs (IT platform) as key partners on the grant proposal.

UC Davis assumed the lead on writing the grant and project managing through their personnel at the Perinatal Origins of Disparities (POD) Center, with detailed data/statistical and other support made possible by the resources of a large educational and research institution.

Due to the timing of the grant, it was not possible to raise the proposal submission at a prior Commission Meeting. First 5 Staff worked closely with partners in the grant to create the proposal which was submitted on December 21st, 2020. The majority of the funding, if the grant is awarded, that is allocated to First 5 Yolo will flow to Children's Therapy Center to build on Help Me Grow's existing work



to expand outreach into the medical system. This allows HMG to fulfill its mission and strengthen relationships with partners in the medical system.

Direct the Executive Director to Accept the ACES Aware Grant Funds should they be awarded.

Motion: H. Kellison

Second: J. Rexroad

V. Zimmerle called a roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 13: Receive Update on First 5 Activities Related to COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Efforts and Advocacy for Childcare Providers and Families

G. Daleiden provided an update including the following:

- Yolo County Health Officer and Public Information Officer developed short videos for vaccines and well child and immunization videos, targeted at pregnant women and very young children, which partners can distribute with families.
- G. Daleiden offered the County First 5 staff support in communicating the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine, as needed.
- The First 5 Association is working on statewide communication tools targeted at different populations that will be disseminated to all counties.
- Vaccine reluctance is a concern, particularly with the most impacted populations such as childcare particularly, Childcare and Family, Friend and Neighbor providers (license exempt) who may live in higher-risk situations. There are fears and mistrust that need to be addressed with the public through communications and trusted messengers.
- Early learning providers, in-home licensed family providers, family friend neighbor license-exempt or unlicensed providers should all be included under childcare provider vaccine priority. First 5 Association agrees with this and has been promoted on a State vaccine advisory committee to the Governor. G. Daleiden expressed the desire for Yolo County to also support this definition.

H. Kellison expressed her desire for Family, Friend and Neighbor providers to be prioritized along with the other childcare providers as they are at great risk. She requested that the Commission take a formal stance as this is an equity issue. G. Lewis agreed to make a formal statement or letter. Chair Provenza suggested writing a letter to Dr. Sisson to request prioritization of Family, Friend and Neighbor Providers as a priority group. G. Daleiden agreed to draft a letter with support from H. Kellison.

H. Kellison requested agendizing a Public Information campaign or resources to address the benefits about getting the vaccine. G. Daleiden clarified the Public Information Officer has a Communication Plan and suggested working to ensure efforts are not duplicated. First 5 Yolo has shared vaccine videos put together with Public Health and the Public Information Officer as an immediate public relations measure with all partners including Road to Resilience home visiting. J. Provenza suggested that this topic be raised at the next meeting and discuss what gaps exist in communicating to the public about this topic and what more is needed.

Item 14: Executive Director Report

G. Daleiden shared the following information:

- First 5 Yolo staff are doing some internal staff development and teambuilding, using Clifton Strengths Finder) to help staff identify their personal strengths. G. Daleiden will be working with



a consultant who can provide some advice for free or minimal cost to support ongoing staff development that can be embedded in weekly team meetings.

- First 5 LA is sponsoring a home visiting funding analysis. First 5 Yolo was the only small county that was included in the analysis. G. Daleiden expressed this is an indication of the great work achieved by partners and staff managing The R2R Project. Once the report is finalized, G. Daleiden will share with The Commission.
- V. Zimmerle drafted a First 5 Yolo Property Check-out Form for remote work using a template from First 5 Sutter, and County Counsel has approved the language. County Counsel may also use it for other departments at Yolo County.
- First 5 is pleased that Dr. Nadine Burke Harris has been appointed by the Governor as chair of the First 5 California Commission. Adverse Childhood Experiences and screening efforts, as well as whole-child whole-family approaches are expected to be further elevated.

Item # 15: Commissioner Reports

G. Lewis extended an invitation to the Commission to the Annual celebration of Dr. King's birthday on the 26th of January at 6:00pm. Dr. Dawnte Early, with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, will be the keynote speaker that evening.

G. Lewis also requested to hear information about the recently released Master Plan for Early Learning and Care and how that work overlaps with the work of First 5 at a future meeting.

G. Daleiden mentioned that the Local Childcare Planning Council and some of the First 5 Executive Directors have discussed the Master Plan and both would like to see more focus on the whole-child and whole-family approach, but it is a good first start particularly during a pandemic. G. Daleiden will look at future opportunities to discuss at

Item 19. Adjournment

J. Provenza adjourned the meeting at 4:20pm

Next Commission Meeting scheduled:

March 10, 2021 via Zoom