



The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 18th day of November 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:

Karleen Jakowski, Heidi Kellison, Sally Brown, Jennifer Rexroad, Garth Lewis, Nichole Arnold, Melissa Roberts, Jim Provenza

Staff in Attendance:

Gina Daleiden, Melina Ortigas, Victoria Zimmerle

Public in Attendance:

Nolan Sullivan

Item #1: Call to order

Chair H. Kellison called the meeting to order at 3:03pm

Item#2: Roll Call

Absent: none, J. Provenza gave notice that, due to a family medical emergency, he would call into the meeting late. H Kellison chaired the meeting on his behalf. J. Provenza joined the meeting at 3:18pm

Item #3: Approval of Agenda

Approve Agenda with modifications, move item 14 to item 12, making item 12, item 13.

Chair H. Kellison called a voice vote with all in favor.

Motion: M. Roberts ***Second:*** G. Lewis Motion carries unanimously

Item #4: State of Conflict and Recusal

None.

Item #5: Public Comment

None.

Item #6: Updates and Announcements from the Chair

None.

Item #7: Approve First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting Minutes from [10/14/2020](#)

Item #8: Approve First 5 Yolo Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from 11/10/20

Item #9: Receive Sponsorship Fund Allocations Report (Davis Farm to School, The Village Feast)

Item #10: Receive COVID-19 Fund Allocation Report

Approve Consent Agenda items 7-10



Motion: G. Lewis **Second:** S. Brown

Chair H. Kellison called a roll call vote. Motion carries unanimously

Item # 11. Receive Update and Approve Direction: Strategic Plan Process and Recommendations

G. Daleiden presented the First 5 Yolo Staff and Executive Committee recommendation to approach the refresh of The Strategic Plan for FY 2020-2021 that focuses on updating the framing of the Strategic Plan rather than a full revamp of the Plan given the Funding Plan currently in place is locked for the next 3-5 years with the complex braiding and leveraging of funds for multi-year programs.

Further, The Commission has indicated there is continued interest around race and equity issues and discussing not only what First 5 Yolo invests in, but how it invests. G. Daleiden is exploring facilitators who could conduct a workshop around these topics in lieu of the typical strategic planning meetings. This would inform some of the framing refresh. First 5 Yolo Staff would likely bring a 2-year Strategic Plan template back to the Commission for final vote in June. H. Kellison expressed interest in pursuing a deeper yearly discussion of race and equity issues to honor the work involved around this important topic for strategic planning.

Approve Direction for strategic plan process and recommendations

Motion: M. Roberts **Second:** G. Lewis

Chair H. Kellison called a roll call vote. Motion carries unanimously

Item #12. (moved from item 13) Accept Quarter 1 Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report

Having reviewed the Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report, the Commission had no questions and moved for approval.

Accept Quarter 1 Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report

Motion: S. Brown **Second:** G. Lewis

Chair H. Kellison called a roll call vote. Motion carries unanimously

Item #13. Receive Update on Advisory Committee

G. Daleiden noted that a group of medical subject matter experts will form an more formal advisory committee to advise First 5 Staff on key initiatives, particularly the Child Project Road to Resilience and Help Me Grow. Their expertise in trauma and pediatrics will provide valuable insights for advancing the systems change efforts of First 5 Yolo. Staff will then be able to share this with The Commission.



Item # 14. Commissioner Reports (moved from item #16).

H. Kellison confirmed that the Davis City Council approved the Yolo Crisis Nursery building project, which means YCN will be able to proceed in pursuing their capital campaign and utilizing the previously approved \$100,000 from First 5 Yolo.

G. Lewis reported that all of the CARES funds the Board of Supervisors provided to Yolo County Office of Education/Local Childcare Planning Council for child-care stabilization have been expended. There was a clear need for assisting parents with payment for childcare slots, and they are grateful for the collaboration with First 5 Yolo and Local Childcare Planning Council to expend those funds quickly.

Item #15. Executive Director Reports

G. Daleiden provided the following reports:

- In alignment with First 5 Yolo policy, the Management Services Officer will be advancing up a pay scale due to a positive annual performance review.
- The Tier 1 Interview Committee has concluded interviews of five highly-qualified candidates for the Systems Improvement Officer. G. Daleiden will be conducting Tier 2 interviews in the following week.
- Emergency supply distribution are continuing, thanks to Yolo County Office of Education and G. Lewis for providing storage and distribution space. FEMA has provided generous supplies of hand sanitizer and Jessica Alba's/ Baby2Baby continued donations of diapers and other items are also now available to partners.

H. Kellison thanked G. Lewis for his leadership and collaboration to bring resources together and support, to manage the increased supplies distribution during the pandemic.

Item #16. Consider Allocation of One-Time Funds for County HHS Basic Income Pilot

N. Sullivan provided a slide presentation on the proposed universal Basic income (UBI) project serving families in deep poverty in Yolo county. The Commission appreciated that UBI avoids the many bureaucratic barriers families face to make their way out of poverty.

The proposed plan includes targeting CalWorks Housing Support Program (HSP) participants, which are the most in need. One caveat- is that families have to be documented in order to receive services.

There are 11,417 kids under 5-years old in Yolo County. 704 (or 6.1%) are on welfare. The poverty rate of 20.6%, puts Yolo county in the bottom category based on the California Poverty Measure, which is more accurate than the federal poverty level, as it takes CA's high cost of living into account.

The goal of the UBI is to establish a program based on best practices. Other models were carefully reviewed and plan to be consulted further in the development of the evaluation and protocol.



H. Kellison agreed that fewer clients at longer duration of financial support would be preferable. S. Brown added that the research to date does not include much on what happens to families post program exit, so it would be good to include a post program evaluation of some kind.

County Health and Human Services(HHSA) and the First 5 Executive Director worked collaboratively to develop some broad parameters for the UBI approach in Yolo. This will include allocating funding to CALWORKS HSP families with at least one child up to 2 years old, while ensuring that this support does not negatively impact other benefits the family receives in a small pilot. The next phase will include applying for additional funding through Office of Child Abuse prevention for \$75,000 or more, and private funders if the pilot is successful. The HHSA team has already reached out to four UC Davis poverty research experts who are willing to support this this project and N. Sullivan will be meeting with them to discuss the extent of their involvement. The team has also discussed evaluating similar measures to what First 5 already collects in funded programs and what other pilot UBI projects have done such as: stress levels, Talk, Read, and Sing, health variables like blood pressure, and child development. The goal is to focus on 31 of the neediest and most impoverished families and help add basic income to put them above the poverty measure and see what effects this has on improving outcomes for those young children.

Allocate one-time funds for County HHSA Basic Income Pilot in the amount of \$100,000.

Motion J. Provenza **Second:** K. Jakowski

Chair H. Kellison called a roll call vote. Motion carries unanimously

Item #17. Adjournment

Chair H. Kellison adjourned the meeting **at 4:00pm**

Next Commission Meeting scheduled:

January 13, 2020 via zoom