



The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 12th day of January, 2022

NOTE: This meeting was held via teleconference, pursuant to AB361.

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

*M. Roberts departing at 4:00pm

Staff in Attendance:

Gina Daleiden, Melina Ortigas, Victoria Zimmerle

Public in Attendance:

Justine Jimenez

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Item #1: Call to order

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

Item #2: Roll Call

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote.

Item #3: Approval of Agenda

Approve Agenda

Chair deemed the agenda approved

Item #4: State of Conflict and Recusal

None.

Item #5: Public Comment

None.

Item #6: Updates from the Chair

None. Chair Provenza may cover at end.

Item #7: Approve First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting Minutes from 11/10/21

Item #8: Authorize Remote (teleconference/videoconference) Meetings by Finding, Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, that Local Officials Continue to Recommend Measures to Promote Social Distancing as a Result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Approve consent agenda items 7-8

Motion: J. Rexroad **Second:** H. Kellison

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote.



Motion carried unanimously.

Item #9: Public Hearing: Receive First 5 Yolo Annual Local Evaluation Report FY20/21.

G. Daleiden noted the Local Evaluation has been updated to a more public friendly version highlighting the work of First 5 Yolo (F5Y) and making the information more accessible and easier to read. Several F5s are moving in this direction and when the document is posted online, more framing will be provided to cover the work completed over the year. An additional Letter from the Executive Director will be added to the Local Evaluation.

The total numbers served in the Local Evaluation Report reflect the Commission's Strategic Plan to have more families served prenatally and more providers served through capacity building efforts. It is important to note that children are not counted in First 5 statewide demographics until they are born and F5Y has been moving towards serving children earlier in life, increasing services for prenatal to age 3 populations over the course of the last 4 years. F5Y's largest home visiting initiative, The CHILD Project: Road to Resilience (R2R), enrolled most of their families prenatally.

The noted COVID-19 recovery work only scratches the surface of all the incredible work done by partners and F5Y staff. F5Y was actively involved in supply procurement and distribution, and over 13,000 cases of PPE and supplies were distributed in the prior FY. Childcare providers got the support they needed through clinics facilitated by F5Y and CommuniCare Health Centers (CCHC) in coordination with Healthy Davis Together.

The "how well did we do it?" and "is anyone better off?" sections of the Local Evaluation Report look at effectiveness and efficiency of the services, how they are delivered, and the actual outcomes of the families served. While Crisis Nursery's outcome (respite and emergency childcare) looks like a number count, it is a key strategy of F5Y to support families in distress and an important outcome for F5Y.

R2R has taken continuous quality improvement (CQI) to heart. The program started out with three different models and separate lists of performance metrics, and in a short amount of time, partner agencies were able to gain agreement and establish common indicators in a shared scorecard. This was critical for establishing shared language and team-based care as well as accelerating progress and innovations within R2R. Family centrality is one of the gold standards to providing quality care (and CQI) and the R2R team consistently demonstrated their commitment to that goal.

Help Me Grow (HMG) was another systems-change initiative helping to support the medical system while well child visits and other services were down. Through their ongoing reviews for barriers and gaps, they helped to increase their developmental playgroups and identified the need for child mental health specialists. This gap in providers, led to F5Y's partnership with Yolo County HHSA, beginning in FY19-20 to provide scholarships for the UC Davis Extension Napa Infant Parent Mental Health Fellowship where 15 completing training and were certified last year. HMG recently joined the Unite Us referral platform for more integrated data which will help support with tracking referrals more efficiently and coordinating information between multiple agencies. F5Y expects to see more of that data in the next fiscal year as HMG continues to pilot the platform this year.

In the new iteration of IMPACT with a concentration of Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) providers, there were several exciting early results. Providers were connected to career opportunities and children received support like activity kits so that providers could manage during remote training.



YCOE is working with their teams of licensed childcare providers and doing a nice job of coordinating the coaches with FFNs to work together to support the childcare system.

Open public hearing at: 3:27pm

Closed public hearing at 3:28pm

Item #10: Adopt First 5 Yolo Annual Local Evaluation Report FY 20/21

Commissioners heard a report on the First 5 Yolo FY20-21 Local Evaluation Report and had discussion during the pervious item, Item #9.

Adopt First 5 Yolo Annual Local Evaluation Report FY 20/21

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

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #11: Accept Q1 FY21/22 Revenue and Expenditure Report

V. Zimmerle provided an overview of the Q1FY22 Revenue and Expenditure Report noting the following items:

1. At the September meeting, the Commission voted to allocate discretionary funds to the following activities: Health and Wellness Fund establishment, Expansion of Accounting and Office Support Specialist Position to Regular Limited-Term Staff, and expansion of FFN Coach FTE at RISE, Inc. While these expenditures are incorporated into the budget at time of Commission action, staff documented how those actions modified the budget in the Q1 Revenue and Expenditure Report's "Proposed Revisions."
2. "Welcome Baby" projected revenues and expenditures have been added to the budget as new line items reflecting formal Commission action to accept ARP funds and budgeted FY22 expenses.
3. Revenues from the Office of Child Abuse Prevention/CDSS and associated program budgeted expenditures were updated related to the significant delays in the State's contracting process and the unlikelihood that a proposed budget amendment would be processed prior to the end of the fiscal year.
4. The variance projected for revenues associated with IMPACT 2020 reflect the late Q4FY22 payment received from the State which cover expenditures from the prior fiscal year. The reimbursement from the state was not received withing the 90-day period of availability and therefore is recognized in FY22.
5. The Operations Reserve reflects both the target reserve amount and the balance of the Commission allocated funds for the expansion of the Accounting and Office Support Specialist, which is anticipated to fund the position for approximately 4 years. Interviews for the position will be held next week.
6. The Welcome Baby Leveraging Reserve reflects the balance of the Commission's committed match funds (\$125,000) to the project through the life of the Commission's Agreement with Yolo County which are not currently in the FY22 budget.

Commissioners discussed and asked questions.



Accept Q1 FY21/22 Revenue and Expenditure Report

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

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote. S. Brown abstained.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #12: F5Y distribution of rapid antigen COVID tests for childcare providers

G. Daleiden briefed The Commission on F5Y's work with partner agencies to receive and distribute rapid antigen COVID tests to childcare providers. V. Zimmerle is scheduled to meet with health provider partners and CDPH later today to learn more about timing of test supplies from The State.

Children's Home Society has committed to stepping in as a distribution center should they be needed.

Dr. Sisson will also be meeting with childcare providers about COVID-19 safety, regulations, and holding a Q&A session.

G. Lewis confirmed that allocation of tests for K-12 students has been completed. Each district decided on how they wanted to distribute them.

G. Daleiden expressed concern for small family childcare and license-exempt childcare providers that might have more trouble accessing tests. G. Lewis agreed this was especially marked in the rural areas. There has been an increase in requests for tests from many childcare providers.

Item #14: Commissioner Reports

Note: Chair Provenza took item 14 ahead of Executive Director Reports-item #13.

Chair Provenza noted the Welcome Baby funding was an early approval from the County, and mini grants will be made available soon. Each supervisorial district will have \$50,000 and are looking for small programs or projects to apply. The application will be posted publicly soon.

G. Lewis reported that YCOE's ARP Project for a needs assessment and strategic planning for children, youth, and families was approved by the County's ARP Workgroup for recommendation to The Board of Supervisors. This includes a survey and prioritization of programs for children and youth and filling identified gaps. The goal of the project is to get a clearer understanding of the needs and assets in the community to help build a roadmap.

The Universal transitional Kindergarten program is just one component of the early learning continuum framework along with state preschools, that want to continue to center on parents and have them take the lead on their child's education. G. Nadal is heading the program and it will work with early childhood educators to move services into the 2–3-year-old age group to address that gap.

H. Kellison noted that the Davis Cemetery District is planning a COVID memorial project to memorialize the lives and ways we have lost, and is looking at a partnership with Chair Provenza, and City of Davis. She offered to keep anyone interested abreast of the project.

Item #13: Executive Director Reports



G. Daleiden reported preparations are well under way to launch First 5 Yolo's Welcome Baby ARP Project. S. Hartman is leading the program for First 5 Yolo, and she will likely give an update in March/April commission, as the first clients are expected to enter the program sometime in February. F5Y staff had a meeting with Sutter Health and they were incredibly enthusiastic and ready for the project to get started.

The Welcome Baby Project Coordinator has been hired and will be starting next week. S. Hartman and M. Ortigas have been working with UC Davis on an evaluation plan. CCHC has job offers to nurses and behavioral health clinicians. F5Y staff are currently working with funded partners on protocols and procedures for the WB project.

G. Daleiden is now on the F5 Association Policy committee and her work will focus on sustainability and other opportunities as they arise.

Chair Provenza suggested a press release with the County to announce Welcome Baby and offered the Public Information Officer to work on the release.

4:12PM the Commission entered closed session.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

1. Public Employee Evaluation

Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Executive Director follow up from last meeting

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Chair Report out From Closed Session:

Item #15: Chair Adjournment

Chair Provenza adjourned the meeting at 5:00PM

Next Commission Meeting scheduled:

March 9, 2022