



The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 10th day of November, 2021

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*

Staff in Attendance:

Gina Daleiden, Melina Ortigas, Victoria Zimmerle, Fawn Montagna, Alanna Jonsson

Public in Attendance:

Justine Jimenez

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Item #1: Call to order

Chair Provenza called the meeting to order at: 3:02pm

Item #2: Roll Call

V. Zimmerle took a voice roll call.

Late: M. Roberts and G. Lewis arrived at 3:04pm

Item #3: Approval of Agenda

Chair Provenza deemed the agenda approved.

Item #4: State of Conflict and Recusal

None.

Item #5: Public Comment

None.

Item #6: Updates from the Chair

None.

Executive Director recommends approval of Consent Agenda Items 7-8.

Item #7: Approve First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting Minutes from 10/20/21

Item #8: Renew Authorization for Remote Meetings

Renew authorization for remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings by finding, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, that (a) the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency is ongoing, (b) local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, and (c) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.



Approve consent agenda items 7-8

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

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #9: Receive Confirmation of ARP Welcome Baby Funding from County and Approve 2-year Contracts for CommuniCare, Yolo County Children’s Alliance, and Children’s Therapy Center for Direct Services

G. Daleiden confirmed that the Board of Supervisors approved the Welcome Baby proposal and noted the following: S. Hartman and M. Ortigas are working hard on the scopes of work with funded partners. The Board approval includes funding for the first 2 years of Welcome Baby from American Rescue Plan Act funds and First 5 Yolo will be seeking funding for the third year of the project from the cities.

G. Daleiden will be working with the cities and will inform the Commission of any need for additional support. In the meantime, she encouraged Commissioners to advocate in their local cities, as appropriate.

Approve 2-year Welcome Baby contracts for CommuniCare, Yolo County Children’s Alliance, and Children’s Therapy Center.

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

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote.

Motion carries unanimously.

Item #10: FY 2020-2021 Year End Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report Update

V. Zimmerle presenting the updated FY2020-2021 Year-End Revenues and Expenditure Summary Report nothing the following:

- 1) The Year-End Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report Update ties down to the final audited financial statements and largely matches the report presented at the September Commission Meeting with a couple updates.
- 2) One receivable, the First 5 CA IMPACT 2020 Q4 FY21 reimbursement, was not received from the state by 9/30/21. These funds are fully collectable; however, the revenue must be realized in FY21-22 as it was not received within the Commission’s period of availability. This has no long-term impact on the Commission’s overall fund balance or financial position.
- 3) Beginning in Fiscal Year 2019-2020, Yolo County DFS began recording Fair Market Valuation adjustments in the accounting system rather than only carrying the adjustment on the financial statements. The adjustment is carried through on the Revenue and Expenditure Report as it is indicative of all revenue and expenditure transactions within the accounting system. In FY21, the fair market valuation of F5Y assets resulted in an unrealized loss of ~\$19,000. First 5 Yolo has no plans to liquidate its assets with the County treasury and is unlikely to realize the loss, however, the unrealized loss/gain is included annually for reporting purposes.
- 4) Small updates were made to reflect accrual errors that were realized during the year-end reconciliation process and have an immaterial impact on the ending fund balance.

It was noted that there were two errors on the agenda which will be updated by F5Y staff. The correct fiscal year for the report should be FY 20-21 rather than 21-22, and the title should be updated from Business Services Officer to Deputy Director.

Accept FY2020-2021 Year-End Revenue and Expenditure Report Update

Motion: H. Kellison **Second:** N. Arnold

V Zimmerle took a roll call vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item # 11. Receive FY20/21 Q4 Performance Measure Summary Report for IMPACT and Dual Language Learner Expansion

G. Daleiden noted the Report reflects the first full year of IMPACT 2020. F. Montagna provided an update on performance measure reports from funded partners in IMPACT 2020.

Highlights include:

- 2,432 activity kits distributed to support learning during the pandemic
- 186 providers served
- 92% of providers met at least one of their Quality Improvement Plan goals (QIP)
- Several family friends and neighbor (FFN) providers are currently in the process of getting licensing as part of their Quality Improvement Plan in IMPACT
- Providers/FFNs now have a network of support for training and additional resources
- COVID-19 safety trainings, supplies, and PPE have been distributed across the year
- Increased support with virtual learning and access to technology and technical assistance
- There was no in-person child-care provided during childcare provider team coaching due to COVID-19 precautions, and instead activity kits for children were distributed

Dual Language Learner Expansion:

Yolo County Office of Education and the Woodland Joint Unified School District are implementing Learning Networks for childcare providers serving dual language learners using the Sobrato Early Academic Language (SEAL) curriculum. 93% of the providers served by Woodland Joint Unified School District noted positive outcomes from their learning network participation. Yolo County Office of Education's cohort was still ongoing as of June 30, 2021 and outcomes for that cohort will be reported in FHY1 of 2022.

The Resource and Referral network agency, Children's Home Society, collaborated on IMPACT efforts and was helpful in supplying childcare providers with supplies and information to become licensed. Thanks to their trainings, 9 Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) providers are now in the process of becoming licensed.

G. Daleiden noted that F5 CA only demands QIP goal attainment but F5Y is looking at ways to improve/refine performance metrics to truly demonstrate the great work that IMPAC2020 has accomplished. F. Montagna has been asked to present on the FFN provider work in regional venues, as it has been an innovative strategy for providers who would otherwise not be served. V. Zimmerle noted the impressive work by contractors and providers to overcome challenges with technology, translation, changing safety



guidelines, and resources from State licensing and Centers for Disease Control during the pandemic. In response to the pandemic, Quality improvement goals centered on safety and meeting basic needs and supplies for providers and the families they serve. Expanded information on IMPACT2020 will be included in the Local Evaluation report in January 2022.

Receive FY20/21 Q4 Performance Measure Summary Report for IMPACT and Dual Language Learner Expansion

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

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #12: First 5 Association Strategic Plan

G. Daleiden highlighted that Policy priorities have been identified for the work of First 5 Association, while it is understood that the diverse array of County Commissions will range in local priorities, and unplanned opportunities or needs may arise. At the Association level, Universal Home Visiting and Family Strengthening, Early Childhood Mental Health, and Early Identification and Intervention Systems Development, have been selected as the three main policy and systems change priorities, which align well with First 5 Yolo's local efforts.

G. Daleiden noted that much of the work for the Strategic Plan was done under the incredible, though short, leadership of Melissa Stafford Jones who transitioning from her role as First 5 Association Executive Director to her position as the newly appointed Director for the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative at the California Health and Human Services Agency. She worked hard to focus First 5 on early childhood mental health.

The First 5 Association is currently recruiting for a new Executive Director.

Commissioners agreed it was good to see the level of alignment between the First 5 Association, First 5 CA, and local First 5 County Commissions.

Receive the Report

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

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

J. Jimenez provided public comment on the previous item, Item #11. She shared that given her experience with reporting on IMPACT in previous years, it can be difficult to use Clear Impact to reflect the great variety of improvements that were made with providers and that she thinks it is difficult to get across the magnitude of what was done for providers during the COVID-19 pandemic.. She expressed an interest in the information and/or presentations that have been created or shared with other groups to share and promote the great work First 5 Yolo has done to support the early childcare community and FFNs specifically.

Item #13: Executive Director Report



G. Daleiden, G. Lewis, and K. Jakowski are part of the Child, Youth, Families American Rescue Plan Fund Workgroup and are looking through data to identify broad priority areas to be shared with the Board of Supervisors.

Chair Provenza asked if there was any data on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) increasing as a result of the pandemic and pointed to a need to allocate additional resources. G. Daleiden and K. Jakowski clarified that while ACEs scores have not been looked at in the data thus far in the workgroup, risk factors contribute to adverse childhood experiences. G. Lewis noted he is noticing an uptick in suspension rates and behavior issues in the school system. H. Kellison added that YCN service use is up 43% and the reason for entry into their services is related to risks for ACEs.

The F5 Association Annual Summit is scheduled for December. If there is an opportunity for sessions for Commissioners, G. Daleiden will notify First 5 Yolo Commissioners. G. Daleiden will be on a panel at The Summit to discuss the work First 5s have done with Managed Care Plans and the status of work by First 5 Yolo in this regard.

Item #14: Commissioner Reports

G. Lewis stated YCOE is pleased to partner with First 5 Yolo on a vaccine drive thru clinic for 5–11-year-olds this upcoming Saturday. He is excited that CDPH has asked for information about the clinic and any lessons learned for the state to use.

K. Jakowski highlighted CWS continues to see decreased referrals for suspected child abuse and neglect. Staffing changes have been made to reallocate resources to support families with open child welfare cases, those who are in family maintenance, or in reunification. They are seeing the work with families is much more complex and it will help to reduce caseloads to have more quality time to support families. There has been a 25% decrease in the number of children in foster care compared to the same time last year.

Closed session:

Open session ended **at: 3:59pm**

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

1. Public Employee Evaluation

Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Executive Director

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Chair Report out From Closed Session: No Report Out

Item #15: Chair Adjournment

Chair Provenza adjourned the meeting at **4:26pm**

Next Commission Meeting scheduled:

January, 13, 2022 via Zoom