



The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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, Verna Sulpizio Hull, Nichole Arnold\*

**Staff in Attendance:**

Gina Daleiden, Melina Ortigas, Victoria Zimmerle

**Public in Attendance:**

Sheila Allen-Deputy  
Supervisor

Marianne Estes from  
District 1

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

Item #1: Call to order

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

Noted that this is likely the last meeting with the remote meeting order in place. It may be possible to continue to have remote hybrid meetings, but that is still to be decided.

Item #2: Roll Call

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote.

Nichole Arnold was not present. Arrives **at 4:13pm**.

G. Daleiden introduced Verna Sulpizio Hull, a new mom who is happy to be here and serve in this new role. She currently runs a business as a management consultant and is planning to go back to school for ADHD training. She is very passionate about new moms and this community.

Item #3: Approval of Agenda

***Approve Agenda***

Chair Provenza deemed the agenda approved. No objections.

Item #4: State of Conflict and Recusal

None.

Item #5: Public Comment

None.

Item #6: Updates from the Chair



Note: Chair Provenza will cover this item during item 18 and requests to make this part of that item (Commissioner reports) moving forward.

Item #7: Approve First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting Minutes from 1/12/22

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. Sulpizio Hull abstained as this was her first commission meeting.

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote. Motion carries unanimously.

Item #9 Approve \$13,024 increase to CommuniCare Health Centers Welcome Baby Contract

Item #10: Declare as Surplus Outdated Laptops That are No Longer of Use to First 5 Yolo, and Authorize Executive Director to Dispose of Surplus Items

Item #11: Receive Update on “Welcome Baby” Program Launch

G. Daleiden briefed the Commission on the launch of Welcome Baby (WB), First 5 Yolo’s American Rescue Plan project. She noted that first patients have already entered the program and preparations are well under way. The first hospital to on-board, Sutter Davis, has been very enthusiastic.

Dr. Suzanne Eidson- Ton, CommuniCare Health Centers Chief Medical Officer, spoke about CommuniCare’s leadership of the direct services in Welcome Baby and expressed how incredibly excited she is about this project. The first two weeks of life for a baby and for mothers/birthing parents is a critical time in their life. Babies and parents are establishing sleeping patterns, parents are exhausted and might have mood instability, and need a lot of support and help during that time. Nurses will be able to address post-partum mood disorders, safe sleeping for babies, other needs the families may have, and will be able to follow up on any issues they identify.

Dr. Eidson-Ton explained that although there is a lot of information about COVID-19 vaccination safety during pregnancy, since antibodies are passed on to the baby to protect them, a lot of women still understandably have concerns and fears around vaccinating during pregnancy. Welcome Baby (WB) nurses will be able to offer vaccines to those moms. Families will have home visiting nurse support to ensure they establish care with a primary care provider and attend their postpartum visit, as well as to support breastfeeding. G. Daleiden noted Welcome Baby is just starting to focus on on-boarding CommuniCare Health and Sutter Hospital, and then phasing in other hospitals and medical systems to reach eligible families across Yolo County.

S. Hartman provided an update on project status:

- S. Hartman was on the hiring committee for the WB Coordinator. The Committee selected a health educator with over 15 years’ experience.
- The home visiting Welcome Baby Nurses have been hired.



- Yolo County Children’s Alliance hired a WB supervisor, WB community health workers, and WB Data Analyst. They are actively recruiting for the remaining positions.
- Partners have engaged in different types of training. Nurses are getting training on lactation training for home visits and Community Health Workers have Healthy Families America training. Families will receive health literacy training materials through “Baby Basics” books and appointment planners. F5 Yolo is working with a Health Literacy Expert, Anne Marie Liebel, who is creating health literacy trainings for the project team. This will support families to self-manage and improve patient-provider communication. The trainings are based on focused interviews with WB staff to target their needs so they can use the training to complement evidence-based materials they will be providing to families (Baby Basics materials).
- University of California, Davis and their Health Equity Across the Lifespan (HEAL) Lab is supporting with the WB data and evaluation to assess the community impact.
- Key outcomes expected were presented with a WB Community Impact Infographic

G. Daleiden noted that on March 1<sup>st</sup> City of Davis approved \$300,000 from their ARP dollars for Welcome Baby, and First 5 Yolo and County of Yolo hope to see progress made in this regard with the cities of Woodland and West Sacramento.

UCD also asked First 5 Yolo (F5Y) to partner on a grant to National Institutes of Health to expand the evaluation portion of the project and fund some additional programmatic aspects. S. Hartman will be the point person for the grant. F5Y and UC Davis (UCD) will be co- investigators on the project. UCD believes this project is of the caliber to successfully receive this grant.

H. Kellison noted there will there be a wait list to mental health services. The WB coordinator is currently building partnerships to enhance care coordination and track the capacity of other programs. A key objective of the project is to improve the timeliness to follow-up care. Data will capture not only whether depression screening results indicate risk, but whether clients with a depression risk score are connected to further evaluation and support in a timely manner to care. S. Hartman is working on data linkages with Partnership Health Plan.

Chair Provenza asked if a control group would be part of the study. S. Hartman confirmed that UCD will review pre/post implementation rates and comparison data between clinics that do and do not run the intervention, as well as interviewing those who were not part of the project to understand reasons why they refused to engage to inform program development and improvement. The specifics on the types of analysis are not final yet, but a randomized controlled trial is not within the scope of the project.

#### Item #12: Election of First 5 Yolo Commission Officers

H. Kellison nominated Nicole Arnold to be the Vice Chair and Sally Brown to remain as the Treasurer.

***Nominate Nicole Arnold to be Vice Chair and Sally Brown to remain as Treasurer***

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

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote. Motion carries unanimously.

#### Item #13: Accept Q2FY22 Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report



V. Zimmerle noted two immaterial typos on the dates on the Expenditure Report, and that funding streams continue to be more complex as First 5 Yolo leverages dollars with partners.

There was an increase in Communicare's (CCHC) contract by \$13,000 for the purchase of Salesforce licenses, to build the WB database. S. Hartman and M. Ortigas have been working diligently on the buildout. This was not a change in allocation, but rather a line-item change. F5Y intended to administer the licenses, but CCHC graciously agreed to administer the licenses which helps to reduce costs for F5Y.

***Accept Q2FY22 Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report***

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

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote. Motion carries unanimously.

**Item #14: Accept Report on Part 1, Fiscal Half Year 1 Funded Partner Performance Measures: The CHILD Project: Road to Resilience (R2R)**

G. Daleiden noted that all funded partners are making satisfactory progress and have been paid or are in progress.

In January 2020, the CHILD Project: Road to Resilience (R2R) project was launched with the intent to merge medical services and social services to address fragmented systems and barriers to care.

In R2R, an administrative data screen (ADS) is used to better prioritize clients according to levels of risk and need for support. Emily Putnam Hornstein's work informed the ADS and includes substance use. The expansion enabled by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) funding, required a history of substance use for eligibility. The eligibility for the city of Davis remains the same as it was in the CHILD Pilot Project for higher risk based on ADS screening forms regardless of substance use. With the OCAP funding and project scope expansion, R2R is now able to serve families countywide.

There are many funding streams on R2R, which makes financial and programmatic data more complex and time intensive compared to using Prop 10 funding alone. Funds for the project include private funds, cannabis funds, county cannabis tax funds, and cannabis civil settlements. The Yolo County district attorney, DA Reisig, contacted G. Daleiden to say he has another settlement check coming as early as next week. The City of Woodland has also contributed to R2R and F5Y and is in discussions about further funding.

M. Ortigas noted the remarkable outcomes R2R has managed to sustain. Key highlights include:

- Building a culture of learning, trust, and collaboration that allowed staff to innovate and improve services using the principles of continuous quality improvement (CQI).
- Process and data quality improvements included family-centered language updates to surveys and addressing a gap in surveys inclusive of and better matched to prenatal populations.
- Creating a safe environment to foster greater collaboration with staff feeling comfortable to share their experiences and ideas.

K. Jakowski noted the outcomes are impressive and OCAP really spearheaded the effort to focus on substance use to prevent child abuse. F5Y staff and partners have done an incredible job meeting the unique needs of this population. The numbers are outstanding and speak to the great work by F5Y and



partners to help these families during a critical time when infants are most vulnerable and at risk of child abuse and neglect.

***Accept Report on Part 1, Fiscal Half Year 1 Funded Partner Performance Measures: The CHLD Project: Road to Resilience (R2R)***

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

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote. Motion carries unanimously.

**Item #15: Consider and Approve Yolo Crisis Nursery Request for Letter of Support for State Funding**

Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar Curry has submitted a budget request to the assembly budget committee for 1 million dollars.

During the pandemic, there was a marked increase in requests for services, but Yolo Crisis Nursery (YCN) has limited capacity. They currently use every square inch of the small house in Davis. The new facility they are planning and fundraising for is on donated land and will allow them to triple services.

H. Kellison noted the YCN would not be able to continue their level of service without this support.

***Approve Yolo Crisis Nursery Request for Letter of Support for State Funding***

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

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote. Motion carries unanimously.

**Item #16: Public Hearing: Accept First 5 California's FY2020/2021 Annual Report**

G. Daleiden shared the Annual Report and mentioned all counties provide information which is featured in the state's Annual Report. F5 CA has finalized the report and the public can comment.

**Public Hearing at 4:38pm**

**Closed at 4:39pm**

***Accept First 5 California's FY2020/2021 Annual Report***

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

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote. Motion carries unanimously.

**Item #17: Executive Director Report**

- G. Daleiden noted F5Y was awarded County of Yolo American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding for childcare. The BOS approved the allocation recommended by the Child, Youth, Families ARP Subgroup.
- F5 Association is forming a think tank focused on developing recommendations for home visiting for The First 5 Network and for CA State leadership. There are 10 counties included in this initiative and F5 Yolo has been invited, which is exciting, particularly as a smaller F5.
- Rachel McFarland has been hired to support with fiscal tasks and administrative tasks. F5Y Commission will likely be seeing some of her creativity/artistic skills in future presentations.

**Item #18: Commissioner Reports**



Chair Provenza reported on the Board of Supervisors (BOS) Meeting and further consideration of American Rescue Plan funding for children. Funding was allocated for First 5 Yolo's and Yolo County Office of Education's proposals.

There was also an allocation to G. Lewis' project for a needs assessment for children and youth and to develop a roadmap to the future. G. Lewis noted that \$200,000 requested for the landscape assessment work aligns to the systems work of F5 and rebuilding considering the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chair Provenza noted all the funding in the Child, Youth, Families category has been allocated, but Yolo Crisis Nursery has not been funded yet. The staff are considering whether there should be a separate category with additional funding for child abuse prevention and possibly setting aside more money for childcare. Chair Provenza recognizes an unmet need for children and is hoping that more money will be allocated to early childhood.

K. Jakowski is very excited about the Needs Assessment and Roadmap to the Future. The ARP workgroup has set aside 2.2 million dollars which will be transformational and aims to allow The County to use data to allocate funds to where the community needs it most and to recover from the pandemic.

K. Jakowski noted several personnel changes at HHSA: Nolan Sullivan is stepping in for Karen Larsen as HHSA Interim Director while K. Jakowski will be filling in as interim Health Director.

V. Sulpizio Hull thanked the Commission for helping her get up to speed and addressing all her questions. She was able to meet with community members and will be doing some community site visits..

**The Commission entered Closed Session at 5:00pm.**

#### **CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator (§ 54957.6):  
Unrepresented Employee: First 5 Executive Director

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION at: 5:25pm**

Chair Report out From Closed Session: Unanimously, the Commission provided direction to proceed with a 5% pay scale increase for First 5 Yolo's Executive Director position, retroactive to February 1, 2022, pending a subsequent meeting to formally adopt the adjusted pay scale.

#### Item #19: Chair Adjournment

Chair Provenza adjourned the meeting at 5:37pm.

Next Commission Meeting scheduled:

May 11, 2022