

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES – NO QUORUM; COMMITTEE MEETING ONLY

FRIDAY

May 14, 2010

2:30 P.M.

Members: Betsy Uda, Chair, Steven Berniker (**Absent**), Mali Currington, Beth Hassett (**Absent**), Bobbie Hooker (**Absent**), Terry Jones (**Absent**), Margaret Maxwell (**Absent**), Barbara Payne, Ashley Rosales, Glenn Sayers, Robert Silva (**Absent**), Amy Lin Tan, Gloria Torres (**Absent**), Kathleen West (**Absent**)

Staff: Toni Moore, Executive Director (**Absent**)
Cheryl Rookwood, Clerk of the Commission

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 2:31 without a quorum.
Welcome & Introductions: New Member Glenn Sayers was introduced and welcomed.
2. Chair's Report
Action: Report given.
3. Approval of April 9, 2010 Draft Minutes
Action: None
4. Nominate and approve new Vice-Chair
Action: None
5. Approve nomination of Dr. Lee Turner-Muecke for Community Representative:
Education and Early Care and recommend appointment to the Commission
Action: None
6. Executive Director: Commission Report
Action: Verronda Moore gave the Executive Director's Report which included:
 - Highlights of the May 3rd Commission meeting.
Committee members had questions and expressed disappointment about the Museum Exhibit funding request being delayed. There was also considerable discussion about the CAPC item. A Committee Member recommended the Commissioners attend a workshop with a child development professor; another suggested the addition of a currently practicing academic person. A clarification of "home visitation" was requested and explained which generated more discussion.
 - A brief outline of the upcoming June 7th Commission meeting.
 - A brief outline of the proposed First 5 orientation at the June 11th Advisory Committee meeting.
This will replace the usual meeting format except for three items that will require a vote, and will take place at the usual time of 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. A Committee member asked if there is a chart that shows First 5's relationship with other Agencies or a diagram

of how we work together, as she has received comments about duplicative services.

7. Presentation and Brief Overview: Community Building Initiative (CBI)

Action: Report given.

8. Commission Staff Reports:

a. Children's Health Initiatives and Fluoridation Work Group – Debra Payne reported on:

- The Commission approved funding the Smile Keepers Mobile Van for five years. Smile Keepers provides dental exams, fluoride varnishes and refers to the Children's Dental Clinics for follow-up treatment.
- A Dental Clinic Request for Applications (RFA) was recently released; applications are due June 14, 2010. Debra needs reviewers and asked if there was interest and/or dental clinic experience among the Committee Members. She shared that Dr. Jones will be one of the reviewers. A two hour Reviewer training session will be held on June 18th and a scoring session is scheduled for June 25th. Debra does not expect we will receive more than three applications.
- Fluoridation Workgroup: The City of Sacramento is considering stopping fluoridating their water as a cost savings measure. The Workgroup is requesting letters of support to the City against stopping this important action. Fluoridation costs each resident ½ cent per month and saves approximately \$42 annually in dental costs per resident. This item will be heard at the next City Council meeting on May 18th @ 6:00 p.m. The Workgroup is trying to get this item off the City's cost saving measures and is encouraging them to apply to First 5 Sacramento for funds to upgrade their equipment, which would result in cost savings.

Breastfeeding and Nutrition/Physical Activity – Myel Jenkins reported on:

- Final contract negotiations are proceeding with WIC for breastfeeding support services for a three year contract beginning 7/1/10.
- Contract negotiations continue with Health Education Council (HEC) for a three year contract beginning 7/1/10.
- HEC has started up the Farm Stands again helping families with children ages 0-5 have access to affordable and healthy foods. The Farm Stands are located at Head Starts and preschools and are timed to coincide when families are dropping off children.
- Tot Lots – “Pint sized playgrounds for young children through age 5” - Another grand opening will be held on June 11 @ Howe Park. It is #9 on the Tot Lot map that was distributed (it is also on our web site.) The Tot Lots have been funded through Parks and Recreation Districts. Requirements include up-to-date and safe equipment, and building either a vegetable garden or butterfly garden. All Tot Lots have opted for the butterfly garden.

b. Community Building Initiative – Julie Beyers reported:

- The Commission approved funding for (12) Community Grants at their May 3rd meeting. May 26th is the Planning For Success Orientation.
- Four Phase II applications were received by the March 22 deadline. We will present funding recommendations for two of the applications to the Commission at their June 7th meeting.
- Recruiting new reviewers for training in June. The next deadline for Community Grant applications is August 6.

c. School Readiness Initiative: Cathy Spivey reported on upcoming School Readiness and Bright Futures events:

- The May 6 Collaboration with Galt School District was very successful. Cathy reported the number of screenings as follows: (41) Developmental; (32) Vision and Hearing; (6) Speech and Language; (32) Immunizations, and (131) Dental screenings and varnishes.
- Two upcoming School Readiness events (hand-outs distributed):

May 17: Natomas Unified School District – Jefferson Elementary School from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
May 24: North Highlands at Freedom Park from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

- Doreen Diehl's report included:
- The County-wide School Readiness Transition Summit was held last Saturday and was successful with 250 involved. The objective was to bring private and pre-school teachers together with Kindergarten teachers and school administrators.
- In Praise of Providers was held last night. This was sponsored by Child Action and the Quality Childcare Collaborative. They had six awards: one went to Superintendent Dave Gordon, who is a statewide leader in Early Education. Three were awarded to people who had been touched by First 5 funding either through the Pre-School Bridging Model or by a Community Grant. All three of these individuals acknowledged First 5.
- New Buzzword: ELQIS which is a major statewide effort to develop this Early Learning Quality Improvement System. This will include design expectations, which we already have, in learning foundations and evaluation. A Public Hearing is scheduled May 24 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at SCOE. The next ELQIS Advisory Meeting will be held in Woodland in June.
- We are partnering with WestEd, Child Action, First 5 El Dorado, and SCOE for training on the Infant Toddler Learning Foundations Program and Guidelines. Child Action sent notices to caregivers regarding two upcoming sessions scheduled for July 31 and August 21. There were 55 slots available and by yesterday (May 13) there was 43 people registered.

d. Effective Parenting Initiative – Verronda Moore reported on:

- Contract negotiations are continuing Child Abuse Prevention Center of Sacramento on behalf of the Family Support Collaborative for Crisis Intervention Services.

9. Work Group Updates:

- a. Evaluation Committee – No report. The next Evaluation Committee Meeting is on May 17th.
- b. Financial Planning Committee – No report. The next Financial Planning Committee Meeting is on May 27th.

10. Membership Report: None.

11. Future Agenda topics: None.

12. Announcements/Comments: None.

13. Public Comments: None.

Adjourned: 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Rookwood, Clerk, Advisory Committee
First 5 Sacramento Commission