

**FIRST 5 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION**

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES (approved Feb 25, 2015)

January 28, 2015

Commissioners Present

Bruce Gibson	SLO County Board of Supervisors
Penny Borenstein, M.D.	SLO County Public Health Department
Mary Kern	Community at Large
Lee Collins	Department of Social Services
Janet Murphy	Community at Large
Michael McNerney, M.D.	American Academy of Pediatrics (FAAP)
Tracy Schiro	Children's Services Network

Commissioners Absent/Excused –

James Brescia	SLO County Office of Education
Melinda Sokolowski	Child Care Planning Council

Staff Present

First 5 staff: Wendy Wendt, Jason Wells, Misty Livengood
Commission Evaluator: Tom Keifer
Commission Counsel: Ray Biering

Call to Order

Chairperson Gibson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

ITEM 1 - Adoption of Agenda

As incoming chair, Commissioner Gibson proposed omitting formal adoption of the agenda as an action item. Counsel Biering confirmed that this is a reasonable adjustment to protocol and in compliance with Brown Act.

Chairperson Comments & Update

- 1) Chairman Gibson proposed two procedural changes. First, as noted above, for future meetings no formal agenda adoption will be required. Second, when a motion/second is made on action items, the Chair will ask if there is any opposition. If none, then vote is unanimous. If there are objections, then a roll call vote will proceed.

- 2) Mr. Gibson is concerned about the prospects faced with running an organization in the context of declining funding. He encouraged Commission discussion and planning on stabilizing funding streams for First 5. He recently addressed the issue with First 5 CA Executive Director Camille Maben and also met with Assembly Member Achadjian and Senator Monning on the topic. Both legislators are interested in talking about the issue of declining revenue for First 5 and ways to continue supporting its work with alternative revenue sources.
- 3) First 5 intern Rebekkah Tucker was present and introduced to Commissioners. She is a child development major at Cal Poly.

ITEM 2 - Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM 3 - Consent Agenda

1. Approve December 3, 2014 minutes
2. Approve Q2 Quarterly Financial Report
3. Approve Contract Amendment– Evaluation Services (Thomas Keifer Consulting)
4. Approve 2014 Outcome Evaluation Report
5. Authorize Chair/ED to execute assignment of LINK Health Navigator contract to Transitions Mental Health Association in the event of an organizational merger

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schiro and passed unanimously.

ITEM 4 – Staff Report

Staff updated the Commission on various projects and information regarding First 5 SLO County.

Public Comment: Sandi Miscovich (MCAH Program Manager, Department of Public Health) praised First 5 SLO County outreach and marketing style.

ITEM 5 – Action: Review and Approve Selection Process for Commission seats with terms ending July 2015: Two (2) Representatives At-Large and One (1) Representative of medical society, network or association

Staff Report: Executive Director introduced the proposed process and timeline. All three positions will be advertised through one outreach/selection process. An ad hoc Nominating Committee will interview candidates for all three openings and present recommendations to the full Commission for formal nomination to the County Board of Supervisors for final approval. All three current Commissioners in these seats (At-Large: Kern, Murphy; Medical: McNerney) are eligible to apply for an additional term by taking part in the process.

Discussion. Commissioners expressed appreciation for this streamlined, comfortable setting for the Commissioner selection/interview process. Chairman Gibson identified Commissioners Borenstein, Brescia and himself to serve on an Ad Hoc Nominating Committee. Applications will be due on March 5, 2015. Interviews will take place prior to the March 25 Commission meeting.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the Commissioner Selection Process. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kern and passed unanimously.

ITEM 6 – Action: CA Dept. of Education QRIS Block Grant Application. Authorize Executive Director to sign grant document verifying First 5 SLO County’s participation as a QRIS Consortium member.

Staff Report: Executive Director W. Wendt introduced the item. She summarized the current status of Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) work in San Luis Obispo County, which is based in a mentee relationship with Santa Barbara County and its Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant. As a county with an established QRIS rating system in place Santa Barbara County is eligible to apply for the CA Dept of Education block grant opportunity to build QRIS in the context of the CA State Preschool Program. Santa Barbara County is looking into the possibility of including San Luis Obispo County in its proposal. A QRIS Consortium is required for all counties participation in this and/or in future CA Dept. of Education QRIS Block Grant applications. Local First 5 Commissions are required to be Consortuim members in order for their counties to be eligible for funding.

Discussion: Commissioners asked for clarification on First 5’s role in the QRIS system and application. W. Wendt explained that the RFP language ensures that local First 5’s have a seat at the table in designing and monitoring QRIS systems for their counties. The Local Childcare Planning Council is currently taking a lead role to coordinate this effort in our county.

Public Comment: NONE

Commissioner Collins made a motion to **authorize the First 5 Executive Director to sign a SLO County QRIS Consortium application as part of CA Dept. of Education CA State Preschool Program Block Grant RFP and/or future QRIS collaborative proposals, conditional on no fiscal impacts.** The motion was seconded by Commissioner Borenstein and passed unanimously.

ITEM 7 – Strategic Planning Discussion: Health Initiative

After the Executive Director introduced the item, Commissioner Borenstein gave a presentation that reviewed a broad cross section of early childhood health indicators. Dr. Borenstein discussed that some of these indicators may be used as part of the needs assessment and future outcome evaluation for the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Program’s Strategic Plan. Commissioner Borenstein indicated that San Luis Obispo county

has a higher rate of later entry into prenatal care and this might be an area that MCAH and First 5 work together to address.

Following Dr. Borenstein's presentation, the Executive Director facilitated a strategic planning discussion with commissioners on the First 5 Health Initiative. Commissioners were asked to think about, discuss in small groups and comment on:

- Approaches and programs First 5 currently supports
- Fundability of current and future programs
- Early childhood health needs and opportunities

Themes from the discussion included:

- Expanded focus on prevention messaging and public awareness on early childhood health, care and education, including parents and medical providers.
- Increased focus on parents and whole family approach.
- Increased focus on early prenatal care.
- Looking at disparities of health and other indicators as an approach to understand need and placement of services
- Social Emotional Wellness/Developmental stages
- Addressing early childhood neglect

Public Comment: Sandi Miscovich introduced herself as the new MCAH Program Manager at San Luis Obispo County Public Health Dept.

ITEM 8 – Commissioner Comments and Announcements

- Commissioner Borenstein announced that Teresa Anselmo has left her position as the Oral Health Coordinator to take a job with the Non-Profit Center for Oral Health. SLO County Public Health Department has posted an opening for Ms. Anselmo's replacement.
- Commissioner Kern announced upcoming events featuring author Tina Payne-Bryson on February 19 and 20.
- Commissioner Murphy commented that the Children's Bill of Rights is becoming a household name and being referenced by people with whom she comes in contact in relation to their own children and work.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

*All materials referred to in these minutes, as well as an audio recording of the meeting, are available at the First 5 SLO County office. Call (805) 781-4058 for information. **The next Commission meeting will be a Special Strategic Planning Session: February 25, 2015, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM (location TBD)***