

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

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)
October 26, 2016 (APPROVED December 7, 2016)

Current Commissioners Present

Bruce Gibson (Chair)	SLO County Board of Supervisors
Penny Borenstein, M.D. (Vice Chair)	SLO County Public Health Department
James Brescia	SLO County Office of Education
James Forester, DDS	Medical Representative (Central Coast Dental Society)
Janet Murphy	Community at Large
Tracy Schiro	Children's Services Network

Commissioners Absent/Excused

Lee Collins	Department of Social Services
Melinda Sokolowski	Child Care Planning Council
Bob Watt	Community at Large

Staff Present

First 5 staff: Wendy Wendt, Jason Wells, Misty Livengood
Commission Evaluator: Tom Keifer
Commission Counsel: Natalie Frye-Laacke

Call to Order

Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

ITEM 1 –Chair Comments

ITEM 2 – Commissioner Announcements and Updates

Commissioner Borenstein announced an upcoming change to California Children's Services, founded in 1927 as public health program that provides eligibility, diagnosis/treatment. The State plans to embed CCS in Managed Care. The goal is to have all care provided and covered under one system. Commissioner Borenstein also noted the launch of a collective impact initiative focused on Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorder. The goal is to develop a more robust and integrated system for identification, screening, and referral.

Commissioner Schiro updated on changes to DSS WRAP program, which has traditionally provided wrap-around services at home for children – primarily teens -- who would otherwise go to a group home. Starting in January 2017 the group-home stipulation goes away and allows DSS to serve all ages with WRAP services.

Dr. Brescia highlighted current and emerging SLOCOE roles involving in support of early childhood, including shared service planning with CA State Preschool and Head Start, oversight of a program to build CTE Pathways including Early Childhood Education and Medical Careers, and hiring of new Early Learning staff (partially funded through First 5). He introduced the new Early Learning and Education Services Coordinator, Lauren Herrera, who will be working on a variety of projects to build professional development opportunities in the field through IMPACT, Early Learning for All, and Transitional Kindergarten programs. Ms. Herrera has worked in a variety of preschool settings, including the Oceano First 5 Preschool, Head Start and Early Head Start.

Commissioner Forester announced that his private pediatric dental practice is expanding to double the size. He recently joined the launch of “Slingshot” – a regional Workforce Development Board initiative focused on ways to build upward mobility in the health professions. The focus is on nursing and dental assistants, technologists. Dr. Forester will be working with the group to pursue improvements in dental assistant workforce capacity.

Commissioner Murphy commented on recent conversations with pregnant moms in her neighborhood, who are excited about the new birthing center facility opening at French Hospital.

Commissioner Gibson highlighted that affordable housing is on the radar for the Board of Supervisors. A median home price \$484k; median income is \$62k and housing price affordability is \$318k. The gap is huge and solutions are elusive. Commissioner Gibson also reported on progress at Martha’s Place. The program is full and making forward strides. The Chasnoff model requires a great deal of a pediatrician’s time. The current pediatrician, Dr. Nisha AbdulCader is at .5 FTE. The program is looking for ways to increase medical staffing and case management. Commissioner Gibson asserted that Martha’s Place should be a portal of assessments on behavioral issues that need attention. It could be the generic intake for all children presenting with behavioral issues.

ITEM 3 - Public Comment – Items not on the agenda

None

ITEM 4 (ACTION ITEM) - Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the September 28, 2016 Minutes
- b. Approval of Q1 2016-17 Financials
- c. Approval of 2017 Calendar
- d. Confirmation of Waiver of Competition Policy for IMPACT Subcontracts

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Brescia recused himself from voting on Item 4d due to Conflict of Interest

Commissioner Brescia made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Items 4a-c. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Borenstein and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Borenstein made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Items 4d. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Forester and passed unanimously (Commissioner Brescia Abstained)

ITEM 5 (ACTION ITEM) – Public Hearing: Commission Review and Approval of FY2015-16 Annual Audit

Executive Director Wendy Wendt provided highlights on the annual audit process and document, followed by comment by Auditor Bob Crosby CPA of Crosby Company.

Mr. Crosby briefly commented on the Annual Audit. He has issued a clean opinion and noted that everything is running smoothly at the First 5 SLO County office. He pointed out changes to government financial statements related to GASB 68 requirements to include long-term retirement liabilities. This requirement does not significantly affect First 5 SLO County due to its small staff.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Brescia made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Annual Audit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Borenstein and passed unanimously.

ITEM 6 (ACTION ITEM) – Public Hearing: Commission Review and Approval of FY 2015-16 State Annual Report to First 5 CA

Mr. Wells outlined programmatic and fiscal data to be submitted to First 5 CA by October 31st in compliance with state Annual Report requirements.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Forester made a motion to approve First 5 SLO County's FY2015-16 State Annual Report submission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schiro and passed unanimously.

ITEM 7 -- Staff Reports

Misty Livengood and Ms. Wendt updated Commissioners on various outreach and public awareness activities at First 5 SLO County.

- The new Event Sponsorship Program has supported two programs – the Central Coast Breastfeeding Coalition Annual Milk Drive, and HEAL SLO 10th Anniversary Conference. At the HEAL SLO event, former First 5 Executive Director Susan Hughes was honored as a founding member, and First 5 Associate Director Jason Wells interviewed the keynote speaker – Tony Iton of the California Endowment – for a podcast on the topic, research on the links between zip code and health.
- Talk.Read.Sing. continues as First 5 SLO County’s major public awareness campaign, with increased attention to “on-the-ground” outreach to individual parents and providers. Health and Harmony Media has produced a new video on local library programs. First 5 intern Gina Goetch has designed an interactive parent education workshop on Talk.Read.Sing. that she will be presenting at various sites during the winter quarter.
- Recent and upcoming community events with a First 5 outreach booth presence include Colony Days and Winter Wonderland in Atascadero.
- First 5-funded Tolosa Children’s Dental Center is hosting a “Candy Drive” encouraging children to donate their Halloween candy to pass along to the troops through Operation Gratitude.
- Hands-On Heroes is transforming in 2017 from a one-time dinner event to a twelve-month spotlight on the Children’s Bill of Rights in action and related heroes. Platforms will include a monthly print ad and possibility video.

Commissioner Brescia suggested partnering with COE-TV for the video component of the project.

- Election propositions related to First 5: Propositions 55 and 56 are endorsed by the First 5 Association. Prop 55 preserves income tax increases that support health care and education. Prop 56 adds a \$2 tax on tobacco products and includes e-cigarettes. Prop 56 is predicted to be associated with a modest up-tick in First 5 annual revenues due to 1) a backfill provision and 2) the inclusion of e-cigarettes in the definition of a “tobacco product.” Proposition 64 – legalization of marijuana – also has implications for young children and families. First 5 needs to be ready to address local consequences for its demographic.

Public Comment: NONE

**ITEM 8 -- Adjourn
5:40 p.m.**