



***December 3, 2020 COMMISSION MEETING
AGENDA PACKET ATTACHMENTS***

ITEM 4a: Draft Minutes October 29, 2020

ITEM 4b: Updated Conflict of Interest Code

ITEM 4c: Cover memo re: Evaluation Contract Extension

ITEM 5: Cover memo re: COVID Response Program Contracts:
CAPSLO, PPSSLO & SCYC (Contracts Attached Separately)

ITEM 6: Cover Memo re: Advocacy Agenda Equity Element

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

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 29, 2020 (DRAFT)

Current Commissioners Present

Bruce Gibson (Chair)	SLO County Board of Supervisors
James Brescia, EdD	SLO County Office of Education
Devin Drake	Department of Social Services
Erica Ruvalcaba-Heredia, EdD	Community at Large
Melinda Sokolowski	Child Care Planning Council
James Tedford, MD	Medical Representative (FAAP)
Alison Ventura, PhD	Community at Large
Bob Watt	Community at Large
Penny Borenstein, MD (Vice Chair)	SLO County Public Health Department

Commissioners Absent/Excused

None

Staff Present

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

Call to Order

Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

ITEM 1 – Chair Comments

Chair Gibson thanked Commissioners for making the shift to a new date and time, which allows Commissioner Borenstein to attend. He welcomed her back and thanked her for her dedicated leadership as County of SLO's Chief Health Officer to address COVID-19.

ITEM 2 – Commissioner Announcements and Updates

Commissioner Ruvalcaba-Heredia summarized the work of the Promotores Collaborative during the pandemic, partnering with agencies to get resources to the Latino community.

Commissioner Watt passed along greetings from former Commissioner Tracy Schiro, whom he had recently seen in passing and shared news with.

Commissioner Borenstein updated colleagues on her work at the Emergency Operations Center during the pandemic. Thousands of masks have been recently donated by community members. COVID positivity rates had been holding steady, but are now headed in a troubling direction. There are very few cases in schools and child care settings. The Public Health Department is recruiting a new limited-term “Healthy Equity” coordinator to focus on pandemic hot spots. In other news, Public Health was recently awarded a First 5 California Home Visiting Coordination grant.

Chair Gibson is focused on several conversations regarding the importance of child care in the context of economic development.

ITEM 3 - Public Comment – Items not on the agenda

None.

ITEM 4 (ACTION ITEM) - Consent Agenda

- a. Approve September 23, 2020 minutes
- b. Approve Q1 20-21 Financial Report
- c. Approve 2 Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Review/Update
- d. Approve 2021 Commission Meeting Calendar

Public Comment: None

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

ITEM 5: Staff Reports

Outreach and Communications Officer Misty Livengood updated Commissioners on First 5 Association activities, including endorsement of CA State Proposition 16, and \$110 million in child care relief funding. First 5 CA is anticipating another supply distribution. She reported on November’s Hands on Hero profile focused on the business community, which afforded a chance to promote the soon-to-be launched Family-Friendly Workplace Toolkit. Talk Read Sing Facebook Livestream will continue its rotation through mid December and then resume in January 2021.

Special Projects Administrator Kris Roudebush gave an update on We Are the Care, including development of the City Council Child Care Liaison program, Housing Element advocacy, and the Family-Friendly Workplace Toolkit. This month the We Are the Care team has also mobilized a Child Care is Essential campaign on social media.

Executive Director Wendy Wendt reported that the First 5 Association provided input on updated language in the CSAC Policy Platform that focuses on commitment to addressing needs in early childhood development. She summarized local work to support

undocumented immigrant families and farmworker communities. She reminded Commissioners of a front page SLO Tribune article drawing attention to child care challenges. She highlighted First 5's ongoing partnership with the Community Foundation and its Disaster Response Fund.

Discussion:

Commissioner Watt is interested in being involved in the Family-Friendly Workplace initiative.

Public Comment: None

ITEM 6 (ACTION ITEM): Commission Review and Accept FY2019-20 Annual External Audit

Ms. Wendt introduced this item. First 5 SLO County contracted this year with Moss Levy Hartzheim (MLH). Firm partner Alex Hom was in attendance at the meeting to make a brief report and answer questions. Ms. Wendt shared that the audit included no Compliance findings and flagged two financial findings – 1) an error on one invoice payment amount, and 2) absence of a formal bank reconciliation process. Staff have developed corrective action plans to address each of these findings.

She briefly summarized the agency's financial position at the end of FY 19-20, including a slight increase in revenue from the prior year largely due to the addition of the MHSA grant, and the final year of IMPACT revenues.

Mr. Hom concurred with Ms. Wendt's summary, and commented that the audit process was straightforward and clean with the two exceptions listed above. He also pointed out that because this was the firm's first year working with First 5, the file audit sample was large (40 files). He commended Ms. Wendt and her staff for their thoroughness, helpfulness and overall accuracy.

Discussion:

Commissioner Watt commented that this information and process is very useful.

Chair Gibson added that he appreciates that the first audit with MLH went smoothly and that a "fresh pair of eyes" on our system is beneficial.

Commissioner Watt made a motion to accept the External Audit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brescia. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 7 (ACTION ITEM): Public Hearing: Commission Review and Approval of FY2019-20 Annual Report to First 5 California

Mr. Wells outlined programmatic and fiscal data to be submitted to First 5 CA by October 30, 2020 in compliance with state Annual Report requirements. He emphasized that the Report

exercise gives us a chance to celebrate the work of the staff, families, and children in our community. In addition, our numbers contribute to a state report, part of telling a statewide story.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Ventura made a motion to approve First 5 SLO County's FY2019-20 State Annual Report submission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Drake and passed unanimously.

ITEM 8 (ACTION ITEM): Commission Approval of COVID Response Program Contracts

Associate Director Jason Wells introduced this item. First 5 SLO County released an RFP focused on child care and family resiliency supports related to the COVID pandemic. Despite a short time frame of under four weeks, nine robust proposals were submitted. Seven are being recommended for funding. At today's meeting, four of these seven are now in contract draft form and are being submitted for Commission review/approval.

Two draft contracts focused on child care total \$200,000 and are from November 1, 2020-June 30, 2021:

CAPSLO/Child Care Resource Connection (\$125,000): For health and safety stipends to an estimated 152 active private licensed child care businesses in the county.

Commission Watt recommended that CAPSLO actively reach out to *all* providers, especially businesses that may not be well connected to existing supports/networks.

Little Wings Preschool (\$75,000): Toward purchase of a modular classroom, which will increase capacity at this Atascadero-based bilingual inclusion preschool from 22 to 42 slots.

Commissioner Watt asked if there is a parochial component to this preschool; answer – no. Commissioner Borenstein commended Little Wings and First 5 for supporting and expanding inclusive programming in early childhood education to help address unmet needs for children with special development challenges.

Two draft contracts focused on family resiliency total \$330,000 and are from November 1, 2020-June 30, 2022.

The LINK (\$150,000): To ensure supports via family advocacy for pregnant women, caregivers, and families with children 0-5 throughout North County. Key to this program is a partnership with Paso Robles Unified School District and its school readiness coordinator (historically funded through First 5, now institutionalized within the school district).

Commissioner Watt asked if he should recuse himself from the vote, given his role on the board at Center for Family Strengthening (the LINK's sister agency). First 5 Legal Counsel Natalie Frye-Laacke suggested that is a good idea.

MP Health (\$180,000): To provide emotional and mental health support and counseling in Spanish and English. Estimated numbers to be reached: 150 families in FY2020-21; 300 in FY 21-22.

Commissioner Tedford asked for more background information on MP; he hadn't heard of them before. Mr. Wells explained that they come highly recommended through Tri-Counties Regional Center. They have a contracted team of fully licensed LMFTs and LCSWs. They have clinics in Santa Barbara and Humboldt Counties, and have recently moved into San Luis Obispo County as well. They are collocated at the Little Wings facility (see above).

Public Comment:

Lisa Fraser, LINK Executive Director, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to build a formal partnership the Paso Robles public schools.

Marilu Gomez, Paso Robles School Readiness Coordinator, added thanks and said that this partnership marries two trusted organizations to better support families with heightened needs during this difficult time.

VOTE TALLY:

CAPSLO (CHILD CARE STIPENDS)

Commissioner Watt made a motion to approve a contract with CAPSLO for Child Care Stipends; total amount \$125,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Borenstein and passed 7:0 (Drake absent; Sokolowski recused).

LITTLE WINGS PRESCHOOL

Commissioner Watt made a motion to approve a contract with Little Wings Preschool for Capacity Expansion; total amount \$75,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ruvalcaba-Heredia and passed 8:0 (Drake absent).

THE LINK

Commissioner Ventura made a motion to approve a contract with the LINK for a Family Resiliency Partnership; total amount \$150,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tedford and passed 6:0 (Drake absent; Ruvalcaba-Heredia and Watt recused).

MP HEALTH

Commissioner Watt made a motion to approve a contract with MP Health for COVID mental health supports for families; total amount \$180,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ventura and passed 8:0 (Drake absent).

Follow-up Discussion:

Mr. Wells announced that three additional draft contracts will be presented to Commissioners for review/approval, either at the December 3 meeting or a special meeting, date to be determined:

- CAPSLO – Basic Needs Supports for Families
- South County Youth Coalition – Parent Learning Pods
- Pregnancy and Parenting Support of SLO County --- Perinatal Mood Anxiety Disorder counseling in partnership with Community Counseling Center.

Public Comment:

Danijela Dornan, CAPSLO Family and Community Support Services Division Coordinator, expressed gratitude for this pending opportunity as a way to expand on existing efforts to support vulnerable families. She cited the example of the UndocuSupport initiative in partnership with the Community Foundation Disaster Support Fund.

Cami Statler, Executive Director of Pregnancy and Parenting Support of SLO County, noted that this is the first time her agency has directly applied for funding support from First 5; is excited to partner with First 5 and also the Community Counseling Center.

Commissioners Ruvalcaba-Heredia and Sokolowski had questions regarding the proposed South County Youth Coalition project – strategies to reach out to the Latino community? Will they hire learning pod staff in-house or contract out? Mr. Wells promised to bring a detailed presentation at the upcoming meeting, including answers to these questions.

Ms. Wendt will be in touch with Commissioners to confirm if there will be a special meeting or if these contract drafts will be presented for review/approval at the December 3 meeting.

ITEM 9 -- Adjourn

1:41 p.m.

To: First 5 Commissioners

From: Wendy Wendt

Date: December 3, 2020

**Re: Item 4(b): Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Review/ Update -
CORRECTED**

Summary

At the October 29, 2020 meeting, the First 5 Commission approved a biennial update to its Conflict of Interest Code. The draft code update was submitted to the Commission following an emailed sign-off by the County Administrative staffer coupled with a review by First 5 legal counsel. Following the October 29 meeting, First 5 staff and counsel were contacted by County Administrative staff by email with additional requested edits. Following is an excerpt from this email (received on November 6, 2020), which acknowledged their mistake in not forwarding along these edits prior to the October 29 meeting. Since then, First 5 staff and counsel have incorporated the edits and received final approval from County legal counsel. The attached corrected version of the Code and Resolution is attached for Commission review/approval.

Hi Wendy,

My apologies for missing your call on Wednesday, but I received your message. I appreciate the follow-up and you are correct, please forward a copy of the adopted resolution to me.

Additionally, I want to extend my apologies again because I did not follow up with you in regards to county counsel's comments regarding your resolution before it was adopted. I am pasting the comments here below. I know the resolution has already been adopted, but hopefully, some of the items below were already addressed. If not, please let me know. We still have time before this item goes to the BOS for approval.

I sincerely apologize for this oversight and any inconvenience it may cause. I am available for any questions or concerns.

A resolution has been prepared to adopt the amended conflict of interest code (see attached Resolution, and amended code – redline and clean versions). The amended conflict of interest code has been reviewed by County staff, but will also be formally adopted by the Board of Supervisors at one of its future meetings.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-1

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
AMENDING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

WHEREAS, the Political Reform Act, Government code Section 81000, et seq., requires that state and local public agencies adopt and promulgate a Conflict of Interest Code; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") has adopted a model Conflict of Interest Code for consideration by local governments, set forth at Title 2 California Code of regulations, Section 18730, and to which future amendments may be adopted by the FPPC; and

WHEREAS, the CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY ("Commission") previously adopted and incorporated by reference the terms of California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 18730; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 87306.5, the Commission is required to review its Conflict of Interest Code biennially and if a change to its code is necessary, the agency must submit an amended conflict of interest code to the code reviewing body; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to submit an amended Conflict of Interest Code to the County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Government Code Section 87303.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, as follows:

1. The Commission’s Conflict of Interest Code is hereby amended as set forth in Appendix A, attached hereto, including those amendments to Exhibits A and B thereof;
2. The Executive Director of the Commission is directed to submit the amendments to the Commission’s code, as adopted herein, to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for approval by the board in accordance with Government Code section 87303 and 87306.

Upon motion of Commissioner _____ seconded by Commissioner _____ and on the following roll call vote to wit:

AYES:	NOES:
ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted this ___ day of _____, _____.

Chairperson of the Commission

ATTEST:

Wendy Wendt, Executive Director

Appendix "A"

Conflict of Interest Code for the Children and Families Commission of San Luis Obispo County

The Political Reform Act, California Government Code Section 81000, et. seq., requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation, 2 California Code of Regulation, Section 18730, which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, which can be incorporated by reference, and which may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments to the Political Reform Act after public notice and hearings. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations, Section 18730, along with the list below in which officials and employees are designated and disclosure categories are set forth, are hereby incorporated by reference and constitute the conflict of interest code of the Children and Families Commission of San Luis Obispo County.

Designated Officials and employees shall file their statements of economic interests with the County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Office, 1055 Monterey Street, Suite D430, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.

Exhibit A

DESIGNATED POSITION LIST

<u>Designated Position</u>	<u>Disclosure Category Numbers</u>
Commissioners	1, 2, 3 and 4
Executive Director	1, 2, 3 and 4
Associate Director	1, 2, 3 and 4
Commission Counsel	1, 2, 3 and 4
Consultants/ New Positions	*See note below

Exhibit B

DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

1. Investments¹ in, and sources of income,² including gifts, loans and travel payments, from business entities which, in the past two-year period, have contracted with the Children and Families Commission to provide materials or services to the Children and Families Commission or because of the type of product or service they supply, may with reasonable foreseeability contract to provide products or services to the Children and Families Commission in the next one-year period.

2. Investments¹ in, and sources of income², including gifts, loans and travel payments from any business in San Luis Obispo County involved in activities intended to promote, support, and optimize early childhood development from the prenatal stage to five years of age, including but not necessarily limited to the following such activities:

- a. Health and dental care services
- b. Social services, counseling, parental education or family support services relevant to effective childhood development
- c. Services that encourage avoidance of the use of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol during pregnancy
- d. Nutritional services, including services designed to reduce the incidence of low birth weight infants
- e. Educational services, using the mass media, designed to inform the public of the importance of programs that focus on early childhood development
- f. Treatment of the abuse of alcohol and drugs
- g. Smoking cessation services
- h. Services intended to reduce exposure to second-hand smoke
- i. Childcare services
- j. Training of childcare providers
- k. Early childhood development services

3. Investments¹ in, and sources of income,² including gifts, loans and travel payments from any business in San Luis Obispo County that derives 10%, or more, of its gross revenue from the sale of liquor or tobacco products.

4. Investments¹ in and sources of income,² including gifts, loans and travel payments, from a nonprofit organization, if the source is of the type to receive grants or other monies from or through the Children and Families Commission.

* **Consultants.** "Consultant" means an individual who, pursuant to a contract with the Commission, either: (A) Makes a governmental decision whether to (1) approve a rate, rule, or regulation; (2) adopt or enforce a law; (3) issue, deny, suspend, or revoke any permit, license,

application, certificate, approval, order, or similar authorization or entitlement; (4) authorize the Commission to enter into, modify, or renew a contract provided it is the type of contract that requires Commission approval; (5) grant Commission approval to a contract that requires Commission approval and to which the Commission is a party, or to the specifications for such a contract; (6) grant Commission approval to a plan, design, report, study, or similar item; or (7) adopt or grant Commission approval of policies, standards, or guidelines for the agency, or for any subdivision thereof; or (8) Serves in a staff capacity with the Commission and in that capacity participates in making a governmental decision as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 18702.2 or performs the same or substantially all the same duties for the Commission that would otherwise be performed by an individual holding a position specified in the Commission's conflict of interest code. (California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 18700.3)

“Consultants/ New Positions” are included in the list of designated positions and must disclose interests and investments in accordance with the broadest disclosure category in the Commission’s conflict of interest code, subject to the following limitation: The Executive Director may determine in writing that a particular consultant or new position, although a “designated position,” nevertheless is hired or retained to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and therefore is not required to fully comply with the disclosure requirements described in this section. The Executive Director’s written determination shall include a description of the consultant’s or new position’s duties, and, based on that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The written determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as the Commission’s conflict of interest code.

¹ Government Code Section 82034

² Government Code Section 82030

To: First 5 Commission of San Luis Obispo County

From: First 5 Staff

Date: December 3, 2020

Re: Item 4c: Approve Contract Extension with Thomas Keifer Consulting for Evaluation Services.

Recommended Action

Approval of the option to extend the sixth amendment to the independent contractor agreement with Thomas Keifer for evaluation services. The period of the extension to the contract amendment will be from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

Background

Currently First 5 San Luis Obispo County evaluation services are provided by Thomas Keifer. The current contract amendment concludes on December 31, 2020, with an option to extend until June 30, 2021 upon approval by the Commission per Section A of the Amendment:

The term of the Contract set forth in Section 1.01 shall be extended for six (6) months and shall expire on December 31, 2020. The Commission shall have the option to extend the term of the Contract (the "Option to Extend") for one (1) additional term of six (6) months (the "Extension Term.") The Commission shall exercise the Option to Extend by giving written notice to Contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the current term. If the Commission exercises the Option to Extend, the Extension Term shall be considered part of the term of this Contract and shall be subject to all terms and conditions of the Lease.

The full Contract Amendment is attached for reference.

**SIXTH AMENDMENT TO
CONTRACT FOR EVALUATION SERVICES**

This Sixth Amendment is entered into on May 14, 2020, by and between the Children and Families Commission of San Luis Obispo County, a political subdivision of the State of California, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 130140.1 ("the Commission"), whose address is 3220 South Higuera Suite 232, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 and Thomas Keifer Consulting, an independent contractor with a principal place of business at P.O. Box 3404, Shell Beach, CA 93448 ("the Contractor").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties to this Sixth Amendment entered into a Contract for Services on May 22, 2013 (hereinafter "Contract") for the provision of evaluation services; and

WHEREAS, the parties previously extended the Contract through five subsequent amendments; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to extend the term of the Contract for six (6) months, with one (1) six (6) month option to extend and further amending Section 3.01 of the Contract as specifically set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

A. The term of the Contract set forth in Section 1.01 shall be extended for six (6) months and shall expire on December 31, 2020. The Commission shall have the option to extend the term of the Contract (the "Option to Extend") for one (1) additional term of six (6) months (the "Extension Term.") The Commission shall exercise the Option to Extend by giving written notice to Contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the current term. If the Commission exercises the Option to Extend, the Extension Term shall be considered part of the term of this Contract and shall be subject to all terms and conditions of the Lease.

Section 3.01. of the Contract, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

3.01. "In consideration for the services to be performed by Contractor, First 5 agrees to pay to Contractor \$85.00 per hour. Total compensation shall not exceed the amount of the annual evaluation budget listed in the approved financial plan for the period (\$28,000) or such other amount as the Commission may determine in the financial plan for that period.

C. All other terms and conditions of the Contract shall remain in full force and effect.

To: First 5 Commission of San Luis Obispo County

From: First 5 Staff

Date: December 3, 2020

Re: Item 5: Commission Review and Approval: COVID Response – Family Resiliency Contracts.

Recommended Action

It is recommended that the Commission approve the contracts listed below in the amounts indicated:

December 3, 2020 – June 30, 2022

- Community Action Partnership of SLO County: Basic Needs Support - \$75,000
- South County Youth Coalition: Parent Education Pods - \$60,000
- Pregnancy and Parenting Support of San Luis Obispo County: Perinatal Mental Health Support and Counseling - \$30,000.

Background

At its September 23, 2020 meeting, as part of its FY 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and in response to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Commission approved release of two Request for Proposals (RFP):

1. An RFP to provide immediate child care and educational supports for children, families and child care providers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and/or
2. An RFP to provide funding for family-serving agencies to address immediate family resiliency needs created and or heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

On September 29, staff released both RFPs to the community. A total of nine proposals were received by the October 15 due date. A proposal review committee comprising of First 5 staff, a First 5 Commissioner, and an outside community agency representative- read, scored, and discussed all proposals. The committee recommended partial funding for seven projects.

At its October 29 meeting, the Commission took action on the first of two sets of funding recommendations from the COVID focused RFP released in September. The Commission approved Early Education and Care related contracts for Community Action Partnership of SLO County (Child Care Resource Connection) and Little Wings Preschool of Atascadero. In the Resilient Families focus area the Commission approved a contract with The Link Family Resource Center: Partnership for Resilient Families. The second set of funding recommendations under the Resilient Families focus area (Table 1) were reviewed by the Commission and scheduled to be agendaed for final action at the next meeting. The contracts have since been finalized and are presented here today for approval.



New Contracts

Resilient Families

It is recommended that the Commission approve the contracts listed below in the amounts indicated for December 2020-Ending June 30, 2022

Table 1:

Recommendations			
Programs	Organization	Total	Services
Basic Needs Family Support	CAPSLO	\$75,000	CAPSLO will deploy .5 FTE Community Resource Specialist in collaboration with family advocates to facilitate distribution of basic needs supports for families with children ages 0-5. Approximately 50 families (Estimated 50-60 total children ages 0-5. Estimated -100 total children) to be served.
Parent Learning Pods	South County Youth Coalition	\$60,000	8-week Learning Pods, Parent Participation style classes, in four targeted age groups (0-12 months, 13-18 months, 19-36 months, 37months- 5 years) in Spanish/English in Spring 2020. LP will help parents have real time experiences with their children, create a social network of parents for parents, and give age appropriate information about their children to parents. Groups are outside, socially distanced, and follow public health safety guidelines for COVID-19.64 English parent education/socialization classes (4 Developmental Age Groups x 8 Classes. Each delivered Spring/Fall 2021) to approximately 80 families. Spanish parent education/socialization classes (4 Developmental Age Groups x 7 Classes. Each delivered Spring/Fall 2021) to approximately 80 families
Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorder (PMAD) Support and Counseling	Pregnancy and Parenting Support of San Luis Obispo County	\$30,000	Through a collaborative partnership with the Community Counseling Center, PPSSLO will outreach to and offer support counseling to address heightened uncertainty, stress and perinatal mood and anxiety challenges. Anticipated served: 48 pregnant, perinatal women and new parents with children ages 0-5, annually.
TOTAL BUDGET		\$165,000	

To: First 5 Commissioners

From: Wendy Wendt

Date: December 3, 2020

Re: Item 6: Equity as an Element of Advocacy Agenda

Recommendation: Commission approval of a statement on *Equity* to include as part of Strategic Plan Advocacy Agenda 2021.

Summary:

Embedded within First 5 SLO County's approved Strategic Plan 2020 – Begin with the Children – is a set of statements relating to the organization's commitment to advocacy. One element of this advocacy work that bears including in this and future years is a clear statement of commitment to Equity as a core element of our work. Following is a proposed addition to the Strategic Plan and accompanying Advocacy Agenda that articulates this commitment:

First 5 – both in SLO County and across California -- has always been driven in our funding and our advocacy by questions of equity– how do we contribute to ensuring that all of our communities' youngest children and their families have the best shot at a healthy start in life, and how do we help lift up those who are most vulnerable? The COVID pandemic and related life pressures are being disproportionately felt by families living in poverty, by immigrants, by rurally isolated communities, and by people of color. The inequities that existed prior to COVID have grown worse and pose a real threat to the well-being of an entire generation of young children". Now more than ever, First 5's advocacy work in San Luis Obispo County and throughout the state must focus on championing lasting societal changes that acknowledge and address a systemic imbalance of opportunity and support that unfairly prevents too many children from reaching their potential.