

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

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 2018 (Approved September 26, 2018)

Current Commissioners Present

Bruce Gibson	SLO County Board of Supervisors
Penny Borenstein, M.D.	SLO County Public Health Department
Janet Murphy	Community at Large
Tracy Schiro	Children's Services Network
Bob Watt	Community at Large

Commissioners Absent/Excused --

James Brescia	SLO County Office of Education
Devin Drake	Department of Social Services
James Forester, DDS	Medical Representative (Central Coast Dental Society)
Melinda Sokolowski	Child Care Planning Council

Staff Present

Commission staff: Wendy Wendt, Jason Wells, Misty Livengood
Commission Counsel: Natalie Frye-Laacke

Call to Order

Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

ITEM 1 –Chair Comments

Chair Bruce Gibson reminded that this is the last meeting of the fiscal year. He encouraged commissioners to stay involved over the summer, try to attend outreach events.

He also emphasized the importance of consistent attendance by commissioners, and to alert staff far in advance if an absence is anticipated at a future meeting.

ITEM 2 - Public Comment – Items not on the agenda

Phillipe Gonzalez, from DSS Foster Parent Recruitment Support Unit, gave an update on resource family recruitment activities. They are currently exceeding the initial goal, with 22 approved families, 10 of whom would like to take in children 0-5, and 4 willing to take in sibling groups. 14 additional families are currently pending. Various summer outreach events are lined up, including SLO Blues, Pride in the Plaza, and a booth at alternating Thursday Farmers

Markets. Outreach materials have also been updated. FY18-19 marks the launch of campaign to make recruitment a countywide effort, not just a department initiative.

Commissioner Watt asked about north coast recruitment. He offered to connect Phillipe with the English Language Advisory Committee at Cambria Grammar School.

Commissioner Murphy asked about the gap between need and recruited families. Gonzalez responded that 375 children need homes. It's only 1/10th of 1% of the population; it should be possible to give all of them homes.

Commissioner Schiro cited evidence that it takes on average only up to 3 months for foster children to stabilize when they are placed in a nurturing home.

ITEM 3 – Commissioner Comments/Announcements

Commissioner Borenstein commented that now that Cannabis tax has passed, health-related public agencies have started gathering and building a case for funding, and what specifically it would go for.

Chair Gibson offered to facilitate conversations with county supervisor colleagues on the topic of cannabis legalization/taxation and the connection to health/children.

ITEM 4 - Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the May 23, 2018 Minutes
- b. Approval of CAPSLO IMPACT Contract Supplemental Budget for HUB Funded Activities
- c. Approval of Contract with Tolosa Children's Dental Center, to replace Contract with Partnership for the Children (reason: Name change)
- d. Approve Updates to Long Range Financial Plan

Public Comment: None

Commissioner comment: Penny Borenstein shared with Commissioners her concern regarding Tolosa Children's Dental Center and its decision to develop a Virtual Dental Home (VDH) program separate from an ongoing county-wide systems building collaboration developed as part of the Dental Transformation Initiative and as developed with involvement by the membership of the Children's Oral Health Coalition.

Commissioner Gibson expressed hope for that collaboration among all parties can be rebuilt. Commissioner Borenstein concurred.

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

ITEM 5 – Staff Report

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

She shared First 5's strong and united response to the misguided policy of separating asylum-seeking families at the U.S Mexican border, including a letter from First 5 California Executive Director Camille Maben, a First 5 Association sign-on to a letter of solidarity signed by nearly 500 organizations across the country, and local First 5 social media posts.

Other updates:

- Hands-on Heroes campaign: June profiled Gina Sears, nominated by Transitions Mental Health Association; Linda Rawlings is coming up in July, nominated by the SLO Children's Museum.
- First 5 Talk Read Sing Night was held at the Blues Game on June 9.
- A recent P5 Children's Advocacy Network meeting spotlighted parental substance use, with focus on alcohol, cannabis, opioids.
- The SLO Tribune covered the First 5 team's recent trip to Sacramento to advocate on behalf of kids.
- There is an upcoming change to the style of New Parent kits, moving from the traditional box look to a more streamlined packet.

Public Comment: NONE.

ITEM 6 Approval of 2018-19 Administrative Budget

Wendy Wendt introduced the agenda item. The draft administrative budget had been presented at the May meeting for a first reading. Only a few minor changes were added in the interim.

Commissioners had no followup questions.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Borenstein made a motion to approve the 2018-19 Administrative Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schiro and passed unanimously.

ITEM 7 Advocacy in Action: A Review of Activities to Date

Ms. Wendt provided a summary of advocacy activities carried out by staff and partners over the first six months of 2018, in each of the four priority areas in the Strategic Plan:

PERINATAL READINESS:

- Home Visiting (Cal Works opportunity and local system planning)
- Cannabis Awareness (P5 CAN convening, August 21st meeting at First 5 LA)

HEALTH

- Developmental Screening (Support for AB11, Planning Help Me Grow in SLO; attending F5/AAP policy meeting at F5 LA)
- Oral Health (participation in Oral Health Coalition Strategic Planning)

EARLY LEARNING

- Child's First Teachers (Talk.Read.Sing.)
- Quality/Affordable ECE (state level asks for infant/toddler care, Assembly Member Cunningham Small Biz of the Month – Family Child Care)

STRONG FAMILIES

- Affordable Homes (participation in community dialogues on housing and homelessness)
- Family Friendly Workplace (input on SLO Chamber Economic Vision Statement, planning toward Campaign/award program for family friendly businesses)

Public Comment: None

Ms. Wendt asked for Commission guidance on how best to manifest the advocacy goal related to affordable housing.

Commissioner Gibson offered several suggestions: First, to continue to tell how housing affects families 0-5. Also, stick with the word "home," not "housing." One of the chief causes of homelessness is the cost of housing. Advocate not just with counties, but also with cities.

ITEM 8 – 2018-19 Advocacy Budget Plan

Ms. Wendt and Ms. Livengood presented a fiscal roadmap for use of up to \$100,000 in funds designated for advocacy activities in FY18-19:

Talk.Read.Sing. (\$42,500) – playground pods, infant onesies, movie ads, clings.

Hands on Heroes (\$12,000) – SLO Journal Plus, COE-TV, Children's Rights Town Hall

New/General (\$45,000) – Family Friendly Workplace Campaign, town hall convenings, Month of the Child promotion, Action for Healthy Communities report, state policy/advocacy participation

Commissioner Borenstein suggested that First 5 may want to be part of an upcoming Housing Summit being planned as part of the SLO Health Counts initiative; contact Kathleen Karle in Health Promotion at Public Health for more information.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Watt made a motion to approve the 2018-19 Advocacy Budget Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy and passed unanimously.

ITEM 9 – Parent Support Group Program Planning Update

Associate Director Jason Wells gave an update on progress toward a parent support group program launch. The project is being designed as a collaborative between CAPSLO and Center for Family Strengthening. Bilingual parent cafes will be offered in locations throughout the county (San Miguel, Cambria, Nipomo). A final budget and contract will be submitted to the Commission at the September 26, 2018 meeting. At this point the preliminary annual budget is set at \$86,000.

Commissioner Gibson asked for clarification on the amount designated by the Commission. \$250,000 total, but \$100,000 annually? Mr. Wells explained that the \$250,000 was originally approved by the Commission at the beginning of the first two-year cycle of the current Strategic Plan. Part of the funding was designated for the United Way Born Learning academy. The balance was rolled forward into the second two-year cycle, and totals slightly less than \$200,000 over two years.

Public Comment: None.

ITEM 10 – Help Me Grow Program Planning Update

Ms. Wendt gave a synopsis of activities toward launching Help Me Grow in SLO:

- 3-by-3 Developmental Screening project is part of County application for MHSA Innovation funding.
- Pediatric Town Hall is being planning for later this year, focus on developmental screening.
- An RFP is being drafted to select an entity to serve as a Centralized Access Point.
- Ms. Wendt and Special Projects Administrator Kris Roudebush will be attending a state HMG meeting at First 5 LA on August 3.

ITEM 11 – Maternal Child Adolescent Health Staff Presentation

Kathy Gremel, Public Health Nurse and Coordinator of Perinatal Services with County Public Health, presented data from the 2010-2016 report of the Child Death Review Team of San Luis Obispo County.

Ms. Gremel started her remarks by pointing out that “one of the most important takeaways from these data is that when a child dies, we take time to learn lessons from the experience.”

The Child Death Review Team first convened in San Luis Obispo County in 2006, and is now facilitated by the Public Health Department.

She offered a summary of the key findings from the data:

- Majority were accidents; majority were 0-4.
- Sleep-related infant deaths stood out; most of these deaths were in adult beds

The key question is always – “Is there something we could have done to prevent the death?”

The Child Death Review Team shares data with a national database.

Commissioner Watt expressed deep appreciation for lessons learned and actions taken (e.g. children’s water safety course).

Commissioner Schiro agreed, pointing out that prior to the Child Death Review Teams work, accidental death lessons were being lost.

Public Comment: None

ITEM 12 – Adjourn 5:10 p.m.