

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

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2012

Commissioners Present (all)

Julian Crocker	SLO County Office of Education
Don Dennison	Children's Services Network
Penny Borenstein, M.D.	SLO County Public Health Department
Mary Kern	Community at Large
Lee Collins	Department of Social Services
Michael McNerney, M.D.	San Luis Obispo County Medical Association
Janet Murphy	Community at Large

Commissioners Absent/Excused - Melinda Sokolowski, Child Care Planning Council, Bruce Gibson, SLO County Board of Supervisors

Staff Present

First 5 staff: Susan Hughes, Jason Wells
Commission Evaluator: Tom Keifer

Staff Excused

Commission Counsel: Patricia Gomez

Call to Order

Chairperson Crocker called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Dennison made a motion to adopt the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McNerney and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Consent Agenda

- 1) Approval of October 24, 2012 Minutes
- 2) Approval of an amendment to the Employee Salaries and Benefits Policy

Commission Collins inquired if the salary range that was being added to the policy for the Communications and Outreach Officer was the same as was advertised during the recruitment for the position. Ms. Hughes replied it was.

Public Comment: None

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

Presentation: Beginnings+

Lisa Fraser, San Luis Obispo Child Abuse Prevention Council (SLOCAP), and Jason Wells First 5 Program Officer gave an update on the progress of the First 5 funded Beginnings + program. The Beginnings + program's goal is to promote Universal Perinatal Substance Use/Abuse Screening/Brief Intervention of pregnant women in San Luis Obispo County. Participating partners are First 5, CAPSLO, and SLO Co. Public Health. The group recently surveyed county obstetricians, midwives and ancillary staff about their perinatal ATOD screening practices. Results showed that all believe screening is important and all reported they screen their patients using different methods, but there is not a consistent message regarding messages related to the risk of using alcohol use during pregnancy.

Public Comment: Marilyn McDermott, Public Health Nurse, SLO Co. Public Health, Beginnings + Team Member, added comments about the survey and details of data collected by the 4Ps Plus screening and brief intervention tool.

Commissioner Collins asked about demographic data collected by 4Ps Plus, specifically if the data suggested any significant disparity between who was being screened and who was not (e.g. Are any populations being disproportionately screened by ethnicity?) Ms. McDermott did not have that data, but did say that some offices only screen private pay. Mr. Collins expressed his concern that if screening is disproportionately applied during pregnancy, that may lead to disproportionality in the future with respect to populations that interface with child welfare services.

Thomas Keifer, First 5 Evaluator, added that demographic data for screening is contained in the First 5 Outcome Evaluation Report.

Mary Squellati, Site Coordinator, Oceano Family Resource Center, asked if there was consistency in the message given if a woman screens positive for ATOD. Jason Wells answered the survey data suggests there is not consistency, and this topic may be an important one for Beginnings+ to pursue in the next phase of its project.

Commission Crocker asked for a definition of a brief intervention. Jason Wells responded that it is a short statement or advice given by the practitioner to the patient with the intent of changing behavior (e.g. Don't drink while you are pregnant).

Contract Approval for the period of January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015 to secure services funded by the First 5 California Power of Preschool (PoP) grant (Amount \$253,396)

Prior to the contract approval, Chairperson Crocker made reference to a memo addressing Conflict of Interest issues that was prepared by Commission Counsel, Patricia Gomez. Discussion followed regarding what seemed to be a tightening of the parameters regarding participation by members who may have a potential (even if only perceived) conflict (e.g. acknowledgement of a conflict previous to any discussion). Commissioner Dennison requested that Ms. Gomez attend the meeting in January to elaborate on the memo and answer any additional questions Commissioners may have.

Jason Wells, First 5 SLO Program Officer, presented a short description of the program and budget. Chairperson Crocker asked if there were any recusals. None were noted.

Public Comment: Michael Passarelli, President, Child Development Resource Center of the Central Coast, thanked the Commission for consideration of the contract.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve a contract in the amount of \$253,396 with the SLO Child Development Center to provide Early Learning Systems Specialist(s) to perform the duties and tasks outlined in the grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kern and passed unanimously.

Contract Approval for the period of January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016

Jason Wells, First 5 SLO Program Officer, presented a short description of the programs and budgets. Each contract was voted on separately. Chairperson Crocker asked if there were any recusals. None were noted.

- 1) Approval of a contract in the amount of \$120,010 with Diringier and Associates to provide health access training services.

Public Comment: Becca Carsel, Diringier and Associates, thanked the Commission for consideration of the contract.

Commissioner Dennison made a motion to approve the contract with Diringier and Associates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy and passed with Commission Collins voting no.

- 2) Approval of a contract in the amount of \$177,146 with the Central Coast Link to support one health navigator position to improve access to care in north county.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Dennison made a motion to approve the contract with Central Coast Link. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McNerney and passed with Commission Collins voting no.

- 3) Approval of a contract in the amount of \$354,293 with Community Action Partnership of SLO County (CAPSLO) to support two health navigator positions to improve access to care in the south and central regions of the county.

Public Comment: Grace Macintosh, on behalf of Biz Steinberg and CAPSLO, thanked the Commission for consideration of the contract.

Commissioner Dennison made a motion to approve the contract with Community Action Partnership. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy and passed with Commission Collins voting no.

Commission Collins clarified his “no” votes saying they were not a reflection of any of the agencies receiving the grants, but he believed the services are duplicative of those his department (DSS) would be delivering with respect to transitioning families from Healthy Families to MediCal.

Financial Plan Review

Susan Hughes provided a short update regarding the changes to the financial plan due to unexpended funding from previous contracts being approved for new/amended contracts. Ms. Hughes indicated that:

1. The current adopted financial plan had a remaining balance at year 20 of \$5,507,065.
2. An option provided to the Commission during the August 2012 meeting had a remaining balance at year 20 of \$3,666,783.
3. A revision to the August option that corresponded to the contracts being approved on December 5, 2012, has a remaining balance at year 20 of \$3,666,058.

Contract Approval – Unexpended Funds

Jason Wells briefly reviewed the 4 contracts for Commission approval for January 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014. Chairperson Crocker asked if there were any recusals. Commissioner Borenstein acknowledged her recusal on the two contracts with the SLO County Public Health Department. Each contract was voted on as a separate action.

Public Comment: Kathleen Karle, SLO County Health Promotion Division Manager, thanked the Commission for their consideration of the oral health coordination contract which will allow them to expand their work in the area of policy development. Marilu Gomez, Georgia Brown School Readiness Coordinator, thanked the Commission for their consideration of the pre-k class at Georgia Brown, saying the added classroom would greatly increase the quality of the program by reducing class size to a more manageable number of children. Linda McClure, WIC Program, Nutrition Services

Program Manager thanked the Commission for their consideration of the BABES contracts which will allow the program to enhance its services.

Motions, Seconds, Votes and Abstentions are noted below:

Program	Organization	Approved Total	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstentions
Oral Health Coordinator (new)	SLO County Public Health	\$64,000	Commissioner Collins	Commissioner McNerney	6	0	Commissioner Borenstein
Vision Treatment (amendment)	Gary Englund and Associates: Vision Screening	\$7,200	Commissioner Borenstein	Commissioner Collins	7	0	None
School Readiness: Additional Summer Pre-k Program class at Georgia Brown Elementary (amendment)	Paso Robles Unified School District	\$3,500	Commissioner Collins	Commissioner Kern	7	0	None
BABES-Breast Feeding Support Program (amendment)	SLO County Public Health	\$43,477	Commissioner Murphy	Commissioner McNerney	6	0	Commissioner Borenstein

Commission review of the 2011-12 Outcome Evaluation Report

Tom Keifer presented a PowerPoint which gave Commissioners a historical overview of the changes that have occurred in evaluation since First 5 SLO began. He provided various information on different types of evaluation processes (e.g. process, impact).

The Commission received the draft 2011-12 Outcome Evaluation Report and was asked to review it prior to the January 2013 Commission meeting. They were also asked to provide any input prior to the meeting to Mr. Keifer.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Comments and Announcements

Commissioner Collins indicated his displeasure with the transition process from Healthy Families to MediCal and indicated that Senator Steinberg had suggested that implementation be delayed. SLO County expects enrolling approximately 150 applications per month, with an ongoing caseload of 6,500 in the first year.

Chairperson Crocker spoke about the nomination of Edith Puga, First 5 SLO family advocate at Georgia Brown, for the “20 under 40” project sponsored by the Tribune.

He also thanked Don Dennison for agreeing to chair a committee to review the process used to evaluate the First 5 Executive Director (other members are Commissioners Collins and

Sokolowski) and Commissioner Borenstein for chairing the program evaluation committee (other members are Commissioners Gibson and Kern).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 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:** January 23, 2013, from 4:00 to 6:30 PM at the SLO County Dept. of Social Services, 3433 South Higuera St., Room 115, San Luis Obispo.*