

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

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

May 25, 2011

**Commissioners Present**

Tracy Buckingham	SLO County Department of Social Services
Julian Crocker	SLO County Office of Education
Don Dennison	Children's Services Network
Bruce Gibson	SLO County Board of Supervisors
Michael McNerney, M.D.	San Luis Obispo County Medical Association
Janet Murphy	Community at Large
Rosalinda Rodriguez	Community at Large
Melinda Sokolowski	Child Care Planning Council

**Commissioners Excused**

Penny Borenstein, M.D.	SLO County Public Health Department
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**Staff and Consultants Present**

First 5 Staff: Susan Hughes, Jason Wells; Commission Counsel: Patricia Gomez; Commission Evaluator: Tom Keifer.

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Crocker called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

After welcoming newly seated Commissioner, County Supervisor Bruce Gibson, the meeting was adjourned to closed session for a conference with First 5 legal counsel regarding possible initiation of litigation related to Assembly Bill 99 (AB 99).

The meeting was reconvened at 4:31 PM.

**Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

**Consent Agenda**

- 1) Approval of May 2, 2011 Public Hearing Minutes
- 2) Approval of Commission Financial Reports for the period ending March 31, 2011
- 3) Approval of 2011-12 Commission Meeting Schedule

There were no comments or questions. Commissioner Dennison made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sokolowski and passed 7-0, with Commissioner Gibson abstaining, having been seated on the Commission just yesterday.

### **Commissioners, Designated Members, July 2011 to July 2015**

Susan Hughes, First 5 Executive Director, spoke about the designated member nominations for the Child Care Planning Council (Melinda Sokolowski), the Children Services Network (Don Dennison) and the San Luis Obispo County Medical Association (Michael McNerney, M.D.) for July 20, 2011 to July 19, 2015.

Commissioner Buckingham made a motion to approve the recommendation of the designated representatives to the SLO County Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy and passed unanimously.

### **Administrative Budget, FY 2011-2012, Initial Review (Part 1)**

*(Note: The Agenda order was shifted, with the first part of the Administrative Budget review moved up, so that all Community At Large Commission applicants had time to arrive.)*

Susan Hughes reviewed the ad hoc committee's recommendations re: step raises and Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs). She noted the recommendations will be added to the employee handbook, which will be reviewed for approval in August. Commissioner Gibson noted the language regarding COLAs was general and suggested that Commissioners would benefit from more specific guidelines in order to make annual decisions about COLAs.

### **Commissioners, Representative at Large (Community), July 2011 to July 2015**

Susan Hughes explained the process of filling the two Representative at Large (Community), positions on the Commission for the next term, July 20, 2011 to July 19, 2015. She noted that four applications were received, from Janet Murphy, Rosalinda Rodriguez, Jac Pedersen, and Jim Oates. Three-minute presentations were made by the three applicants present (Murphy, Pedersen, and Rodriguez). Votes were cast by Commissioners and tallied by staff during a brief recess. Commissioners Murphy and Rodriguez were announced as the top vote-getters.

Commissioner Buckingham made a motion to recommend Ms. Murphy and Ms. Rodriguez to the SLO County Board of Supervisors as Representative at Large (Community) Commissioners for 2011-2015 terms. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McNerney and passed unanimously. Chairperson Crocker asked that staff send follow-up letters to all applicants.

### **Administrative Budget, FY 2011-2012, Initial Review (Part 2)**

Susan Hughes reviewed the proposed Commission administrative budget for FY 2011-12, in the amount of \$1,865,493, with an administrative operating budget of \$426,605 (12.49% of total),

which is a 6.4% decrease from the prior fiscal year. She also noted the Administrative Budget will come back for final approval at the June Commission meeting.

*NOTE: Because he had to leave the meeting early for another commitment, Chairperson Crocker turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Dennison.*

### Program Funding, 2011-2014

Jason Wells reviewed recommended funding for specific programs (based on the 2011-2015 Strategic Plan) for July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014. He explained that final approval of individual contracts would occur at the June commission meeting, with funding starting July 1, 2011. He noted that additional contracts would be developed later for new Strategic Plan activities (e.g., the social marketing campaign) which are not currently funded. Motions and votes were as follows (with Commissioner Borenstein and Chairperson Crocker absent/excused):

Program	Organization	3-yr amount	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain
Beginnings	SLO-CAP	\$105,000	Buckingham	Murphy	5	0	Sokolowski, Rodriguez
Postpartum Depression	SLO-CAP	\$20,301	Murphy	McNerney	5	0	Sokolowski, Rodriguez
Parents Helping Parents	Same	\$102,000	Gibson	Sokolowski	7	0	none
Children's Health Initiative	Same	\$160,000	McNerney	Rodriguez	7	0	None
Vision Screening	Gary Englund	\$90,000	Sokolowski	McNerney	7	0	None
First 5 Preschools	SLOCOE	\$392,368	Murphy	Rodriguez	7	0	None
Expanded Day Preschool	SLOCOE	\$388,644	Buckingham	Sokolowski	7	0	None
BEST PALS	Julie Loe, PPTS	\$135,000	McNerney	Murphy	7	0	None
Head Start	CAPSLO	\$242,250	Buckingham	McNerney	6	0	Sokolowski
First 5 Media	Health & Harmony Media	\$36,000	Murphy	Buckingham	7	0	None
BABES	SLO Co PHD, WIC	\$258,219	Rodriguez	Murphy	7	0	None
WIC-Oral Health	SLO Co PHD, WIC	\$60,000	McNerney	Sokolowski	7	0	None
Baby's First Breath	SLO Co PHD, TCP	\$165,000	McNerney	Gibson	7	0	None
Screening & Brief Intervention	SLO Co PHD	\$30,000	Gibson	McNerney	7	0	None
Library Study Center	City of Paso Robles, Library	\$36,000	McNerney	Buckingham	7	0	None
Oak Park Soccer	City of Paso Robles, Housing Authority	\$3,000	Buckingham	Murphy	7	0	None
Oceano School Readiness	Lucia Mar USD	\$311,740	Murphy	Sokolowski	6	0	Dennison
Georgia Brown School Readiness	Paso Robles JUSD	\$361,481	McNerney	Murphy	7	0	None
		<b>\$2,897,003</b>					

## **Governor's 2010-11 Budget Discussion**

Commissioner Gibson noted that the CSAC (California State Association of Counties) Board of Directors will be holding their legislative conference next week, and although he doesn't directly participate in their Health and Human Services Committee, he offered to bring forward First 5 concerns for consideration. He noted that CSAC has a history of support for keeping local funds local. Vice-Chair Dennison noted that First 5 Commissioners and Staff would appreciate it if Gibson could express the Commission's grave concerns regarding the potential impact of AB 99. Susan Hughes noted that CSAC has not come out for or against AB 99, and Commissioner Gibson asked for additional information to take to the conference.

## **Commissioner Comments and Announcements**

Commissioner McNerney asked if there would be a process for increasing the number of Commissioners, such as to give the dental community representation. Ms. Hughes noted that the number of seats on the First 5 SLO Commission is set at seven in both the ordinance and the by-laws, so both would have to be changed. She added that Commissions throughout the state are different in size (from five to nine members), and that a change could be pursued if Commissioners wanted it. Ms. Hughes also noted that the Commission does receive input from several advisory bodies, such as the Neighborhood Teams (for the School Readiness Initiative) and the Oral Health Coalition (for the Oral Health Initiative).

Commissioner Rodriguez reminded Commissioners about the June 2 Aspiranet Foster Care Open House, for which they received flyers.

Vice-Chair Dennison again welcomed newest Commissioner, SLO County Supervisor Bruce Gibson, and thanked him for his input in the meeting.

Commissioner Murphy praised the Hands On Hero awards collaboration.

Susan Hughes reported that First 5 SLO County has received a public records request from a reporter, in regards to First 5 staff compensation.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

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All materials referred to in these minutes are available at the First 5 SLO County office. For a more detailed account, recordings of the meeting are available by calling (805) 781-4058.

**The next Commission meeting will be:**  
Wednesday, June 22, 2011, 4:00-6:30 PM  
Dept. of Social Services, 3433 Higuera Street, Room 115, San Luis Obispo, CA