

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

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2011

Commissioners Present

Tracy Buckingham	SLO County Department of Social Services
Julian Crocker	SLO County Office of Education
Don Dennison	Children's Services Network
Adam Hill	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, Anne Tognazzini; Commission Counsel: Patricia Gomez; Commission Evaluator: Tom Keifer.

Call to Order

Chairperson Crocker called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. He provided instruction about the new public comment procedure (using public comment forms and a timer).

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner McNerney made a motion to approve the March 23, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buckingham and passed unanimously.

2011-15 PROPOSED STRATEGIC PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

- 1) *Proposed Plan Overview*

Jason Wells, First 5 Program Officer, provided an overview of the Strategic Plan planning process. He reviewed requested changes, including replacing specific program names with activity description. He also noted that efforts promoting the social and emotional development of children have been woven throughout the Strategic Plan, per Commissioner Murphy's feedback. Susan Hughes, First 5 Executive Director, also reviewed changes to the long-term financial plan per the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association), on how the funding totals were reflected. Specific amounts for each initiative area were added. Other small changes were reviewed in each of the initiatives.

2) *Public Comment*

Terri Kurczewski, San Luis Obispo Child Development Center (SLOCDC), spoke in support of continuing funding for Martha's Place. She spoke about the relationship between SLOCDC and Martha's Place and the value of Martha's Place. There were no other comments.

3) *Commission Discussion*

Commissioner Murphy provided input about two additional places where emotional and social development might be included.

Commissioner Murphy also asked for an update regarding Martha's Place. Jason Wells reported that Jeff Hamm, SLO County Health Agency Director, has stated that Martha's will be able to continue doing the same level of assessments, but would decrease the level of treatments. Susan Hughes noted that since Martha's Place has moved under the county's umbrella, they are able to leverage other funding. Commissioner Hill added that he has met with Martha's Place representatives regarding proposed reductions and that various options for augmenting funding were being considered. Commissioner Buckingham noted that Martha's Place was originally conceived as an assessment center and that other agencies are stepping up to fill any void in treatment.

There were no other comments.

Adoption of the First 5 San Luis Obispo County 2011-15 Strategic Plan

Commissioner Hill made a motion to adopt the 2011-15 Proposed Strategic Plan, incorporating staff recommendations, including replacing any reference to specific programs with general wording describing the intended activity. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and passed unanimously.

Roll call votes were conducted on each section of the 2011-2015 Strategic Plan:

- **Financial Plan** passed on an 8-0 vote.
- **Health Initiative** passed on 7-0 vote, with self-recusal by Commissioner Sokolowski.
- **Oral Health Initiative** passed on an 8-0 vote.

- **Perinatal Substance Abuse Prevention Initiative** passed on 7-0 vote, with self-recusal by Commissioner Sokolowski.
- **Special Needs Initiative** passed on an 8-0 vote.
- **School Readiness Initiative** passed on a 5-0 vote, with self-recusals by Chair Crocker, Commissioner Dennison, and Commissioner Sokolowski.

Updates on AB 99, SB 486, and the Governor's 2010-2011 budget

Susan Hughes gave an update on what's happening with the AB 99 lawsuit by other First 5 Commissions. She noted there was going to be a hearing in the district court in Fresno in June.

She noted that SB 486 has been made a 2-year bill, and it is unknown what will happen with it next year.

Commissioner Hill provided an update on what the County Board of Supervisors has heard in regards to the State Budget. He also noted that the Governor would be visiting our county in the fall.

Chair Crocker asked if there was any interest in having a closed session with legal counsel at the May 25 meeting, in regards to the AB 99 lawsuit. Several Commissioners expressed interest and it was set for the beginning of the meeting, from 4:00 and 4:30 PM.

Commissioner Comments and Announcements

Commissioner Sokolowski noted she attended a meeting in Monterey recently and that First 5 Santa Barbara is teaming up with Family Resource Centers. She suggested that First 5 SLO County staff might want to participate in future meetings, to share information.

There were no other Commissioner comments or announcements.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.

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, May 25, 2011, 4:00-6:30 PM
Dept. of Social Services, 3433 Higuera Street, Room 115, San Luis Obispo, CA