



## CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION MEETING

July 25, 2013  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn  
2540 Venture Oaks Way  
Pine Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95833

### MINUTES

#### **Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order and Chair’s Welcome**

Chair George Halvorson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Commissioners Present: George Halvorson, Chair  
Joyce Iseri, Vice Chair  
Magdalena Carrasco  
Conway Collis  
Muntu Davis  
Kathryn Icenhower  
Casey McKeever

Ex Officio Member Present: Jim Suennen

George Halvorson, new Commission Chair, welcomed members to the meeting and announced the appointment of new Commissioner Muntu Davis.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Four nurses from Kaiser Permanente spoke in protest to the closure of the Kaiser Hayward inpatient pediatrics unit.

#### **Agenda Item 2 – Special Presentations**

Camille Maben, Executive Director, provided a special presentation honoring outgoing Chair Jennifer Kent and outgoing Vice Chair Patrick Duterte for their service on the Commission.

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioners spoke in appreciation of Jennifer and Patrick’s contributions, commitment, and guidance provided while serving on the Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Moira Kenney, Executive Director, First 5 Association of California, and Christina Arrostuto, Executive Director, First 5 Solano, echoed Commissioners comments.

### **Agenda Item 3 – Executive Director’s Report**

Camille Maben, Executive Director, provided the following updates:

#### Site Visits

Ms. Maben made site visits to six county commissions to learn about the important work being done in Napa, Nevada, Yolo, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and San Bernardino counties.

#### Common Core and Pre-K Quality Meeting

The Mimi and Peter Haas Fund hosted a meeting to discuss the K-12 Common Core State Standards and potential links with early education. Transitional kindergarten was seen as a major bridge between early education and K-12. One of the major points made was the need to have a convener to move this discussion forward. Ms. Maben thought First 5 California would be perfect for that role.

#### Healthy Kids Night Out

Ms. Maben, Commissioner Icenhower, First 5 California staff, and other health advocates attended the Healthy Kids Night Out with the LA Galaxy. The event was centered on promoting physical activities for kids.

#### Head Start Association Policy Summit

Ms. Maben addressed the Head Start Association Policy Summit on First 5 California’s work, Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge Grant, and ways to partner together in the future.

#### 15-Year Anniversary

In November of this year, First 5 will celebrate its 15-year anniversary of the voter approval of Proposition 10. The First 5 Association and First 5 California will be working on efforts to honor and highlight this milestone.

#### First 5 California Staff Updates

New Hires:

- Diane Levin, Chief Deputy Director
- Kathy Ellis, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, Administrative Services
- Jaime Hastings, Staff Services Manager Specialist, Executive Team
- Jennifer Clark, Chief of Administrative Services
- Maria Rodriguez, Office Technician, Receptionist

Leave/Departures:

- Lindsay VanLaningham, Communications Unit, is on maternity leave until January
- Allison Nguyen, Office Technician, accepted a job at another state agency
- Renee Webster-Hawkins, Legal Counsel, accepted a job at another state agency

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**Agenda Item 4 – Strategic Plan Process**

The Glen Price Group facilitated an interactive discussion to provide Commissioners and the public an opportunity to engage in the development of First 5 California's Strategic Plan, and to provide feedback and recommendations.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**Agenda Item 5 – Advisory Committee Reports**

Chair Halvorson called upon Commissioners to provide an update on advisory committee meetings or activities that had taken place since the April 2013 meeting. There were no activities to report on.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**Agenda Item 6 – Financial Update**

Mike Fuller, Interim Chief of Administrative Services, provided the State Commission a financial update on revenue projections and adjustments, obligations and disbursements, and First 5 California's Financial Plan.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**Agenda Item 7 – Department of Developmental Services for Early Start Services Funding**

Camille Maben provided a brief update on the status of the standard agreement to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) as a result of the Commission's action to allocate up to \$15 million to supplement services for children ages 0 to 2 under the Early Start Program. DDS returned the standard agreement to First 5 California with a request for substantial changes. In consultation with legal counsel, First 5 staff met with Fiscal Advisory Committee members who agreed to keep the original agreement with DDS largely intact.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**Agenda Item 8 – Funding Authorization for California Health Interview Survey**

David Dodds, Deputy Director of Results and Evaluation, and Moira Kenney, Executive Director, First 5 Association of California requested the Commission authorize funding to continue fiscal support of the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS).

Dr. Ninez Ponce, Principal Investigator, and David Grant, Director for CHIS, provided information on how data are collected, the importance of that data to First 5 California, and how those results are disseminated.

**MOTION/ACTION:** Commissioner Collis moved that the Commission approve funding of up to \$1,500,000 over a two-year period to continue fiscal support of the 2013-14 CHIS. The two-year period will begin when the agreement is approved by the Department of General Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Icenhower.

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner McKeever commented on the importance of the information provided by CHIS.

Vice Chair Iseri asked if cell phones were utilized as part of the phone survey. Dr. Ponce indicated 20 percent of the phone surveys are conducted with cell phones.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved by a majority vote of the Commission. Chair Halvorson and Commissioner Davis recused themselves from voting on this item due to possible conflicts of interest.

### **Agenda Item 9 – Election of Commission Vice Chair, and 2013 Advisory Committee Assignments**

Diane Levin, Chief Deputy Director, requested the Commission elect a new Vice Chair to fill the current vacancy, and to approve appointments to the Commission’s standing and ad hoc advisory committees.

**MOTION/ACTION:** Commissioner Collis moved that the Commission nominate Joyce Iseri to serve as Vice Chair for the First 5 California Children and Families Commission through July 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carrasco.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

**MOTION/ACTION:** Commissioner McKeever moved that the Commission approve the appointment of Commissioners to the current standing committees, along with the ad hoc advisory committee, as described in the July 2013 Commission Advisory Committee Descriptions as follows:

| <b>Standing Committees</b> |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <i>Executive</i>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• George Halvorson, Chair</li><li>• Joyce Iseri, Vice Chair</li></ul> |

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| <i>Public Education and Outreach</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magdalena Carrasco</li> <li>• George Halvorson</li> </ul>  |
| <i>Legislation</i>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conway Collis</li> <li>• Casey McKeever</li> </ul>         |
| <i>Research and Evaluation</i>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joyce Iseri</li> <li>• Muntu Davis</li> </ul>              |
| <i>Program</i>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathryn Icenhower</li> <li>• Magdalena Carrasco</li> </ul> |
| <i>Fiscal</i>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joyce Iseri</li> <li>• Casey McKeever</li> </ul>           |
| <b>Ad Hoc Committee</b>              |   |
| <i>Strategic Planning</i>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathryn Icenhower</li> <li>• George Halvorson</li> </ul>   |

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

**Agenda Item 10 – Approval of Commission Meeting Calendar for 2014**

Diane Levin, Chief Deputy Director requested the Commission approve the following proposed meeting dates and locations for the 2014 calendar year:

| <b><u>DATE</u></b> | <b><u>LOCATION</u></b> |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| January 23, 2014   | Sacramento             |
| April 24, 2014     | Sacramento             |
| July 24, 2014      | Sacramento             |
| October 23, 2014   | Burbank                |

**MOTION/ACTION:** Commissioner McKeever moved that the Commission approve the proposed Commission meeting dates for the 2014 calendar year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carrasco.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

**Agenda Item 11 – Consent Calendar**

The Commission considered approval of the consent calendar as detailed on the agenda, including items 11a and 11b.

**MOTION/ACTION:** Commissioner Icenhower moved that the Commission approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collis.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

**Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment**

**MOTION/ACTION:** Commissioner McKeever moved that the Commission adjourn the Commission Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collis.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The next scheduled Commission meeting is October 24, 2013, at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Hotel.