



The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023 at International-House Davis, Community room (10 College Park, Davis, CA 95616)

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Jim Provenza, Sally Brown, Karleen Jakowski, Melissa Roberts, Garth Lewis, Heidi Kellison, Jenn Rexroad, Lucas Frerichs

**Staff in Attendance:**

Gina Daleiden, Victoria Zimmerle, Rachel McFarland, Melina Ortigas, Fawn Montagna

**Public in Attendance:**

Justine Jiminez, Marianne Estes

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

Item #1: Call to order

J. Provenza called the meeting to order at: **3:05 pm**.

Item #2: Roll Call

V. Zimmerle took a voice roll call.

Absent: Nicole Arnold

Item #3: Approval of Agenda

***Approve Agenda***

**Motion:** G. Lewis      **Second:** J. Rexroad

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #4: Opportunity for Commissioners to state Conflict and Recusal

None.

Item #5: Public Comment

None.

Item #6: Approve First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting Minutes from 1/11/2023

Item #7: Receive Sponsorship Fund Allocations Report (West Sacramento Home Run, City of West Sacramento: Home Run Family Financial Wellness and Resource Fair

Item #8: Authorize One-Time Payment for Management Services Officer for Retro-Wages Covering 4 Pay Periods (November and December 2022) in the Amount of \$674.88 to Align January 2023 Reclass Action to Annual Review Date

***Approve consent agenda items 6-8.***



**Motion:** M. Roberts      **Second:** G. Lewis

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #9: Election of F5Y Commission Officers

N. Arnold (in absentia) is willing to remain Vice Chair for another year. S. Brown is willing to serve as Treasurer for another year.

***Re-Elect N. Arnold to serve as Vice Chair and S. Brown to serve as Treasurer for an additional term.***

**Motion:** M. Roberts      **Second:** G. Lewis

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #10: Accept Fiscal Half Year 1 2022-2023 CHILD Project: Road to Resilience and Early Learning Program Performance Measure Report

G. Daleiden noted that aggregate data will be presented by the program managers and thanked First 5 Yolo's partners in these funded programs.

M. Ortigas reported on performance measures for CHILD Project: Road to Resilience (R2R) and provided a history of the timeline for R2R. M. Ortigas noted that R2R participants reported better outcomes in the reporting period on key performance measures (KPMs) compared to CommuniCare's (CCHC) general population, noting the key role that home visits play in achieving these improvements. Vaccination rates improved from the same time last year. Participants who reduced or abstained from substance use decreased slightly since last year; M. Ortigas noted that this is partly due to improvement in how data associated with this measure is collected and reported. M. Ortigas noted that there was an increase in substance use during the COVID pandemic.

100% of families enrolled in R2R, who received 6 or more home visits, avoided the need for entry into Child Welfare Services. K. Jakowski noted how critical this performance is; early intervention and help with substance use not only improves the health of the child but also prevents the child from needing to enter Child Welfare and potentially removed from the home. Providing early support to mothers and families improves all outcomes for the child's health and continuing development.

R2R is reaching children at highest risk: 72% of children enrolled in R2R scored at-risk for developmental or behavioral delays, as compared to 30% of the general population. M. Ortigas noted that mothers who are engaged prenatally are more likely to stay connected to other home visiting services after giving birth.

G. Daleiden shared that F5Y was awarded the Alternative Response contract from Child Welfare Services for early prevention services in Yolo County, and that this additional funding will allow for additional training to better serve Black families, which are currently underserved in Yolo County but overrepresented within Child Welfare. K. Jakowski also noted the upcoming opportunity to leverage Title IV-E funds, allowable for the first time, through the Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) to continue funding R2R's services.



Commissioners discussed and asked questions about program outcomes, identification of opportunities to expand the target population for both R2R and Welcome Baby, and program implementation practices.

F. Montagna reported on First 5 Yolo's IMPACT Early Learning Programs, which serve childcare providers in Yolo County with an emphasis on Family, Friend, Neighbor (FFN) providers who have been historically underserved. Services under IMPACT included a variety of service durations and focus areas (e.g. early literacy, positive caregiver interactions, incorporating art strategies, etc.). In Fiscal Half Year 1 2022-2023 (FHY1 22-23), IMPACT Funded Partners worked together to support childcare providers in accessing services across multiple agencies and programs based on their individual needs and desires, which lead to better outcomes for all participants. Providers can participate in one-on-one, group coaching, or receive regular communication and updates on resources and learning opportunities. F. Montagna noted that IMPACT has targeted outreach to underserved communities, including non-English families and those providers serving Dual Language Learning (DLL) children.

After participating in an IMPACT coaching cohort, 100% of providers talk, read, and sing more often with the children in their care. 100% of providers met at least one goal defined in their Quality Improvement Plan, and 16 providers received training on incorporating art through a trauma informed lens via the Davis Arts Center.

Several FFN's enrolled in IMPACT are actively pursuing licensure and receiving technical assistance and support through the coaching process. FFN's continue to strengthen their peer-to-peer support networks and see themselves as valued professionals. Providers have built relationships with Yolo County family-serving agencies, and all children receiving childcare during FFN coaching cohorts receive developmental screening.

Commissioners discussed and asked questions about outreach and identification of childcare providers within the County, collaboration with other childcare focused agencies within the County, and sustainability of future funding for both IMPACT Early Learning Programs and R2R.

G. Daleiden provided background on the original grants funding the initiatives presented and Welcome Baby, and highlighted that funding may change to build longer-term sustainability for the programs. The Commission then made final remarks pertaining to First 5 Yolo initiatives. J. Provenza noted 211 services may also provide an opportunity to outreach and identification for First 5 Yolo programs and additionally, encouraged staff to apply for increased Cannabis Tax funding to support effective programs. L. Frerichs inquired about support Commissioners can offer locally or at the state level to advocate sustainability for program funding. H. Kellison noted it may be helpful for Commissioners to meet with the local City County members to discuss and advocate.

No public comment.

***Accept Fiscal Half Year 1 2022-2023 CHILD Project: Road to Resilience and Early Learning Program Performance Measure Report.***

**Motion:** H. Kellison      **Second:** M. Roberts

Motion carried unanimously.



Item #11: Receive and Discuss Update on Statewide First 5 Sustainability Planning

Given the fiscal landscape and the potential threat to the 25-year infrastructure and unique work of First 5, First 5 Association formed a work group of executive directors, staff, and F5A lobbyist to better align The First 5 Network (all 58 counties, F5CA, and F5A), and to explore and move forward statewide sustainability options. The First 5 Yolo Executive Director serves on this work group.

The Sustainability Workgroup is focused on two parallel pathways, now formally adopted by First 5 Association and expected as goals over the next year or two:

1. Secure a one-time General Fund allocation from State Budget to offset the impact of Proposition 31, the California flavored tobacco ban, and declining tobacco tax revenue. Prop 31 was supported by First 5 as a public health measure, but the unintended consequence is destabilization of First 5's infrastructure and service provision for early childhood health, learning, and prevention strategies across California.

First 5 Association is planning for a one-time, \$100 million General Fund allocation request for next year's state budget session. G. Daleiden noted that this request will be presented as a one-time ask, with the understanding that F5A will need to return for more funding. The one-time budget ask may be for funding over two to three years. Commissioners discussed the possibility of creating a working group comprised of First 5 Commissioners from various counties. H. Kellison offered to support this effort.

2. Ensure that local First 5 commissions are recognized and engaged by the state as foundational community implementers, intermediaries, fiscal agents, and thought partners for programs, policies, and state initiatives that seek to improve child and family outcomes. This includes pursuing dedicated funding streams from existing state revenue sources, making local First 5 commissions eligible recipients to implement these funding streams.

California State Association of Counties (CSAC) has added the sustainability of First 5 to its list of Priorities. L. Frerichs noted that CSAC has a working group on funding early childhood development programs. First 5 Association views this as an important first step in pursuing a statewide budget request and looks forward to a close partnership on this effort.

K. Jakowski noted that she and G. Daleiden are currently working closely on how Help me Grow is co-funded in the new 3-year MHSA Plan in anticipation of the unfolding budget challenges related to Prop 31.

Item #12: Accept Q2 FY2022-2023 Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report

The Q2 Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report includes all funds received and expended from July 1, 2022-December 31, 2022, as well as expenses incurred and revenues earned in the defined period which were received within the period of availability, though funds may have been received or expended after December 31.



V. Zimmerle shared that staff are not recommending any budget updates at this time and that largely, all programs and expenditures are in-line with expected costs at this point in the fiscal year. In May, when staff bring the Q3 Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report, additional budget updates will be recommended to take into account receipt of any pending grants, budget revisions, and other modifications.

1. V. Zimmerle also shared that, to date, staff have not yet received updated Prop 10 Revenue Projections which were expected early in the new year. These updates projections were expected to include a better reflection of the impact of the passage of Prop 31 as well as updated Birth Projections from the CA Department of Finance which is expected to result in First 5 Yolo receiving a “true-up” to account for Yolo’s higher relative birth rate from 2019 to 2020 which is the basis distribution of Prop 10 funding across the State.

The Commission’s projected ending Fund Balance is \$2,186,564 which includes all established Reserves aligned to the current Long Term Financial Plan which concludes June 30, 2024. In the next item, Commissioners will consider ending the current Long Term Financial Plan one year early and adopting a new Long Term Financial Plan aligned to the new Strategic Plan time horizon.

Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

***Accept Q2 FY2022-2023 Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report***

**Motion:** S. Brown      **Second:** M. Roberts

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item #13: Approve Alignment of the First 5 Yolo Long Term Financial Plan to new Strategic Plan Time Horizon**

First 5 Yolo’s current adopted Long Term Financial Plan spans six (6) years and is set to conclude on June 30, 2024. Reserves and current target balances are set to reflect anticipated Commission needs through Fiscal Year 2023-2024 only, a shorter time span than a new 5-year Strategic Plan.

Through the adoption process of a new LTFP, those balances would be revised to better match the term of a new Strategic Plan. While the LTFP neither binds nor commits The Commission, it serves as a tool to illustrate the likely financial outcomes of a particular course of action or factors affecting the environment in which it operates. As the Commission works through its strategic planning process, many assumptions in the current LTFP are outdated and may not necessarily reflect any changing Commission goals and objectives, which will be defined through the strategic planning process, and the climate in which First 5 Yolo is currently operating.

Aligning the LTFP and the Strategic Plan would allow staff to update assumptions, look further ahead, and incorporate the goals, objectives, and anticipated investment strategies defined through the Strategic Planning Process. To align the Long-Term Financial Plan with the anticipated Strategic Plan, staff recommend concluding the current plan one year early (June 30, 2023) and adopting a new 5-year plan which would be effective July 1, 2023.

***Approve Alignment of the First 5 Yolo Long Term Financial Plan to new Strategic Plan Time Horizon.***



**Motion:** S. Brown      **Second:** M. Roberts

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #14: Executive Director Report

G. Daleiden updated the Commission on the following:

- The SB608 Kids Plates Bill, authored by Sen. Becker of San Mateo, which would route some state funding directly to county First 5 Commissions. This funding would be used to help support existing programs, with an emphasis on child safety and parent education. The money for this bill is partially generated by the purchase of license plates. Each year First 5 associations would be surveyed and given the chance to opt into this funding. Funding will be divided among First 5's that opt in. First 5 Yolo could use this funding for home visiting, which includes components of safety education for parents. L. Frerichs has graciously offered to attend a hearing at the Capitol to support this legislation.
- F5CA Home Visiting Coordination Grant and Managed Care Plan focus: There are currently twenty-two First 5's that have opted into this newly created region of Counties with Partnership Health Plan as their Managed Care Plan. First 5 CA is excited about this strategic use of funds. The grant application and development is led by First 5 Sonoma and the grant timeline is expected to be extended which will allow for additional time to coordinate.
- The IMPACT RFA, which will be known as IMPACT Legacy with this next and final interaction of the grant, is expected in the next few weeks.. Funding for both Home Visiting Coordination and IMPACT Legacy are is expected to start July 1, 2023. If funding becomes delayed beyond a July 1 start date, there will be implications for IMPACT service providers as some funded partner agency staff are paid for entirely by this grant.
- Strategic Planning next steps: G. Daleiden will meet with consultant, Rafael Gomez, to identify stakeholders for focus groups and 1:1 discussions to include F5Y funded partners and other stakeholders. G. Daleiden requested that Commissioners email her with any suggestions on additional stakeholders who should be engaged.

Item #15: Commissioner Reports

G. Lewis provided updates on the Roadmap to the Future. Community engagement sessions for the Roadmap to the Future were well attended and members of the community were interested and involved in the process. Community members particularly noted the need for access to healthcare. G. Lewis offered to share the data and learnings from these sessions. The next step will be a county-wide needs assessment. The final report for the Roadmap to the Future is planned to be released in late summer or early fall.

G. Lewis also noted that on March 20, 2023, there will be an annual Yolo County Elected Leaders & Officials Forum at the Yolo County Office of Education and additionally on May 11, 2023 YCOE will host a Whole Child Equity Summit primarily focused on TK-12<sup>th</sup> grade providers in an effort to align early



learning and care systems. G. Lewis shared flyers and extended an open invitation to F5Y staff and Commissioners.

K. Jakowski shared updates on the status of the development of the new 3-year Mental Health Services Act plan. She also shared her desire to strengthen how the County talks about the mental health needs of children 0-5 and their families as well as a desire to build on work the Commission has already done via Help Me Grow allowing for an even more intensive level of support including Full Service Partnership services of 0-5, which is the highest level of support. K. Jakowski also shared current data from Child Welfare.

S. Brown attended the Winters Parent Nursery School meeting at the end of January regarding supporting their infrastructure improvement with Childcare ARP funds.

Item #16: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **4:57 pm**.

Next Commission Meeting scheduled:

May 09, 2023

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