



The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 14th day of June, 2023 at International House, 10 College Park, Davis, CA 95616.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Jim Provenza, Anna Domek, Karleen Jakowski, Jenn Rexroad, Garth Lewis, Heidi Kellison, Nichole Arnold, Lucas Frerichs

Absent:

Melissa Roberts

Staff in Attendance:

Gina Daleiden, Rachel McFarland, Sarah Hartman

Public in Attendance:

Rafael Gomez, Emily Ault

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Item #1: Call to order

Vice Chair called the meeting to order at: **3:03 pm.**

Item #2: Roll Call

L. Frerichs took a voice roll call.

Absent: Melissa Roberts

Late: Garth Lewis, Jim Provenza

Item #3: Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion: H. Kellison **Second:** N. Arnold

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

Item #5: Public Comment

None.

Item #7: Approve First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting Minutes from 05/10/23

Item #8: Approve First 5 Yolo Finance Committee Meeting minutes from 06/07/23

Item #9: Adopt Commission Meeting and Budget Process Calendar for FY23/24

Item #10: Approve QCC Program Officer Salary Scale Re-Classification



H. Kellison requested the following edit to the Commission Meeting Minutes from 5/10/23: Delete “in Winters” from recorded comment by H. Kellison in Item 14.

Approve consent agenda items 7-10 with edits to the 5/10/23 Commission Meeting minutes

Motion: H. Kellison **Second:** S. Brown

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #11: Public Hearing: Receive Presentation, Review, and Adopt Fiscal Year 2023/24-2027/28 Strategic Plan

L. Frerichs proposed delaying this item until later in the meeting when J. Provenza can be present to receive the presentation.

J. Provenza arrived at **3:14 pm**.

R. Gomez presented an overview of the final draft of the FY23/24-FY27/28 Strategic Plan. He stated that during listening sessions, providers and partners emphasized how well-regarded First 5 Yolo is in the community. R. Gomez will create a short slide deck for Commissioner to use to help advocate for F5Y.

G. Daleiden underscored how gratifying it is that partners have such confidence in F5Y and its initiatives and their desire to see those initiatives be sustained. G. Daleiden also noted the complexity of the work F5Y does and emphasized Strategic Plan Priority IV: Building Capacity as one of the agencies biggest challenges.

G. Lewis asked a clarifying question about Strategic Plan Priority II: Promote Equity and Family-Centered Practices and Policies and suggested rewording the third subsection for clarity. G. Daleiden and S. Hartman emphasized the importance of addressing needs at the family level, and that when family needs are addressed results will follow. A. Domek suggested changing wording under subsection 1 to “Sustain and Adapt High-Impact Initiatives that Empower Families as Partners and Demonstrate the Results of Funded Initiatives” and subsection 3 to “Develop Caregiver and Provider Capacity for Respectful and Responsive Relationships.” Commissioners agreed on the proposed wording.

Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Public Hearing opened at 4:09 pm.

No public comment.

Public Hearing closed at 4:09 pm.

Adopt Fiscal Year 2023/24-2027/28 Strategic Plan with edits to Strategic Plan Priority II.

Motion: N. Arnold **Second:** G. Lewis

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #12: Authorize Acceptance of Yolo County Cannabis Tax Funds for FY23/24 for First 5 Yolo’s The CHILD Project: Road to Resilience



G. Daleiden provided an overview of Yolo County Cannabis Tax Funding Request for The CHILD Project: Road to Resilience. First 5 Yolo originally requested an amount of funding to cover two fiscal years, but after meeting with County leadership on the challenges of lower total tax receipts this year, asked for half of the funding, \$146,675, to cover the FY23/24, with the understanding that First 5 Yolo would submit the second half of the request in the next year, once that tax amount is known to Yolo County. At the June 13, 2023 the meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved the amended request for FY23/24 with the opportunity to return next year to request additional funds.

H. Kellison asked whether more funds may be available in future. L. Frerichs provided information on how cannabis tax revenue has declined in the past several years and why. The Board subcommittee has discussed and approved prioritizing cannabis tax funding for First 5 Yolo with this year's proceeds. The Board of Supervisors is projecting a possible increase in cannabis tax revenue in the next year because of new industry applications. H. Kellison noted the high number of applicants for cannabis tax funding and how well it reflects on First 5 Yolo and its importance to the Yolo community that it was approved for funding. G. Daleiden thanked L. Frerichs and J. Provenza for their advocacy on behalf of First 5 Yolo in receiving this funding.

Authorize Acceptance of Yolo County Cannabis Tax Funds for FY23/24 for First 5 Yolo's The CHILD Project: Road to Resilience.

Motion: H. Kellison **Second:** A. Domek

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #13: Public Hearing: Review and Adopt Fiscal Year 2023/24-2027/28 Long Term Financial Plan

G. Daleiden presented the final draft of the Long-Term Financial Plan, noting that the draft plan was presented at the May Commission meeting.

Public Hearing opened at 4:11 pm.

No public comment.

Public Hearing closed at 4:11 pm.

Adopt Fiscal Year 2023/24-2027/28 Long Term Financial Plan.

Motion: G. Lewis **Second:** S. Brown

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #14: Consider and Approve Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of 2% for First 5 Yolo Employees for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

G. Daleiden noted that this is a request for a standard COLA increase of 2% and that this increase is included in the budget for the coming fiscal year. County COLA action generally informs First 5 Yolo Commission decisions on COLA, and Management Unit is anticipated to receive a 2% increase FY23/24. Should circumstances change, G. Daleiden will update the Commission.



L. Frerichs expressed his thanks and appreciation for First 5 Yolo staff and the work they do on behalf of children and families of Yolo County.

Approve Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of 2% for First 5 Yolo Employees for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Motion: L. Frerichs **Second:** H. Kellison

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #15: Review 3-Year Comparison Budget and Review and Adopt FY23/24 Budget

G. Daleiden reviewed the proposed FY23/24 Budget and the 3-Year comparison budget, noting that the 3-year budget is not a formal document and does not need action; it is intended to provide a tool for review of the budget from year to year. The FY23/24 Budget was presented for approval.

No questions from Commissioners who felt The Budget and notes were very clear.

Adopt FY23/24 Budget.

Motion: J. Rexroad **Second:** N. Arnold

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #16: Review and Authorize Funded Program Contracts, Sole Source Procurements, and Professional Services for FY23/24

G. Daleiden provided an overview of the funded program contracts for Fiscal Year 23/24. Most of these programs are multi-year initiatives, and contracts are either extended or new contracts are created. Per First 5 California and First 5 Yolo policy, sole source procurement forms are filled out for each contractor, even for continuing initiatives and governmental agencies.

G. Daleiden noted that listed funding amounts may change on the final partner contracts. If final funded amounts are lower, no action is needed, but if final funded amounts are higher, the requested funding will be presented for approval by the Commission at a future meeting. Some contracts have already been approved at a past Commission meeting. Unspent FY22/23 funds may be rolled over into the next fiscal year.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Authorize Funded Program Contracts, Sole Source Procurements, and Professional Services for FY23/24.

Motion: J. Rexroad **Second:** S. Brown

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #17: Executive Director Report

G. Daleiden presented the following updates:



- G. Daleiden presented the First 5 Yolo annual report to the Board of Supervisors in May, which was well received. The focus of the presentation was on Welcome Baby and Childcare ARP, both of which have strong data showing their efficacy. G. Daleiden also presented information on the F5Y strategic plan to the Board. The final strategic plan will be provided to the Board.
- The California Department of Social Services presented First 5 Yolo's The CHILD Project: Road to Resilience at a recent event. G. Daleiden noted that CDSS could only present one R2R program and that they chose F5Y because of the strength of the program.
- G. Daleiden provided updates on First 5 Yolo's work with Partnership Health Managed Care Plan to enhance and deepen partnership and develop a billing relationship:
 - Chapman Consulting has been hired for a short contract to help move the Managed Care Plan project forward, including investigating additional opportunities under CalAIM.
 - There will be a meeting in a couple of weeks with Partnership Health, Chapman Consulting, and F5Y staff on the Community Health Worker Benefit Pilot, which will start with Welcome Baby and R2R and may expand from there
 - G. Daleiden noted that the California Department of Health Care Services has stated that by 2025 all managed care plans must have an MOU with their respective First 5 agencies.
- G. Daleiden introduced S. Hartman to the Commissioners and commended her contributions to Welcome Baby and First 5 Yolo.
- S. Hartman provided more information on the current status of Welcome Baby:
 - F5Y staff are working with the UC Davis HEAL Lab for evaluation of Welcome Baby, starting with data from March 2022 to March 2023 to analyze the impact of the program
 - S. Hartman noted that there have been minor delays in this process because of data capacity of partners: data collected from WB is strong, but comparison data is needed to evaluate the efficacy of WB versus other community programs. Data will be collected from CommuniCare Health for comparison
 - S. Hartman will provide a full report at the September Commission meeting
 - S. Hartman has been presenting summary data at every all-staff meeting for WB service staff, and noted that this has been an important tool to keep staff informed and elicit feedback

H. Kellison noted how impactful Yolo County is and will continue to be at the state level, despite being one of the poorest counties in California, and how particularly impactful Welcome Baby is at addressing gender bias and improving maternal health.

S. Brown commended the work from UC Davis on Welcome Baby.

Item #18: Commissioner Reports

K. Jakowski provided updates on Mental Health Services Act funding and 3-Year Plan process:

- The draft Plan has been delayed because of budget changes at a state level



- Tax revenue is lower than projected this fiscal year due to delayed tax deadlines, but will be higher next fiscal year as a result
- The cost of doing business for many contractors under MHSA has increased
- Many programs previously funded by grants are now funded by MHSA, and the fund balance over the next three years will be used to sustain programs
- MHSA reform is in progress: about a third of MHSA funding will be directed to housing, rather than left to the discretion of the county, and this will change how counties are able to allocate MHSA funds. This may be a cause for concern, particularly as it impacts Prevention and Early Intervention programs (PEI). K. Jakowski will provide updates as they become available
- Beginning in 2024 there will be a second managed care plan available for Yolo MediCal recipients under Kaiser.

G. Daleiden noted that there is an intensive effort from First 5 Association and early childhood partners to advocate for the State to consider dedicated funding for 0-5 mental health, even if changes are made to MHSA. She also, noted the effect of First 5 programs on mental health in early childhood.

A. Domek provided information on the statewide Imagination Library effort. All children from age 0-5 can sign up to get a book sent to them in English or Spanish from Imagination Library, and The First Partner and local State Senator launched a kickoff (attended by A. Domek) at the West Sacramento Library. G. Daleiden thanked A. Domek for helping to bring families to the event.

L. Frerichs introduced Emily Ault, L. Frerichs's Assistant Deputy.

G. Lewis provided an update on the Roadmap to the Future and the recent Early Learning Summit for teachers, school system staff, and providers. The event was well attended and well received by participants. F. Montagna attended on behalf of First 5 Yolo. G. Lewis noted the potential for 0-5 programs to overlap K-12 education services.

Item #19: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **4:53 pm**.

Next Commission Meeting scheduled:

September 13, 2023

International House

10 College Park, Davis, CA 95616