



The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 10th day of September 2025 at International House, 10 College Park, Davis 95616.

Commissioners in attendance: Nichole Arnold, Sally Brown, Aimee Sisson, Lucas Frerichs, Anna Domek, Garth Lewis, Jenn Rexroad, Barb Boehler (remote)

Staff in attendance: Gina Daleiden, Victoria Zimmerle, Melina Ortigas, Kristi Link-Crosier

Public in attendance: N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Item #1: Call to order

L. Frerichs called meeting to order at 3:39pm

Item # 2: Roll Call

L. Frerichs took a voice roll call.

Absent: Melissa Roberts

Late: None.

Item #3: Consider approval of the agenda

Approve meeting agenda

Motion: S. Brown **Second:** N. Arnold

Motion carried unanimously

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

None

Item # 5: Public Comment

No public comment

CONSENT AGENDA

Executive Director recommends approval of Consent Agenda Items 6-10 and noted that the Commission is being asked to authorize a small contract to Dignity Health to allow First 5 Yolo to enter into the Agreement with Dignity Health, should it be needed for the continuing partnership in Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience. There is a possibility that Dignity Health would prefer an agreement that does not include funding.



Item #6: Approve First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting Minutes from 06/11/25

Item #7: Authorize Increase to CommuniCare+Ole Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience services Contract up to \$46,429 for a Fiscal Year 2025-26 Maximum Compensation Not to Exceed \$1,282,033

Item #8: Authorize Increase to Northern California Children's Therapy Help Me Grow Contract up to \$45,000 for a Fiscal Year 2025-26 Maximum Compensation Not to Exceed \$638,864

Item #9: Authorize Contract for Dignity Health for Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience Referral Planning and Coordination Up to \$20,000 Across Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Item #10: Adopt Updated Chief Executive Office Job Description

Approve consent agenda items 6-10

Motion: G. Lewis **Second:** A. Sisson

Motion carried unanimously

REGULAR AGENDA

Item #11: Receive Presentation on F5Y Medi-Cal Services Provision

K. Link-Crosier presented an update on the status and milestones of the Medi-Cal services provided through First 5 Yolo, noting that First 5 Yolo continues to bill for CHW services delivered via Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience and also enrolled its first ECM patient in August 2025. Dominique McCoy, First 5 Yolo's Community Health Specialist, is conducting additional outreach to Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience clients identified as eligible for ECM services through First 5 Yolo. K. Link-Crosier also discussed the upcoming launch of the Help Me Grow ECM program, which is anticipated to have its first enrollment in November 2025. Commissioners discussed, asked questions, and encouraged sharing progress with Yolo County HHSA. G. Daleiden noted that County staff have been briefed and will continued to be briefed on progress to keep the advances in Medi-Cal billing top-of-mind.

Item #12: Review and Adopt 2025-2026 Evaluation Plan

M. Ortigas reviewed the Evaluation Plan for FY25-26 and its alignment to the Strategic Plan. She highlighted the data collection work undertaken with partners to ensure evaluation is collaborative, achievable, and aligned with billing requirements and reporting needs. She also noted that First 5 Yolo will be launching a new Case Management solution (Apricot 360 owned by Bonterra Tech) to support the ECM transition for Help Me Grow. The new solution will function as the EHR for the program and support ECM billing. Commissioners discussed the need for service mapping across different populations throughout the county in order to reduce redundancies and maximize the impact of the work being completed, and the efforts of the Road Map to the Future to support in this work.



A. Sission flagged recent and pending changes to the CDC's vaccine schedule and recent legislation at the State Level (SB144) which would allow for the creation of a CDPH recommended vaccine schedule in response to the federal changes. She recommended updating the immunization metric in the Evaluation Plan to reflect either AAP or CDPH provided SB144 passes.

Adopt 2025-2026 Evaluation Plan with Amendment to update the Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience Immunization Outcome Measure to Reflect Adherence to the American Academy of Pediatrics Immunization Schedule or CDPH schedule pending the outcome of SB144.

Motion: J Rexroad Second: A. Sisson

Motion carried unanimously

Item #13: Review and Adopt Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Revised Budget

V. Zimmerle reviewed the revised FY25-26 Budget which included actions taken during the June 2025 meeting by the Commission, actions taken during this meeting, and the rolling forward of unspent grant funds, for multi- or cross- year grants into Fiscal Year 2025-26. The net effect of the proposed revisions is a slight increase to the planned draw on Fund Balance across the Fiscal Year. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Adopt Fiscal Year 2025-26 Revised Budget

Motion: S. Brown Second: L. Frerichs

Motion carried unanimously

Item #14: Accept Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Year-End Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report

V. Zimmerle presented the FY 2024-2025 year-end Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report, including the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Cost Allocation. First 5 Yolo's administrative cost rate for the Fiscal Year was 9.4% in compliance with its adopted Administrative Cost Cap.

V. Zimmerle pointed out that there was a discrepancy of \$2,470 in Fund Balance Reserve amounts which has been corrected in the presented report, and the report will be updated in the public packet. Overall, in Fiscal Year 2024-25, revenues were ~3% lower than originally budgeted primarily related to lower than budgeted Prop 10 revenues, and underspending in grants. Commissioners discussed the impact of underspending by funded partners on the budget and the process of rolling over unspent funds to other funded partners. V. Zimmerle noted that where possible and allowable, unspent funds have been rolled into Fiscal Year 2025-26 and a revision request to rollover unspent FY25 Office of Child Abuse Prevention funds is currently with OCAP for review and approval.

No public comment.

Accept Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Year-End Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report

Motion: G. Lewis Second: S. Brown

Motion carried unanimously

Item # 15: Receive Update on FM3 Early Childhood and Childcare Research Survey Results and Summary Analysis

G. Daleiden presented an overview of the FM3 Research Survey intended to demonstrate the depth and breadth of community understanding of needs in early childhood services and childcare as well as support for a potential sales tax ballot measure to fund childcare and children's services in Yolo County. Among other key findings, Countywide support for a half cent sales tax was 57%, with the "early brain development" message resonating strongly. Per California law, two pathways to the ballot are possible for such measures: a Board of Supervisors-placed special tax requiring two-thirds voter approval, or a citizen-driven initiative requiring a simple majority. Commissioners noted alignment with other county needs assessments and emphasized that this is a community-led effort consistent with the agency's mission.

The Survey, conducted from July 31–August 6 via phone, text, and email received responses from 607 likely November 2026 voters, had a margin of error of $\pm 4.0\%$ at a 95% confidence level. FM3 analyzed the results and provided insights into public understanding of children's needs and potential support for new funding measures. More detailed data will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in November, with ongoing community discussions planned.

Item # 16: Chief Executive Officer Report

G. Daleiden provided the following updates:

- The next Commission meeting is October 29, 2025. It is important that a quorum of Commissioners is achieved to review and adopt the Annual Financial Audit and Annual Report to First 5 California in compliance with Proposition 10 Statute.
- The First 5 Association is launching their "Choose Children" campaign. First 5 Association will be doing statewide polling to look at support for children issues and putting together a platform and messaging. They plan to meet and work with all gubernatorial candidates in hopes that all gubernatorial candidates will sign onto the platform.
- MHSA funding at the County level is shifting, next year, to BHSA as a result of the passage of Prop 1. F5Y has been working to improve HMG sustainability via other funding sources, like Medi-Cal reimbursement which will cover well more than half of the costs of the program. However, there are still funds that will be needed to maintain the structural components of the program. While total allocation to counties will decrease with BHSA, current analysis by First 5 Association is that funding of early intervention will continue to be allowable.
- After a positive Performance Review, the First 5 Yolo Medi-Cal Projects Coordinator received a salary step increase.
- G. Daleiden will be meeting individually with members of the Board of Supervisors to discuss the detailed results of the early childhood and childcare Research Survey.

Item# 17: Commissioner Reports



None.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm

Next meeting scheduled:
Commission Meeting
October 29, 2025
International House
10 College Park, Davis, CA 95616