



The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 13th day of September, 2023 at International House, 10 College Park, Davis, CA 95616.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Anna Domek, Sally Brown, Jenn Rexroad, Garth Lewis, Heidi Kellison, Melissa Roberts, Nichole Arnold, Lucas Frerichs

Absent:

Jim Provenza, Karleen Jakowski

Staff in Attendance:

Gina Daleiden, Victoria Zimmerle, Rachel McFarland, Sarah Hartman, Fawn Montagna

Public in Attendance:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Item #1: Call to Order

Vice Chair called the meeting to order at **3:02 pm**.

Item #2: Roll Call

V. Zimmerle took a voice roll call.

Absent: Jim Provenza, Karleen Jakowski

Late: Garth Lewis

Item #3: Consider Approval of the Agenda

Item 17 will be considered before Item 14 by request of the Executive Director.

Approve Agenda with consideration of Item 17 before Item 14

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

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 06/14/2023

Item #7: Approve First 5 Yolo Special Meeting Minutes from 08/09/23



Item #8: Approve the addition of Cesar Chavez Day (March 31) and Juneteenth (June 19) as paid First 5 Yolo Holidays

Item #9: Authorize Contract for VA Consulting LLC. up to \$3,000 for Grant Writing Supporting Welcome Baby/The CHILD Project: Road to Resilience Sustainability

Item #10: Approve \$11,182 Increase to Yolo Crisis Nursery's Attachment & Biobehavioral Catch-up Contract for a Total FY24 allocation not to exceed amount of \$143,182

Approve consent agenda items 6-10.

Motion: M. Roberts Second: S. Brown

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #11: Presentation: Welcome Baby Update and Overview of UCD Evaluation

S. Hartman presented a 1-year data report of the Welcome Baby program and provided an overview of University of California, Davis's (UCD) draft evaluation. UCD's final report covering the first year of Welcome Baby will be presented at a future Commission meeting.

Of note:

- Maternal and infant health data is provided by the state yearly and provides a useful comparison with data collected from Welcome Baby. This data will provide a baseline for comparison between Yolo County, the state of California, and the subset of families covered by MediCal. This data includes maternal health indicators such as postpartum depressive symptoms, and infant health indicators such as low birthweight.
- Severe maternal morbidity (life threatening complications from labor and delivery that result in significant short- or long-term health consequences) has worsened during and post-pandemic. This has worsened for the United States as a whole, but this decline has been worse in California, and particularly in Yolo County.
- These outcomes are a direct result of COVID-19 and the stressors placed on healthcare infrastructure. A significant contributor to worsening outcomes in Yolo County is the poverty levels of Yolo's population, as compared to other counties in California.
- G. Daleiden noted that Welcome Baby is the first program in Yolo County that networks healthcare systems and works to catch patients that are overlooked and are not receiving necessary healthcare.
- Welcome Baby served diverse families from all over Yolo County, many of whom needed connection to a medical home. 74.2% of families enrolled in Welcome Baby were covered by MediCal, and 25.8% were uninsured.
- 100% of Welcome Baby families were screened for depression and anxiety, and those with a positive score were connected to Behavioral Health services within 30 days.
- 94% of families received lactation support, and 82% of families reported feeling more confident in breastfeeding after Welcome Baby.
- 97.8% of Welcome Baby families completed at least 1 postpartum visit, as opposed to 63% of the MediCal population across California, and 70.9% of Welcome Baby families completed 2



postpartum visits. S. Hartman noted that 2 postpartum visits are recommended. (Based on clinically verified data provided by CommuniCare Health Centers.)

- 98.6% of Welcome Baby families completed 2 well child visits at 6 months as compared to 63% of MediCal families across California.
- 100% of families would recommend Welcome Baby to a friend.
- Welcome Baby enrollment continues to increase. First 5 Yolo has partnered with 9 different medical systems serving Yolo County to enroll families either while pregnant or postpartum into Welcome Baby.
- S. Hartman and G. Daleiden provided information on how Yolo County families that get healthcare in Sacramento are referred to Welcome Baby. This effort to coordinate referrals to Welcome Baby is ongoing.
- L. Frerichs requested that future staff reports include information on which cities in Yolo County fund Welcome Baby. V. Zimmerle noted that the first year of Welcome Baby was funded by the County, with funds from local cities to be used for the second year of the Welcome Baby program.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

G. Lewis arrived at **3:11** pm.

Item #12: Accept the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Year End Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report

V. Zimmerle presented the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Year End Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report. An updated version of the report was provided at the meeting.

Of note:

- Prop 10 revenues received were lower than budgeted, as a result of lower than predicted tobacco sales over FY23 and the unfolding impact of the CA Flavored Tobacco Products Ban
- There were variances in total revenues and program expenditures, mostly due to unspent funds in multi-year projects. These funds are expected to be expended in future periods for these multi-year projects.
- There have been delays in receiving the agreement for the HHS Alternative Response program and staff are actively working with HHS to finalize the agreement. First 5 Yolo will be reimbursed for costs incurred during FY23.
- Operating and professional services expenses are about 56% lower than budgeted primarily related to County A-87 charges and fewer minor equipment and training/travel expenditures.
- The Commission's planned draw on Fund Balance to support program activities was slightly less than projected at Q3 as a result of the noted variances. V. Zimmerle noted that the Commission maintained four reserves aligned with the Strategic Plan and the LTFP at that time which are displayed on the report. With the adoption of the FY23/24-FY27/28 Strategic Plan and the FY23/24-FY27/28 Long Term Financial Plan, First 5 Yolo updated its established reserves to reflect the new plans for the strategic use of Fund Balance for certain of First 5 Yolo's largest, multiyear initiatives.
- First 5 Yolo is still in the process of completing its annual Financial Audit. In the event that any additional adjustments are required to this report through the audit process and at the close of



the available period, staff will bring an updated report to the October Commission meeting for adoptions.

Accept Fiscal Year 2022-23 Year End Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report

Motion: G. Lewis **Second:** H. Kellison

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #13: Approve \$14,000 increase to Yolo County Childrens Alliance’s Contract for The CHILD Project: Road to Resilience for a Total FY2023-24 Allocation Not to Exceed \$446,690

G. Daleiden noted that this increase is to cover increased personnel costs for YCCA’s contract for The CHILD Project: Road to Resilience (R2R).

Approve \$14,000 increase to Yolo County Children’s Alliance Contract for The CHILD Project: Road to Resilience for a total FY2023-24 Allocation Not to Exceed \$446,690

Motion: H. Kellison **Second:** G. Lewis

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #17: Update on CalWORKs Home Visiting Program

G. Daleiden noted that the funds approved for CalWORKs HVP were 60% less than the approved budget in First 5 Yolo’s proposal. The next 2-year State budget cycle starts after this fiscal year. There may be an increase in funding approved in the coming weeks, and G. Daleiden will update the Commission if this increase occurs. The current approved fund balance has been included in the FY23-24 Budget (discussed in the next item).

Item #14: Review and Adopt Revised FY2023-2024 Budget

V. Zimmerle noted that there was an update to the revised FY23-24 Budget included in the packet, which was provided at the meeting.

V. Zimmerle noted that there are usually numerous changes between the draft budget presented in the June meeting and the revised budget presented in September and as new information becomes available on pending grants and funding awards.

Of note:

- Prop 10 revenue has been updated to reflect revenue projections from the State which were received in August 2023. The full impact of the passage of Proposition 31 (flavored tobacco ban) has yet to be realized. Going forward, the State will only be issuing single-year projections for Prop 10 revenue as opposed to five-year projections provided previously. However, First 5 Association will engage a consultant to provide additional out-year projections.
- Increase in funding to several contracts as approved by the Commission in prior items.
- V. Zimmerle noted that First 5 Yolo continues to be increasingly leveraged and the need for cash on hand to limit instability will increase, particularly as reimbursement is increasingly delayed



from the State and Yolo County. F5Y will increasingly draw on its fund balances to issue payments to partners.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

H. Kellison asked whether there may be more cannabis funds available from dispensaries with the passage of bills that allow onsite events that serve food and alcohol. L. Frerichs noted that these bills are likely to be signed by Governor Newsom, but it will take time before such events will be allowed to be held, and any potential increased revenue will not be realized for some time. L. Frerichs noted that it is likely that the next legislative session will address the problem caused by declining Prop 10 revenue.

Adopt Revised Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #15: Review and adopt FY2023-2024 Evaluation Plan

G. Daleiden provided a brief overview of the FY23-24 Evaluation Plan and noted that the funding sources of each program come with particular reporting requirements.

S. Brown complimented the use of standardized indicators across First 5 Yolo programs.

Adopt Fiscal Year 2023-24 Evaluation Plan

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #16: FHY2 2023 Early Learning Performance Measures

F. Montagna presented Early Learning performance measures from QCC/IMPACT. IMPACT focused on improving quality early learning for children 0-5 across the county, with emphasis on Family Friend and Neighbor (FFN) providers who have been historically underserved.

Of note:

- 100% of childcare providers reported talking, reading, and signing more often after participating in a coaching cohort
- 100% of providers met at least one goal defined in their Quality Improvement Plan
- 100% of providers participating in a coaching cohort received connection to Help Me Grow to support developmental screening of children in care
- 87 providers received training in incorporating art through a trauma informed lens (coaching provided by Davis Arts Center)

IMPACT 2020 officially ended on June 30, 2023, with IMPACT Legacy beginning in the new fiscal year. Highlights of the full three years of the original IMPACT program include:

- Engaged a total of 377 providers from the full spectrum of provider types, 258% of the required target under the First 5 CA grant



- Engaged 299 new providers to the QCC System including 220 FFN providers who had never participated in QCC/IMPACT, the highest number of FFNs participating in any California county.
- G. Daleiden noted the essential work done by partners to increase outreach to FFNs and other providers in Yolo County

H. Kellison inquired if First 5 Yolo keeps data on turnover in Yolo County providers. F. Montagna noted that while F5Y does collect this data, it is difficult to know exactly why some providers close.

V. Zimmerle noted that all providers funded by the Childcare Recovery Grant are invited to participate in IMPACT coaching cohorts. V. Zimmerle also noted that IMPACT Legacy will be the final iteration of this program, with a focus on sustaining the outcomes of this program by enabling childcare providers to support each other past the life of the program through establishing Communities of Practice.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

Item #18: Executive Director Report

G. Daleiden noted that First 5 Yolo will be applying for Round 3 of the Child-Youth Behavioral Health Initiative program funding, which would provide additional funding for R2R and WB.

Discussions with OCAP are ongoing regarding funding renewal of R2R and are trending in a very positive way. OCAP has been receptive to understanding that costs have increased over previous years. OCAP is very interested in F5Y taking R2R to Evidence-Based Program trial, based on the strong results for families. G. Daleiden will provide an update on any decisions from OCAP on funding R2R as soon as possible.

First 5 Association has decided to make a State Budget request in the next legislative session of \$100 million to help cover accelerated revenue decline from the Flavored Tobacco Ban. Efforts to support this initiative will be ramping up in the coming months. G. Daleiden sits on the F5A Sustainability Committee and will be working closely on this effort for the next many months.

MHSA reform has caused concern among many child advocates across the state around the negative impact of funding to early childhood mental health programs currently funded by MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funds. First 5 Association is actively supporting a proposed amendment to designate remaining MHSA funding specifically to programs related to child mental health, should reforms move forward.

G. Daleiden noted the salary step increase for F5Y QCC/IMPACT Program Officer following a positive annual review.

J. Rexroad left the meeting at **4:39** pm.

Item #19: Commissioner Reports

L. Frerichs commended the Commission's and Board of Supervisor's action in approving the addition of Cesar Chavez Day and Juneteenth as paid Yolo County and First 5 Yolo holidays.

G. Daleiden announced a Welcome Baby outreach event on Saturday, September 16 in partnership with Northern Valley Indian Health.



G. Lewis provided background on the referral system for youth behavioral health and the work to streamline the referral process for connecting students to behavioral health services. The first round of asset and service mapping in the Roadmap to the Future has been completed and will be provided to the public soon. YCOE is in the process of establishing an advisory committee for the needs assessment of the Roadmap to the Future. The advisory committee will be established this fall, with the needs assessment to be completed in January 2024.

H. Kellison announced Yolo Crisis Nursery's new facility groundbreaking on October 12 at 2:00pm.

Item #20: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Next Commission Meeting scheduled:

October 25, 2023

International House

10 College Park, Davis, CA 95616