



Commission Meeting Minutes

9/14/2022

The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

**NOTE: This meeting was held via teleconference, pursuant to AB361.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Verna Sulpizio, Sally Brown, Jenn Rexroad, Melissa Roberts, Garth Lewis, Karleen Jakowski, Nichole Arnold

**Staff in Attendance:**

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

**Public in Attendance:**

Justine Jimenez, Leigh Ann Simmons

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

Item #1: Call to order

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

Item #2: Roll Call

V. Zimmerle took a voice roll call.

Jenn Rexroad joined 3:03pm.

Item #3: Approval of Agenda

***Approve Agenda***

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

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

Item #5: Public Comment

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Item #6: Approve First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting Minutes from 6/08/2022



Item #7: Receive Sponsorship Fund Allocations Report (FY22: Yolo County CWS: Yolo CWS & CommuniCare Connect; FY23: International House-Davis: International Festival, United Way: Yolo County Family Festival)

Item #8: Approve increase for CHS Childcare Recovery Contract in the amount of \$40,362 and Authorize New Contracts for YCCA Childcare Recovery Support, YCCA Refugee Family Support, International House- Davis Culturally Responsive ESL, and Children’s Therapy Center ACEs Aware Network of Care

Item #9: Declare As Surplus Various Equipment and Other Property That are No Longer of Use to First 5 Yolo, and Authorize Executive Director to Dispose of Surplus Items

***Approve consent agenda items 6-9 – Item #10 removed from consent agenda.***

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

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #10: Approve Updated Commission Meeting Calendar

G. Daleiden noted the date for the October meeting was incorrect in the packet and should read as October 19, 2021. Currently, the October 19, 2022 meeting is scheduled to be held in person. Given that several statutory items are considered during the October meeting, a quorum is needed. Commissioners discussed and decided to hold the October 19 meeting virtually to ensure a quorum. Staff have already posted a corrected packet and meeting calendar on the First 5 Yolo website.

G. Lewis joined **3:09pm**.

***Approve updated Commission Meeting Calendar with staff corrections and updated location for the October meeting.***

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

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Welcome Baby (WB) has shown inspiring results in only the first 6 months of operation. Hospitals and medical systems are being phased in, according to planned design. First 5 Yolo’s Integration and Implementation Officer, S. Hartman, briefed the Commission on status and shared notable early outcome data. Welcome Baby nurses will now be able to be on the Labor and Delivery floor of Sutter Hospital which will provide even warmer handoffs for new mothers. Very early outcomes for the program show the program making a positive impact with 245 families enrolled, many of which were enrolled prenatally; 105 babies born and received home visits; and 85% of families accepted WB services when offered compared to 20-30% acceptance seen nationally in other home visiting programs. Additionally, 100% of families were screened for depression and anxiety, 90% of families received



lactation support, 97% of women completed their post-partum visit and 97% of families completed their newborn and one-month well child visit, among other notable and inspiring outcomes.

Dr. Leigh Ann Simmons, Professor and Chair of the UC Davis Department of Human Ecology, Director of the Health Education Across the Lifespan (HEAL) Lab, and Co-Director of the Perinatal Origins of Disparities (POD) Center also presented on the HEAL Lab's evaluation work thus far on WB and spoke about evaluation plans moving forward. Dr. Simmons reviewed the current landscape and disparities facing the perinatal population noting that families are experiencing increasing and unprecedented financial strain, with CA being the most expensive state; increased populations with 2 or more risks for poorer child health and development; increased social hardships particularly in the Medi-Cal population; negative health and economic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic with greater disparities among the uninsured populations; and that California has room for improvements on family-centricity. Dr. Simmons also noted that Home Visiting is a proven method for mitigating the impact of financial strain, increasing resilience and parental education, and is a critical preventive measure for child maltreatment. As part of the evaluation of Welcome Baby, Dr. Simmons and her team will look at maternal mental health, community connections, well child visit and immunization rates, child welfare services entry rates, timeliness to care, and per capita health costs, all of which serve as indicators for healthy and safe development of children prevent future concerns and costs.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

No public comment.

#### Item #12: Review and Adopt Revised FY2022-2023 Budget

V. Zimmerle presented on the Revised Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget. Since the Commission's adoption of the FY2022-2023 Budget in June 2021, First 5 Yolo has received additional information about funded program actuals for FY22, funded program rollover requests, and new programs that were pending as of June 2022 and therefore not included in the original Adopted Budget which are incorporated into the revised FY 2022-2023 budget.

V. Zimmerle also noted that, in consideration of the increasing administrative workload of First 5 Yolo related to new and expanding programs, the Executive Director recommends increasing the FTE for the Accounting and Office Support Specialist (AOSS) from .5FTE to .75FTE. The position is funded through a one-time allocation by the Commission. Increasing the AOSS's FTE in September 2022 through the life of the 4-year position term can be completed without allocating any additional funding.

Operations costs have been reduced, pursuant to the Commission's consideration of reorganizing/downsizing the First 5 Yolo office space, in recognition of the continued decline of Prop 10 funding and anticipated further decline given the pending Ban Referendum on Flavored Tobacco Products on the November 2022 ballot. Consideration of the reorganization/downsizing of the First 5 Yolo office space also responds to providing maximum efficiency for the current needs of Staff and the Commission, and a healthier/safer interior environment.

Projected beginning Fund Balance has been updated to reflect the current projected beginning fund balance. First 5 Yolo is in the process of completing its annual Independent Financial Audit and should



any additional adjustments be made through the course of the Audit, staff will update the beginning Fund Balance with the Quarter 1 Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report.

V. Zimmerle noted that overall F5Y's planned deficit for FY23 is slightly lessened by new funding that has come through for F5Y programs.

Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

No public comment.

***Review and Adopt Revised FY2022-2023 Budget***

**Motion:** G. Lewis      **Second:** V. Sulpizio

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item #13: Review and Adopt FY2022-2023 Evaluation Plan**

M. Ortigas briefed the Commission on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Evaluation Plan noting that, annually, the Commission reviews and, if appropriate, adopts an updated Evaluation Plan for the Fiscal Year reflective of any new funded partner contracts, new programs, or changes to existing programs. The Evaluation Plan has been updated to include new programs and updates to current program evaluation protocols for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and includes programs that are pending or are under data collection planning.

No public comment.

Meeting Chair duties passed to Treasurer S. Brown at **4:14pm**.

***Review and Adopt FY2022-2023 Evaluation Plan***

**Motion:** J. Rexroad      **Second:** M. Roberts

V. Zimmerle took a roll call vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item #14: FHY2 2022 Early Learning Performance Measures**

F. Montagna presented information on partner Performance Measures for the second Fiscal Half Year of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (January 2022-June 2022) for First 5 Yolo Early Learning Programs which include the Dual Language Learner Expansion Project and QCC/IMPACT 2020. These programs focus on improving quality early learning for children 0-5 across the county primarily through one-on-one and group coaching for childcare providers, family engagement, and other professional development opportunities. In Fiscal Half Year 2 2022 (FHY2 2022), all First 5 Yolo Funded Partners made positive progress in working with the childcare providers and families they served resulting in the completion of multiple coaching cohorts for Family, Friend, Neighbor (FFN) childcare providers, 3 Sobrato Early Academic Language (SEAL) Learning Networks, and targeted English as a Second Language Courses for vulnerable Afghan refugee families.



Commissioners received the report, discussed, and asked questions.

No public comment.

Item #15: Receive Update on CalWorks Home Visiting Funding

G. Daleiden presented an update on CalWorks Home Visiting Funding. In partnership with County Health and Human Services Agency, First 5 Yolo is planning to apply to California Department of Social Services to administer CalWORKs Home Visiting Program (HVP) funding for Yolo County. In early phases, the intent is to serve families in First 5 Yolo's already successful CHILD Project: Road to Resilience (R2R) and the Healthy Families American Home Visiting program funded by the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) through Yolo County. Services to eligible families would be funded through CalWORKs HVP. First 5 Yolo and County CalWORKs team will work collaboratively to better connect CalWORKs families to home visiting.

No public comment.

Item #16: Executive Director Report

G. Daleiden provided a reminder that this year The Commission will be working on a new Strategic Plan as the current Strategic Plan concludes June 30, 2023. The Commission will engage an outside consultant to support in the development of the new Plan, and consultant are currently being vetted.

The applications for First 5 Yolo's American Rescue Plan (ARP) funded Childcare Recovery and Infrastructure Grants will be going live after the first meeting of the Early Learning Review Committee on Thursday, September 15, 2022.

Saturday September 17, 2022 is the next First 5 Yolo/YCOE COVID-19 clinic hosted at YCOE, and bivalent boosters will be available.

Item #17: Commissioner Reports

G. Lewis announced that, in Partnership with the Yolo County Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the MLK Freedom Center, the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) is launching the first ever Yolo Youth Commission. Any Yolo County teens interested will have an opportunity to weigh in on \$140,000 of funding for youth programming, advise the Supervisors on investments, as well as receive training on policy setting, Brown Act, and other topics related to civic engagement. G. Lewis also shared that the City of Woodland approved \$115,000 investment that will be matched by the BOS to launch the Yolo Childcare Connections Network. This effort will focus on Woodland and rural Yolo communities by supporting existing licensed childcare centers, licensed home childcare providers, and FFNs. YCOE will be leading this effort.

K. Jakowski provided an update on structural changes within the Yolo County's Health and Human Services agency. K. Jakowski is recently appointed as the Assistant Director for Health and Human Services and the permanent Mental Health Director for Yolo County. In this capacity, K. Jakowski will continue to oversee the Child, Youth, and Families Branch and add oversight of the Adult and Aging Branch. This will not affect her involvement with the Commission.



The Commission entered **Closed Session at 4:47 p.m.**

**CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiator:

Government Code section 54956.8

Property: 2779 Del Rio Place, Unit A, Davis, CA 95618

Agency Negotiator: Gina Daleiden

Negotiating Parties: Mark Jonsson, The Carly A. & Julianne E. Jonsson 2010 Trust Price and Terms of Payment

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 5:00 p.m.**

G. Lewis and J. Rexroad left meeting prior to the return to Open Session by 5:00 p.m.

Item #18: Authorize the Executive Director to execute a lease agreement for certain real property (located at 2779 Del Rio Place, Unit A, Davis, CA 95618) for agency business at a rate of \$10,680 per year and a term of 2 years

***Authorize the Executive Director to execute a lease agreement for certain real property (located at 2779 Del Rio Place, Unit A, Davis, CA 95618) for agency business at a rate of \$10,680 per year and a term of 2 years***

**Motion:** V. Sulpizio      **Second:** N. Brown

G. Daleiden took a roll call vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #19: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **5:02 p.m.**

Next Commission Meeting scheduled:

October 19, 2022, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

To be held via teleconference, pursuant to AB361