



Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom

April 27, 2020

3:00pm-5:00pm

Call to Order: 3:04pm. The following were present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kay Altizer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elba Gonzalez-Mares	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Grupe
<input type="checkbox"/> Laura Keller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kecia Lind	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Ocon
<input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Palmer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Peralez	<input type="checkbox"/> Brad Wagenknecht

Staff present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joelle Gallagher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Sutkowi-Hemstreet
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Darlington	<input type="checkbox"/> Catherine Moon

Also present:

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Public Comment

A. No public comment

1. Approval of Commission Minutes, E. Gonzalez-Mares

March 23, 2020 (Motion 1st by JO, 2nd by DP).

KA	EG	MG	LK	KL	JO	JP	DP	BW
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2. First 5 Napa Network

A. Cohort 2 Update, J. Gallagher

1. Joelle reported that she is communicating with the consultants. The in-person convenings have been cancelled and we are getting dates on the calendar for September/October if we are able to hold those gatherings. The consultants are holding online learning sessions, workshops through the summer.
2. The consultants will be engaging Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 members plus Commissioners in scenario planning – what will the early childhood field look like in the next year and what will be the response?

- B. Rainbow Action Network, A. Sutkowi-Hemstreet
 - 1. Anne reported that prototyping the Rainbow Kits happened in February/March and the feedback was great. We are planning to distribute to Quality Counts sites next fiscal year.
 - 2. Other design work had started but is now on hold. Other activities going on include: posting videos of community members reading LGBTQ inclusive books along with activities for families.
 - 3. The RAN met last week. The group talked about plans for Rainbow Flag flying advocacy as well as Pride month activities.
 - C. Together Apart Campaign, First 5 Staff
 - 1. Joelle reported that Laura Keller had expressed the need for supporting the mental health of families while social distancing. First 5 staff created the Together Apart Campaign – creating activities/events for community members to participate in that support our mental health while sheltering at home. Staff also created care packages for families being served by Family Resource Centers and Child Start, Inc. with materials that can be used to participate in the Together Apart activities. Staff partnered with the County Probation Department to put together and deliver the care packages.
3. Community Connections Grants, A. Sutkowi-Hemstreet
- A. Anne reported that she received 8 letters of intent to apply for Community Connections Grants and received 1 full application.
 - B. It was decided that we will hold the letters of intent and applications until our community can re-open and gather again. All will be considered later.
4. Quality Counts, E. Darlington
- 1. QCC Local Consortia and Partnership Grant RFA
 - A. Emily reported that the RFA is due May 15th. We are wrapping up the application, developing the budgets and getting signatures.
 - 2. Funding flexibility in response to COVID-19: IMPACT and Regional HUB funds
 - A. First 5 CA has authorized flexibility with our local IMPACT funds and our remaining training funds that we are allotted regionally. We worked with CRC to decide on utilizing the funds to award stipends to providers who are open during the shelter at home. We are also offering flexibility with Prop 10 funds that support Quality Counts. CRC is developing budget revisions/plans for all streams of funding. A Letter to the Editor was suggested to highlight this work. Joelle will work with Erika on this.

3. Review and possible approval of FY 19-20 California Department of Education QCC Equitable Learning Opportunities Grant Funding Contract with Community Resources for Children for the amount of \$22,809

A. (Motion 1st by DP, 2nd by JO).

KA	EG	MG	LK	KL	JO	JP	DP	BW
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5. Fiscal, J. Gallagher

A. County Budget Discussion: Revenue Projections/Cuts Impacting HHS and Partner Agencies

1. Joelle reported that it looks like there will be a \$25 million shortfall in the County budget. The BOS is looking at the budget weekly. Joelle mentioned it will be important to be part of the discussion early and align with HHS.
2. Joelle will send Commissioners some talking points for advocacy for the budget.

B. Partner Agency Funding Needs in response to COVID-19

1. Joelle is communicating with organizations that provide safety net services, letting them know that First 5 has emergency funding available.

6. F5 COAD Support, F5 Staff

A. Childcare Committee

1. Joelle reported that she and Emily are participating in the COAD Childcare Committee.
2. First 5 CA has committed funding for counties for cleaning and essential supplies for providers. They are ordering for the entire state and distributing to counties mid-May. Napa's delivery will go to Crosswalk Church and CRC will distribute.

B. Mental Health Committee

1. Anne reported she is participating in the COAD Mental Health Committee. The first meeting was this past week. So far, agencies are seeing low numbers for reports of abuse. The group is also discussing ways to help support mental health in our community and sharing different projects that are currently going on.

7. Policy/Advocacy Updates and Discussion, J. Gallagher

A. Housing

1. Joelle reported that the CLC and Fair Housing are advocating for tenant protections. She can send talking points to Commissioners. Stories are being gathered to send to the BOS and more are needed.

B. Census 2020

1. Joelle reported that the CLC has coordinated organizations to do outreach for the Census. Phone banking started today – volunteers are making calls to hard to count communities.
2. The group is working with Mechele Small Haggard on data analysis on the response rate, tracking the 0-5 population. There may be an update for the May 18th meeting.

- C. Advocacy Day 2020
 - 1. Joelle reported that she participated in the 2020 Advocacy Day, which was a virtual conference call. She was in meetings with Bill Dodd and Cecilia Aguiar-Curry.
 - D. Other
 - 1. Joelle mentioned a need for advocacy around countywide internet, making working from home and school from home more equitable. She plans to outreach to the BOS.
8. Items for May 18, 2020 Meeting
- A. FY 2020-2021 Budget
 - B. Census 0-5 response rate
9. Announcements
- A. No announcements.

Adjourn 4:42pm.

Elba Gonzalez-Mares

ATTEST:

Emily Darlington

Commissioners Voting Key

KA = Kay Altizer; EG = Elba Gonzalez-Mares; MG = Michele Grupe;
LK = Laura Keller; KL = Kecia Lind; JO = Jennifer Ocon; JP = Jennifer Palmer;
DP = Debbie Peralez; BW = Brad Wagenknecht

Notations under Vote: N = No; X = Excused; A = Abstained; C = Conflict; I = ineligible to vote (not sworn in)