



Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom

March 22, 2021

3:00pm-5:00pm

Call to Order: 3:03 pm. The following were present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juan Cisneros	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elba Gonzalez-Mares	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Grupe
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Keller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kecia Lind	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Ocon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Palmer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Peralez	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarahi Suarez
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lilea Heine	

Also present:

Erika Lubensky, Community Resources for Children	Eva Simmonson, Community Resources for Children
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Public Comment

A. No public comment.

1. New Staff Introductions, Lilea Heine and Sarahi Suarez, J. Gallagher
 - A. Joelle G. introduced new staff members, Lilea Heine & Sarahí Suárez. First 5 Napa is now fully staffed.
2. Presentation: Napa County Child Care Stabilization Fund, E. Lubensky
 - A. Erika Lubensky presented an update on the Napa County Child Care Stabilization Fund, focusing on the private sector of childcare. Update on fund distribution through equitable application process.
3. Approval of Commission Minutes, E. Gonzalez-Mares
February 22, 2021
 - A. (Motion 1st by MG, 2nd by DP).

JC	EG	MG	LK	KL	JO	JP	DP	BW

4. First 5 Napa Network Update, J. Gallagher
 - A. Joelle updated on F5NN strategy group. A draft of work plan will be ready for April Commission meeting.
5. Presentation: Anti-Racist Parenting Initiative, A. Sutkowi-Hemstreet
 - A. Anne presented on the Rainbow Family League (RFL) which aims to educate families on how to address racism and provide them with engagement tools.
6. Policy/Advocacy Updates and Discussion, E. Gonzalez-Mares
 - A. American Rescue Act Funding for families/children, J. Gallagher
 1. Update on American Rescue Act funding for families/children and funding for childcare expansion.
 - B. CLC Open and Transparent Government, M. Grupe
 1. Update on the development of talking points and discussion on advocacy around CARES Act.
 - C. CLC Strengthening Immigrant Families, EGM
 1. Update on issues discussed to help strengthen immigrant families.
 - D. Other
 1. Update on support for Asian/Pacific Islander community and advocating for the county to create a proclamation against racism.
7. Items for April 26, 2021 Meeting
 - A. F5NN Strategy Workplan
8. Announcements
 - A. Michele reported that April is Blue Ribbon Month.
 - B. Anne reported that April 17th- RFL virtual story time.

Adjourn 5:04 pm.

Jenny OCon, Vise Chair

ATTEST:

Sarahi Suarez

Commissioners Voting Key

JC = Juan Cisneros; EG = Elba Gonzalez-Mares; MG = Michele Grupe;

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Notations under Vote: A = Abstained; C = Conflict; I = ineligible to vote (not sworn in)