



Commission Meeting Minutes

**Meeting held via Zoom
September 27, 2021
3:00pm-5:00pm**

Call to Order: 3:03pm. 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"/> Kecia Lind	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Ocon	<input type="checkbox"/> Monica Koenig
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Peralez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Wagenknecht	

Staff present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joelle Gallagher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lilea Heines
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Darlington	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarahi Suarez	

Also present:

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Public Comment

A. No public comment.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes, E. Gonzalez-Mares
September 27, 2021

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

JC	EG	MG	KL	JO	DP	BW	MK
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent

2. Elect new “at large” member to the ExCom, E. Gonzalez-Mares

A. Jenneifer Palmer is no longer on First 5 Commission or the Executive committee, Jenny Ocon nominated

Juan Cisneros.

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

JC	EG	MG	KL	JO	DP	BW	MK
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent

4. Staff Updates, J. Gallagher

A. D-School Project Updates

- a. Lilea H. & Emily D.- Their project called “Somos Cuidadores” focuses on working with FFN (Friend Family Neighbors) caregivers. The goal is to create ways to connect FFN’s to community resources and provide quality early learning experience to children under their care.
- b. Sarahi Suarez- Update on Mental Health Project where the focus is aiding BIPOC parents of children 0-5 with their mental health during times of disasters. Team is working on providing mental health kits that parents can utilize during times of disasters.
- B. First 5 Napa Network- Joelle G.
 - a. No new updates, save the date for Cohort Reunion has been sent for October 24th.
- C. Quality Counts, E. Darlington
 - a. Working with CRC and NCOE to complete reporting for the year.
 - b. Emily began a Training of Trainers for authorization with Center for Optimal Brain Integration that will allow us to offer trauma response and practices in early education for the community.
 - c. Home Visitation had funds left from last fiscal year that was rolled over to this year and Michelle Small Haggard will be assisting with Home Visitation.
- D. Community Programs-Lilea H.
 - a. Visible Allyship is needed therefore it’s been incorporated with Rainbow Kits, Chalk for Justice Events and the Napa Strong Campaign signs. These signs are visual allyship and commitment to upholding these values and messages and partnering up with local organizations for this campaign is in process.
 - b. Rainbow Family League had their first team practice session led by Dr. Lori Watson. There are a total of 25 families participating and 5 families on a waiting list. The program focuses on how to be anti-racist as a family, exploring self-identity, recognizing similarities and differences, recognizing unfairness and standing up against injustices.
- 5. Policy/Advocacy Updates and Discussion, J. Gallagher
 - A. American Rescue Act funding for families/children, M. Grupe.
 - a. There will be a meeting October 12th for organizations looking for support from ARAFC. 5 Million dollars requested, 3 million to go towards unmet needs or emerged needs as result of COVID, consideration for infrastructure projects and cross sector projects over 30 month. There were 2 million dollars requested to go towards childcare system. One of the main concerns is ensuring that there is community input for the use of these funds.
 - B. Other, J. Gallagher
 - a. At the September ExCon Meeting there were 2 high school students part of the Students for Climate Action Group seeking support for pledge to declare climate change as a crisis. Joelle will be working with the students to create a resolution for this pledge.

6. Introduced Meeting Resolution 2021-2 to eliminate July Commission Meeting and Combine Nov/Dec Commission Meeting

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

JC	EG	MG	KL	JO	DP	BW	MK
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent

- 7. Items for next Commission Meeting
 - A. Presenting Audit Draft FY 20-21
- 8. Announcements

- A. Vaccine Outreach at Fuller Park September 28th - E. Gonzalez-Mares
- B. Remaining of 2021 virtual meetings will continue.

Adjourn 5:50 pm.

Elba Gonzalez-Mares, Chair

ATTEST:

Sarahi Suarez

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; MK= Monica Koenig

Notations under Vote: A = Abstained; C = Conflict; I = ineligible to vote (not sworn in)); Y= Vote in Approval; N= Vote Against; Absent = Commissioner Absent