



## Commission Meeting Minutes

*Cope Family Center*  
 707 Randolph Street, Napa  
**September 24, 2018**  
**3:00pm – 5:00pm**

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elba Gonzalez-Mares	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Grupe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Palmer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Keller	<input type="checkbox"/> Andrea Knowlton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Wagenknecht
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Peralez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Ocon	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant

Staff present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joelle Gallagher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Sutkowi-Hemstreet
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lindi Gallagher	

Also present:

Tracy Schulze	
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Public Comment

A. No public comment

1. Welcome and Introductions: New Commissioners  
 New commissioners Jennifer Palmer, HHS, and Jenny Ocon, UpValley Family Centers, introduced themselves.
2. Approval of Commission Minutes, D. Peralez  
 August 27, 2018 (Motion 1st by BW, 2nd by EG ).

EG	MG	LK	AK	JO	JP	DP	BW
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3. Review and Accept Financial Reports, T. Schulze

A) Accept Unaudited financials as of June 30, 2018

Motion - 1<sup>st</sup> by BW, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LK

EG	MG	LK	AK	JO	JP	DP	BW

\*\* 3:43 PM, Michele Grupe arrived

4. Executive Committee Report, D. Peralez

A) Letter was sent to the Governor supporting AB2626, which will help all counties retain more of their state childcare dollars.

5. Discussion of Public Charge, L. Keller, E. Gonzalez-Mares -

The Commission discussed the ramifications of potential changes to the Federal rules around Public Charge.

6. Policy Work Updates, J Gallagher, M. Grupe

A) First 5 Association "Policy Hack" Sept. 18

B) Policy Platform to BOS Legislative Subcommittee

1. The commission reviewed a draft to be forwarded to the BOS legislative subcommittee.

Issues include:

- Public Charge
- 20/20 Census
- Community Provider
- Housing affordable and self-sufficiency wages
- Food Security
- Childcare
- Budget transparency

7. Items for October 22, 2018 Meeting

1. Approve meeting time change Resolution
2. Measure I endorsements
3. Legislation/Policy: Continued Discuss on Public Charge

8. Announcements

- A. October 2<sup>nd</sup>, County Strategic Plan meeting, focusing on early childhood.
- B. October 1<sup>st</sup>, Recruitment lunch for Leadership Cohort.
- C. Debbie reported in on “Choose Children” - organization and website to encourage the next governor to be aware children’s issues.

Adjourn at 4:41 pm.

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Debbie Peralez, Chair

ATTEST:

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Lindi Gallagher

**Commissioners Voting Key**

EG = Elba Gonzalez-Mares; MG = Michele Grupe; LK = Laura Keller;  
AK = Andrea Knowlton; 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)