



**Commission Meeting
MINUTES**

Monday, September 11, 2017, 6:00 pm
1485 Civic Court, Suite 1200
Large Conference Room
Concord, CA

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM.

Chairwoman Kathy Gallagher began the meeting with introductions from all attendees.

Commissioners in attendance were: Maria Fort, Marilyn Lucey, PJ Shelton, Gareth Ashley, John Jones, Wanda Session for Dr. William Walker, and Kathy Marsh.

Alternates present were: Lee Ross, Matt Regan, and Katharine Mason,
Also present was County Counsel Keiko Kobayashi.

Absent were Commissioners Dr. William Walker, Supervisor Federal Glover, and alternates Trish Mindel and Supervisor Candace Andersen.

2.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3.0 Approval of Consent Calendar

A motion to approve the consent calendar was made by Gareth Ashley and seconded by PJ Shelton.

AYES: Maria Fort, Marilyn Lucey, PJ Shelton, Gareth Ashley, John Jones, Kathy Gallagher, Wanda Session for William Walker and Kathy Marsh.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was **APPROVED**.

**5.0 Presentation: "Marijuana and Young Children"
by Moira Kenny, Executive Director of First 5 Association of California.**

Moira Kenny made the following presentation:

With the passing of Proposition 64 in the state, First 5 Association of California is concerned that with the anticipated greater use and acceptance of recreational marijuana, more young children may experience unintended health effects.

The Association wanted to develop resources for counties to review and consider how cannabis legalization would affect them on a local level. Moira addressed the following areas:

- a) Public health areas of concern for children 0-5 include marijuana exposure during pregnancy and breastfeeding, teen usage and teen pregnancy. THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) can be absorbed by a fetus in

the womb, and by infants via breast milk.

- b) More study is needed on the effects of second hand smoke exposure to marijuana and its harm to children.
- c) Proposition 64's broad goals and the opportunities for tax revenues to support health programs for children.
- d) Early childhood system priorities: regulations to ensure child safety and prevention programs to reduce risk.
- e) Association's support for local Commissions, including education, technical assistance on the proposition's details, and materials for local conversations

After the presentation, the commission asked for more information on:

- a) How symptoms of intoxication by marijuana on children, adults etc. can be detected, particularly among drivers. To date, outward behaviors such as: sleepiness, lack of balance, poor respiratory, efforts were only broad symptoms. No known scientific method yet to determine if an individual is intoxicated similar to blood alcohol tests.
- b) How substance abuse prevention will be funded through Proposition 64 funds.
- c) More information on the effects of the substance on the brain development of a child. Are there visible brain alterations (such as a scan)?
- d) How would the legalization impact child abuse resulting from substance abuse? Kathy Marsh informed that Children and Family Services is likely going to treat marijuana abuse just like any other substance abuse and look at the whole picture on impact on the family and children.
- e) How can First 5 educate the public on the potential detrimental impacts on children and families that may develop resulting from exposure and abuse?
- f) Sean Casey noted that the Board of Supervisors has been looking at the regulatory issues, and he has encouraged the Board to consider the health and prevention issues for children as well.

6.0 Considering accepting the 2018 health and dental premium employer contribution rates for active employees; and accept the 2018 premium contribution rates for intermittent employees, COBRA participants, retirees and survivors at the same levels as the County.

Sean reminded the Commission that every year around this time the County negotiates the premiums for employee health and dental programs. First 5 Contra Costa's policy is to split the premium for active employees so that the employer contributes 80% regardless of any change in the premium from year to year. First 5 Contra Costa follows the County's employer contribution levels for permanent-intermittent employees, part time employees who work less than 20 hours a week, COBRA participants, retirees or survivors of retirees.

He asked to Commission to consider accepting this year's rates in time for the October enrollment period.

John Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Maria Fort.

AYES: Maria Fort, Marilyn Lucey, PJ Shelton, Gareth Ashley, John Jones, Kathy Gallagher, Wanda Session for William Walker and Kathy Marsh.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was **APPROVED**.

7.0 Consider accepting the final financial report for fiscal year 2016-2017

Financial Director, Marnie Huddleston gave the following financial report for the concluded fiscal year 2016-17:

On the revenue:

- \$500,000 more of Proposition 10 funds than budgeted.
- Thomas J Long Help Me Grow grant was revised, and the second \$597,500 payment was received in July 2017.
- Received an unrestricted grant of \$100,000 from Sunlight Giving Foundation.

Initiatives:

- 1) Most of Early Learning Quality expenses were covered by funds from sources other than First 5.
- 2) Therapeutic Services funds were not fully expended due to increasing MediCal enrollment under the Affordable Care Act.
- 3) Evaluation staffing expense was low due to restructuring over the course of the year.

PJ Shelton made a motion, seconded by Kathy Marsh, to accept the final financial report for fiscal year 2016-2017.

AYES: Maria Fort, Marilyn Lucey, PJ Shelton, Gareth Ashley, John Jones, Kathy Gallagher, Wanda Session for William Walker and Kathy Marsh.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was **APPROVED**.

8.0 Consider appointing nominating committee for 2018 Officers Election

Sean thanked and introduced the volunteers to the nominating committee for 2018 Officers Election:

Chair: Wanda Session

Members: Matt Regan
Lee Ross

John Jones made a motion, seconded by PJ Shelton, to appoint the nominating committee for 2018 Officers Election.

AYES: Maria Fort, Marilyn Lucey, PJ Shelton, Gareth Ashley, John Jones, Kathy Gallagher, Wanda Session for William Walker and Kathy Marsh.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was **APPROVED**.

9.0 Consider approving a proposed 3.71% increase in salary for the Executive Director

Chairwoman Kathy Gallagher that the Executive Director's current salary base amount is \$154,286 and that the proposed increase of 3.71% brings it to a new base amount of \$160,000, which is the top of the salary range. The Executive Committee has asked staff to conduct a salary survey in the coming year to compare staff salaries with those in similar organizations.



Wanda Session made a motion, seconded by Kathy Marsh, to approve a proposed 3.71% increase in salary for the Executive Director

AYES: Maria Fort, Marilyn Lucey, PJ Shelton, Gareth Ashley, John Jones, Kathy Gallagher, Wanda Session for William Walker and Kathy Marsh.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was **APPROVED**.

10.0 Executive Director's Report

Sean gave the following report:

There are several updates regarding the Community Engagement program's Regional Groups' efforts to improve parks across the county.

In Pittsburg, Kaboom and Kaiser Permanente awarded a one-time grant to build a new playground at City Park in Pittsburg. The ECRG and First 5 Contra Costa are official "community partners" of the project. The grant is in response to the ECRG/First 5's *East County Parks Assessment* in which City Park was identified as a park in need of priority improvements. The ECRG organized a "Design Day" event on September 6th at Pittsburg City Hall in which over 50 children and parents gave input on the future playground design. The Build Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th from 8:00AM to 2:30PM. All Commissioners and staff are invited to support the build of this exciting playground.

With generous support from Kaiser Permanente, the CE program held a Bay Point Parks Assessment on Saturday, August 19th. Over 50 local residents and ECRG leaders assessed nine Bay Point parks. Surveys are currently being tallied. A follow up community workshop will take place in early 2018.

On October 7th, the CCRG, the City of Concord, Monument Impact and Healthy & Active Before 5 will host a double "ribbon cutting" celebration to unveil the newly renovated Monument community parks. The event will start with a ribbon cutting at Meadow Homes at 10:00AM, followed by a festive parade to Ellis Lake Park, where we will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony and community festival at the park from 11:15AM to 1:30PM. The renovations are a result of our *Monument Parks Assessment* that led to a local investment of \$1.1 million to improve the two parks.

AB435 cleared the Senate Appropriations Committee and needs to be approved by the full Senate by the end of this week. The bill has been amended at the suggestion of the CA DSS to include CalWorks Stage 1 providers in local child care pilot plans.

We have submitted a letter of support to the BOS for a proposed "Stand Together CoCo" initiative which would provide community workshops and trainings, public education, ongoing community verification of immigration enforcement activities, and availability of representation in immigration proceedings. The Board will address the proposal at its meeting next week. The Soda Foundation is leading an effort among local funders to match the \$1 million request of the Board to support the initiative over 2.5 years.

In October we will be partnering with Common Sense Kids Action in a town hall to discuss policies California



children need to get the best start in life. The gathering will feature several expert speakers, including former Congressman George Miller, representatives from CocoKids, the California Work and Family Coalition, and the Contra Costa County Office of Education, as well as myself. Panelists will discuss policy solutions identified by the Right Start Commission related to quality child care, health care access, family-friendly workplaces, and how local communities can advocate for kids. The event will take place on October 11th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lafayette.

We have begun the search for our next Deputy Director. Hopefully, by our next meeting, we will have news to announce on that front.

11.0 Communications

None received.

12.0 Commissioner F.Y.I. Updates

Kathy Gallagher announced the following updates Children & Family Services has a new director, Kathy Marsh. She also announced that District 1 Commissioner, Maria Fort, is stepping down after seven years of service, since 2010. Maria is moving to Alameda County and expressed her thanks to the Commission and staff.

Katharine Mason announced that the Head Start Policy Council has a seat opening for either a First 5 CC Commissioner or Staff who might be interested. Please contact Katharine if interested. More information on the structure and duties of a member can be found on the Contra Costa County CSB Head Start website:

<http://ehsd.org/headstart/childcare-preschool/head-start-early-head-start-and-state-preschool/head-start-policy-council/>

13.0 Adjourn

Next meeting is on October 2, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM