



ADISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT ACTION SUMMARY

August 9, 2024, 2:00 PM

Members: Javeed Ahmad, Robin Blanks, Kairis Chiaji, Carolyn Curtis, Junior Goris (Vice Chair), Janea Hackett-Little, Kesha Harris, Heidi Keiser, Maria Lopez, Fatima Malik, Jennifer Mohammad, Alexxandria Paige, Silvia Rodriguez (Chair), Chase Smith, Tony Smith, Linda Thrift, Darsey Varnedoe, Darla Williams, Walter Wyniarczuk

Staff: Julie Gallelo, Executive Director
Lindsay Dunckel, Early Learning Coordinator
Erin Maurie, Communications and Policy Director
Maria Hammill Communications and Policy Director

Call to Order/Roll Call

ACTION: The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM by Vice Chair Junior Goris.

Absent: Javeed Ahmad, Heidi Keiser, Silvia Rodriguez, Darla Williams, and Tony Smith. Linda Thrift attended via zoom and unable to vote.

1. Welcome, Introductions and Teambuilder

The meeting was chaired by Vice Chair Junior Goris. The Committee welcome new member Kesha Harris.

2. Public Comment and Off-Agenda Items

Members were asked to complete the conflict of interest form and hand it in before they leave.

3. Approve Minutes from April 12, 2024, and June 14, 2024

ACTION: Motion to approve from Carolyn Curtis seconded by Jennifer Mohammed. Motion passes.

4. Executive Director's Update

- Julie Gallelo provided the following First 5 highlights: August 5th Commission Meeting
- Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) Graduation
- 25th Anniversary Planning & Social Media Engagement
- REDI+ CR Update
- Court Ordered Parenting Education Classes Update
- Building Strong Families Report
- State Budget Update

5. First 5 Livable Wage Statement

The topic of Livable Wage continues to be discussed and researched in support of the Commissions REDI and sustainability work. Staff researched into the subject and conducted a survey of partners to explore their attitudes and perspectives concerning policies and practices for achieving a Livable Wage. Developing a Livable Wage Statement was determined to be a key next step as we continue to communicate its importance. The Systems Optimization and Sustainability (SOS) Committee was tasked with reviewing the Livable Wage Value Statement and it was approved at the June 2024 meeting. The Livable Wage Value Statement is included in all contracts.

6. Presentation: Help Me Grow Sacramento

Christine Smith, Director of Early Learning at the Sacramento County Office of Education, provided an overview of the Help Me Grow (HMG) program, a First 5 contract, to members. The core components of the development and behavioral screening program provides a continuous system of care to improve outcomes for children through early identification and intervention. Christine provided background data results and conducted a hands-on activity with the members to provide them with a better understanding of how HMG family advocates work with families, health care providers and the community.

7. Member Announcements/Public Comment

Kesha Harris announced tree planting on October 19. More information to follow.

Adjourned: 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Hammill
First 5 Sacramento Commission