



ADISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT ACTION SUMMARY

February 9, 2024, 2:00 PM

Members: Robin Blanks, Kairis Chiaji, Carolyn Curtis, Junior Goris (Vice Chair), Janea Hackett-Little, 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
Stephanie Wills, Clerk of Commission
Erin Maurie, Communications and Policy Director

Absent: Janea Hackett-Little, Darla Williams, Walter Wyniarczuk. Junior Goris attended via Zoom as a non-voting member.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

ACTION: The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM by Chair Silvia Rodriguez.

2. Welcome and Introductions

The ice-breaker was introducing yourself, the seat you occupy and your plans for the Super Bowl.

3. Public Comment and Off-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

4. Meet and Greet with Commissioner Dave Gordon

Commissioner Dave Gordon, Superintendent of Schools for the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) joined via zoom to share about his role at SCOE. Some highlights were the work with First 5 including the Help Me Grow program that offered developmental and behavioral screenings with referrals to appropriate organizations. Gordon also discussed their student literacy initiative and working with students with dyslexia. The major focus at SCOE for school districts is making schools a center of wellness and having a behavioral health clinician on site at schools. Committee Members engaged with questions about safe routes to schools, trauma informed care, wellness centers and Afghan immigrant support.

5. Approve Minutes from December 8, 2023

ACTION: Motion to approve from Carolyn Curtis, seconded by Robin Blanks. Motion passes.

6. Appoint Alternate member to the Evaluation Committee

Kairis Chiaji volunteered to be on the Evaluation Committee. The Committee Members approved.

7. Review and Approve 2024 Long-Range Agenda

The subcommittee met and developed a draft long-range agenda that was included in the packet. Other topics for consideration were presentations on special needs, library systems and early learning. Committee Member Alexxandria Paige asked to present at the April meeting on the program Healthy Outcomes Positive Experiences (HOPE).

ACTION: Motion to approve from Kairis Chiaji, seconded by Robin Blanks. Motion passes.

8. Executive Director's Report

Due to time constraints the Committee Members agreed to skip the Executive Director Report and refer to the information in the packet.

9. Presentation: Reducing African American Child Deaths

Jordan Katti from Applied Survey Research presented the Evaluation findings from FY22/23 Efforts to Reduce African American Child Deaths. The following efforts were highlighted:

- Pregnancy Peer Support Program
- Changes in Risk and Protective Factors
- Birth Outcomes
- Family Resource Centers
- Safe Sleep Baby Program
- Public Perinatal Education Campaign
- Countywide Trends

The 10-year goal was a reduction of African American child death by 10-20%. Findings included the following decreases:

- perinatal conditions deaths reduced by 23%
- infant sleep related deaths decreased by 33%
- child abuse and neglect homicides decreased by 25%

Jedida Gomes from Sierra Health Foundation with updates on the Black Child Legacy Campaign and the work of the Steering Committee and the Cultural Broker Program. Also presenting was Kenya Fagbemi from Her Health First with updates on the Black Mother's United peer pregnancy and doula programs.

The executive summary and full report are available on the [First 5 website](#).

10. Member Announcements/Public Comments

Committee Members Katie Andrew and Edward Lewis have resigned.

Adjourned: 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Maurie
First 5 Sacramento Commission