

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

Values Statement: *Through respectful inquiry, genuine interest, and intention to learn from its diverse members, this committee operates as a safe space in order to fulfill our purpose to advise the Commission on how best to serve all children and families in Sacramento County.*

June 14, 2024

2:00-3:30PM

This is an In-Person Meeting for Committee Members

2750 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 330
Sacramento, CA 95833

Community/Public May Join By Zoom:

<https://saccounty-net.zoomgov.com/j/1619371049?pwd=WERsdjJHNStjWmIyRVMOVzB4bmhpQT09>

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

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| 1. Welcome, Introductions & Teambuilder | 10 minutes |
| 2. Public Comments on Off-Agenda Items | 2 minutes |
| 3. Meet & Greet with Commissioner Steve Wirtz | 15 minutes |
| 4. Approve Minutes from April 12, 2024 | 5 minutes |
| 5. Executive Director Update | 10 minutes |
| 6. Presentation: Participatory Grant Making | 45 minutes |
| • Discussion/Brainstorm
<i>Touchstone Leadership Group/Pure Jeanius Consulting</i> | |
| 7. Member Announcements/Comments | 5 minutes |
| 8. Adjourn | |



ADISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT ACTION SUMMARY

April 12, 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
Lindsay Dunckel, Early Learning Coordinator
Erin Maurie, Communications and Policy Director

Call to Order/Roll Call

ACTION: The meeting was called to order at 2:09 PM by Chair Silvia Rodriguez.

Absent: Kairis Chiaji, Chase Smith, Darla Williams

1. Welcome, Introductions and Teambuilder

The teambuilder exercise was participating in the 'dragon breathe' exercise, a video in partnership with First 5 CA and Snoop Dogg featuring the Doggyland Kids. The video teaches children and parents how to take deep breaths when feeling frustrated or upset and the healthy way to handle emotions.

The Committee celebrated Member Heidi Keiser with a baby shower and wrote personal notes of congratulations and parenting advice.

2. Public Comment and Off-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

3. Approve Minutes from February 9, 2024

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

4. Appoint Alternate member to the SOS Committee

Darsey Varnedoe volunteered to be on the SOS Committee. The Committee Members approved.

5. Executive Director's Report

Julie Gallelo provided the following First 5 highlights:

- April 8th Commission Meeting and June 3rd agenda
- Staffing updates
- Guaranteed Income Pilot Program
- REDI+ CR Update
- City of Sacramento Children's Trust update
- First 5 CA Summit

6. Healthy Outcomes Positive Experiences (HOPE) Training

Committee Member Alexxandria Paige presented the HOPE program. It is a strength-based, child-centered, family-led program promoting access to the following four building blocks:

- Relationships
- Environments
- Engagements
- Emotional and Social Growth

7. Sac Family Connect (SFC)

Alejandra Labrado, First 5 Staff, presented about the Sac Family Connect Collaboration and new family centered website. This long-time existing Home Visiting Coordinating Collaborative morphed into SFC and expanded to include community agencies beyond home visiting to expand services that include the 'whole child/ whole family' approach.

SFC's goal is to connect families to all available programs through self-referral. This was achieved through the development of a multi-faceted parent, provider and community website. Highlights of the website include: a confidential self-referral online database that connects the user directly to multiple programs based on the personal criteria entered. The site also includes an in-depth provider professional development with hands-on training videos and modules.

The site has been soft-launched and will have a formal multi-media campaign kick-off this Summer. **ACTION:** Committee members were asked to run scenarios on the site and provide feedback to staff.

8. Member Announcements/Public Comments

- Carolyn Curtis asked to share a trauma informed video at the next meeting.
- Fatima Malik shared that she visited Gibson Ranch to learn more about the development of a sensory area.
- A full day training on HOPE is scheduled at Sierra Health Foundation on June 26th. Staff will send the save the date.

- This meeting is dedicated to child abuse prevention month and to County Child Welfare staff member, Renee, that saved a child's life through administering CPR.
- Chair Rodriguez announced this is her last year as Chair of the Advisory Committee. She also mentioned her work for CA Reducing Disparities Project and an upcoming event this Spring.
- PLTI parents are in need of mentors. Contact Alejandra Labrado if you are interested in helping a student on their community improvement project.

Adjourned: 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Maurie
First 5 Sacramento Commission

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION
Advisory Committee Update
June 2024

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST COMMISSION MEETING – June 3, 2024

- Approve Contracts for Programs in the 2024 Strategic Plan Priority Areas of Health and Well-Being and Quality Childcare in the Amount up to \$590,000
 - Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
 - Participatory Grant Making
 - Training for Parent Cafes
 - Countywide Childcare Coalition
- Recognition of the 2024 Parent Leadership Training Institute Cohort and Presentation of their Projects
- Approve CalWORKs Home Visiting funds from DHA and Execute with the Child Abuse Prevention Center to Provide Direct Services for the Period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025
- Approve Building Strong Families Contract Amendment with the Child Abuse Prevention Center for Fiscal Agent Services
- Approve Child Abuse Prevention Center Invoice Payment for 2021
- Public Hearing: Annual Review of First 5 Sacramento 2024-2027 Strategic Plan
- Public Hearing: Review and Comment on First 5 CA Annual Report for FY23-24
- Presentation: First 5's Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion + Cultural Responsiveness Accomplishments and Next Steps

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO GENERAL UPDATES

Staffing Updates

First 5 welcomes two new staff members to the administrative team: Kristin Scheiber and Maria Hammill. Kristin will serve as our Chief of Administration and will manage the budget, all financial services and overseeing the administrative staff. She comes to us from Sacramento County Public Health. Maria will serve as an Administrative Services Officer I, assisting staff with various contracts and office management. She joins us from Sacramento County Department of Health Services, Mental Health Treatment Center.

Congratulations to LaTina Price and Linda Fong Somera for being acknowledged by their peers as Innovators. On May 17th they were recognized at an awards ceremony for "Innovation" in the County's Valued Behaviors Campaign. County Executive David Villanueva and Commission Kothari were present to congratulate our teammates.



Court Ordered Parenting Classes Update

At the April 8, 2024 Commission meeting, there was discussion about the impact that would occur with First 5's elimination of funding for court-ordered parenting classes beginning July 1, 2024. The reduction totals \$1 million per year for three years. While the County is required to have options for parents to attend court-ordered parenting classes, there is no state funding attached to the requirement. First 5 began paying for all court-ordered parenting classes for parents of children ages 0-5 in 2009 when the recession occurred. With declining revenue, Commissioners decided to focus funding on more upstream prevention services in the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan. The Department of Child, Family and Adult Services has requested \$1.3 million from the County General Fund to cover the cost of the court-ordered parenting classes for FY24-25. The Board of Supervisors will consider the request, along with the larger County Budget, during public Budget Hearings that will take place on June 5, 2024.

Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion and Cultural Responsiveness (REDI +CR)

Participatory Grant Making Process Update

As First 5 Sacramento embarks on implementing a Participatory Grant Making (PGM) process, the team has been laying the ground work by increasing the knowledge of staff, Advisory Committee and the Commission on what a Participatory Grant Making Process entails. As a process rooted in community input, all will play a key role in outreaching to community and lifting up the PGM process and the desired outcomes. This process is a demonstration of the Commission's commitment to racial equity and systems change as it is an opportunity to engage non-traditional and underserved organizations to co-create a more equitable approach to grant-making. A presentation to both the Commission and Advisory Committee are planned for June 2024.

Staff REDI Retreat

Building upon our previous retreats, the April 5th session was dedicated to empowering team members to implement REDI+CR strategies effectively in their day-to-day work. Staff continued to build capacity around theoretical knowledge and practical skills for supporting the Commission in operationalizing its REDI+CR action plan and the strategic direction as a whole. Staff received insights into First 5's current and historical grant making process, received an overview of the Participatory Grant Making framework and engaged in discussions around how best to support the work ahead.

Sacramento County Executive Visits First 5 Sacramento Office

Recently appointed County Executive, David Villanueva, is visiting all County Departments to get a better understanding of each department's programs and services. On May 13th, he visited First 5 Sac for a 'meet and greet' with staff. We had the opportunity to highlight accomplishments from our programs, systems and sustainability work and REDI+CR efforts. Staff also learned more about the County Executive's role and his professional accomplishments.

State Budget and Policy Update

The Governor released the May Budget Revision which has worsened since the proposed January budget. There is an estimated \$27.6 billion deficit and **ongoing deficits of around \$30 billion per year beginning in 2025. The revised budget contains many cuts that will impact young children and their families. Below is a brief recap:**

2022 Trigger Cuts

- Continuous Medi-Cal Coverage for Children Aged 0 through 4
- Child Support Pass-Through to Currently Assisted CalWORKs Families

May Revise cut proposals to address the deficit

- CalWORKs Home Visiting Program (47% reduction)
- California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program
- Preschool Inclusivity serving students with disabilities
- Children and Youth Behavioral Health services and supports
- Child Care Slot Expansion, pause at current level

We won't know the final reductions or impact on families until the FY 24-25 budget is signed by the Governor before July 1.



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As a Woman Who Means Business,
you wear many hats.
The most important one is MOM!



**Being a parent is the toughest job.
First 5 Sacramento applauds
family-friendly workplaces!**

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Investing in our most valuable assets—our children.

First 5 Sacramento invites our business and community leaders to stand with us and prioritize racial equity, diversity and inclusion to improve the lives of young children and families.



Join us to create an equitable and JUST future for families and a stronger community.

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**First 5 Sacramento
Advisory Committee
Agenda Item Cover Sheet**

Agenda Item – Presentation: Participatory Grant Making by consultants Touchstone Leadership Group and Pure Jeanius Consulting

Background

The First 5 Sacramento Commission FY2024-27 Strategic Plan prioritized Racial Equity as a key area of focus and support. Under this priority area, REDI+CR Funding Pathway was identified as a strategy to create a separate funding pathway to engage new partners serving BIPOC populations and underserved communities, as well as technical assistance to build agency capacity among these new partners. A total of \$4.6 million dollars, 90% of this priority area funding, is allocated to this effort.

Staff Overview

First 5 Sacramento will engage in a participatory grant-making process supported by a robust community engagement strategy. This strategy will be co-designed with CBOs, community leaders, and other stakeholders aligned with First 5 Sacramento's mission to improve outcomes for children aged zero to five. Stephanie McLemore Bray of Touchstone Leadership Group will share the framework for participatory grant-making with the advisory committee to gather input on how the committee can best support the process.

Staff Recommendation/ Next Steps

Information and discussion item.