

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION

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EVALUATION COMMITTEE

ACTION SUMMARY

Monday, October 18, 2021 – 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Members: Steve Wirtz (Chair), David Gordon (Vice Chair), Olivia Kasirye

Advisory Committee Member(s): Emily Bowen, Robin Blanks

Alternate Member: Tony Smith

Staff: Julie Gallelo, Carmen Garcia-Gomez

Absent: David Gordon

Consultant: Applied Survey Research



This meeting took place via Zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions and to adhere to the County's policy on social distancing.

1. Call to order and Roll Call
Action: Meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM. A quorum was established.

2. Public Comments on Off-Agenda Items
Action: None.

3. Approve Draft Action Summary of July 19, 2021
Action: Approved Blanks/Wirtz.

4. Staff Update
Action: None.
Persimmony Update: Since launching the new interface, 14 trainings have been held and over 120 users have been trained.

Referral Portal: First 5 Staff, C. Garcia-Gomez has worked with Persimmony developers to continue building the referral portal. It is anticipated that the new functionality will be launched in the late winter.

5. General Evaluation Update – Applied Survey Research
Action: None.

ASR provided an update on the evaluation activities that took place during the month of Aug, Sept. and Oct.

6. Approve 2022 Evaluation Meeting Calendar
Action: Wirtz/Blanks

Chair S. Wirtz asked to move the order of the following agenda items:

- 7. Review and Approve: CalWORKs Home Visiting Special Study
- 8. Review and Approve: Reducing African American Children Death Report

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Action: No vote was taken. Present missing data at the January Evaluation Committee Meeting. With direction from J. Gallelo, the Committee decided that the report be presented to the Commission in February. Commission staff will check with Black Child Legacy and confirm they are available to present in February as well.

First 5 Staff, C. Garcia-Gomez shared that the CDRT data for 2019 was not available and would be available later in the year. Staff also gave the Committee an option to present to the Commission in February rather than in December as originally planned, once the data become available and is included in the report. J. Gallelo, explained that the report could be presented in December with preliminary data but the better option is to present in February.

Chair S. Wirtz asked the Committee members to consider both scenarios and weigh-in.

ASR presented the report and findings. The report will be updated with suggested edits.

8. 7. Review and Approve: CalWORKs Home Visiting Special Study

Action: No vote was taken as there was no quorum. Completed as received.

ASR staff presented the CalWORKs Home Visiting Special Study.

R. Blanks recommended racial sensitivity – same race of worker to client. Chair S. Wirtz asked how the study informed DHA particularly the systems change. J. Gallelo reported that DHA welcomed the report and was receptive to change and improvements. Dr. Kasirye provided a comment: changes can be made to the time it takes to complete the intake survey.

9. Committee Member Comments

- a. Miscellaneous
- b. Future Agenda Items/Presentations

Adjourned: 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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First 5 Sacramento Commission