

# FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION

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## EVALUATION COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

Monday, April 18, 2022 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM



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

**Advisory Committee Member(s):** Emily Bowen, Robin Blanks, Tony Smith (Alt.)

**Staff:** Julie Gallelo, Carmen Garcia-Gomez

**Consultant:** Applied Survey Research



1. Call to order and Roll Call
2. Public Comments on Off-Agenda Items
3. Approve Draft Action Summary of March 21, 2022
4. Staff Update
5. General Evaluation Update - Applied Survey Research
6. Approve: Systems Optimization & Sustainability Evaluation Plan
7. Committee Member Comments
  - a. Miscellaneous
  - b. Future Agenda Items/Presentations

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**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 1:02 PM. A quorum was established.

2. Public Comments on Off-Agenda Items

**Action:** None.

3. Approve Draft Action Summary of January 24, 2022

**Action:** Approved Blanks/Wirtz.

4. Staff Update

**Action:** None.

**1) In-person Evaluation Committee Meetings:** Staff provided an update of future Evaluation Committee meetings. As a result of the Public Health orders expiring in April, all Committee meetings will resume in person beginning in April. A Zoom link will be made available to the public but all voting members will need to be physically present in order to participate in the meetings.

**2) Persimmony Update:** Staff continue to train Persimmony users and offer on-going trainings. Client files also continue to be merged, with approximately 6,000 client files being merged since July. Staff shared the new feature in Persimmony to disseminate information to clients, in mass quantities.

**3) Referral Portal:** First 5 staff met with Unite Us and Persimmony to discuss the possibility of both systems interfacing, however, it hasn't been determined if this is a possibility. Persimmony continues to build

the referral portal to allow First 5's funded contractors to refer between one another and in the future with to non-funded partners.

**4) Special Studies:** Each year, staff identifies programs that can benefit from a special study. This year, staff is recommending that instead of a special study, resources will be used to develop a disparities dashboard: Cross Systems Review of Racial Disparities in Sacramento County.

Chair Wirtz shared concerns about duplicating efforts that are already in place. He suggested to look at resources that are already in place.

5. General Evaluation Update – Applied Survey Research

**Action:** None.

ASR provided an update on the evaluation activities that took place during the month of February and March.

6. Presentation: Birth and Beyond Annual Report FY 2020-2021.

**Action:** Received. Committee members provided input, ASR staff will incorporate edits and return to the Committee for a final review.

7. Receive Systems Optimization & Sustainability Evaluation Plan

**Action:** Moved to the April meeting.

8. Committee Member Comments

a. Miscellaneous

b. Future Agenda Items/Presentations

a. No May Mtg.

Adjourned: 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen Garcia-Gomez, Evaluation Manager  
First 5 Sacramento Commission

Evaluation Committee  
Staff Update  
April 18, 2022

**1. Persimmony and Applied Survey Research Contracts:**

The Commission will be receiving American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to implement the Building Strong Families program. In order to evaluate the program, we will augment and extend Persimmony's contract.

ASR's contract will also be augmented to include funding that will cover the costs of additional evaluation activities.

**2. Tableau Dashboard: ASR updated** The Tableau Dashboards, they can be found on our website and include data from the First 5 Sacramento Evaluation Report FY 2020/21.

**3. Disparities Dashboards:** First 5, the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services, Public Health Department, Sierra Health Foundation and ASR held an initial planning meeting to discuss an approach for creating the dashboard.

# Summary of Evaluation Activities for First 5 Sacramento

April 2022

Strategy	Task
<b>Systems Eval</b>	– Presenting study proposal to evaluation committee
<b>Birth &amp; Beyond</b>	– Incorporated all comments from evaluation committee members – Sent Final Draft to graphic design
<b>Community Trends Report</b>	– Submitted outline to F5 staff and received input/edits – Pulling data
<b>Persimmony</b>	– Continuing work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BMU form revisions</li> <li>○ Post-FIF implementation</li> <li>○ Drafting manual from trainings</li> </ul>

## Timeline

	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug
<b>Systems Evaluation</b>		Write	Due	Eval Comm Review	
<b>B&amp;B report (including CPS outcomes)</b>	Graphics				PREZ
<b>Strategic Plan (Community Trends)</b>	Data	Write		Due	

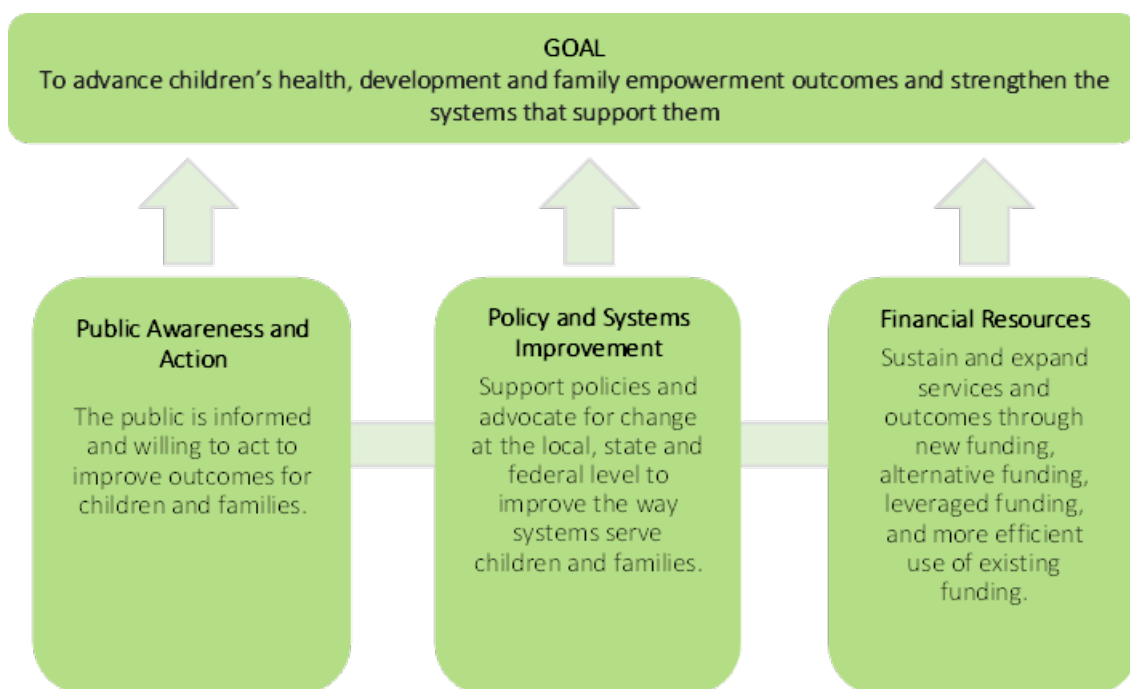


# FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO SYSTEMS OPTIMIZATION & SUSTAINABILITY EVALUATION PROPOSAL SPRING 2022

## SYSTEMS SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AND COMMITTEE

The First 5 Sacramento Commission recognizes that while education and direct services are crucial to furthering their mission, systems change is a critical piece of the puzzle as well, especially surrounding longer-term change and sustainability. In August 2017, First 5 Sacramento approved its first Systems Sustainability Plan to define goals, strategies, and objectives for sustaining outcomes in more systemic and cost effective ways. The Commission established a Sustainability Committee and developed policy and advocacy protocols to be responsible supporters of systems improvements, access to resources, and policies in accordance with the Commission’s approved Policy Platform. These tools have enabled the Commission to effectively respond to the challenge of funding critical services for children and families with declining resources. These efforts also built contractor capacity to look for partnerships and diversified funding sources to support their sustainability.

The following figure displays the goals and objectives of the Systems Sustainability Plan that First 5 Sacramento created.



In 2021, the Sustainability Committee changed its name to the Systems Optimization and Sustainability (SOS) Committee. Chaired by Commissioner Donna Sneeringer, the committee aims to make lasting change and improve outcomes in all of First 5 Sacramento's priority areas.

The following describes the proposed plan to begin to evaluate the work that has been done in this area and to identify the best path(s) to follow in the future.

## **PROPOSED METHODOLOGY**

Although First 5 Sacramento is making progress toward systems optimization and sustainability in each of its priority areas, special focus through "spotlights" in this report will be put on the areas of:

- Health
- Child Care
- ACEs
- Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (REDI)

Each of these spotlights will have sections detailing what has already been done in this area (accomplishments/achievements), where First 5 Sacramento currently is in the work, and what the plan for the future entails, all through a systems and sustainability lens.

To achieve the goals of the report, Applied Survey Research (ASR) will review current documents that detail the progress that has been made (Systems Improvement Plan) and the plan for the future (Implementation Plan) and will conduct interviews with the First 5 Sacramento Program Planners assigned to the respective spotlight topics and with select committee members.

Proposed interview questions include:

- Provide a narrative of what you believe is the biggest systems and sustainability accomplishment in this spotlight area so far.
- What is your vision for future First 5 Sacramento involvement in this spotlight area, related to systems and sustainability?
- What challenges have you encountered when working toward your goals in this spotlight area? How did you overcome those challenges? Are there challenges that still remain?
- What gets you the most excited about First 5 Sacramento's systems and sustainability work?
- How could the committee function more smoothly and have an even bigger impact?

## **PROPOSED SHORT REPORT**

Information gathered from reports and common themes that arise in interviews will be presented in a short report. ASR will finalize this report in July of 2022 and subsequently present it to the First 5 Sacramento Evaluation Committee.