

# FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION

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## EVALUATION COMMITTEE

### ACTION SUMMARY

Monday, October 17, 2022 – 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Members: Steve Wirtz (Chair), David Gordon (Vice Chair), Olivia Kasirye  
Advisory Committee Member(s): Emily Asquith Velasquez, 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 1:05 PM. A quorum was established.
2. Public Comments on Off-Agenda Items  
Action: None.
3. Approve Draft Action Summary of July 18, 2022  
Action: Approved Blank/Asquith Velasquez with changes.
4. Staff Update  
Action: None.  
Commission staff provided an update on the following items:
  - Persimmony User Satisfaction Survey: The results provided information where training and support can be improved and those are being implemented. One area that needs attention is the need for a manual specific to First 5 and in some cases specific to programs.
  - Data sharing across programs: This process has allowed the evaluation team to look at the unduplicated number of families and individuals receiving services across multiple programs.

While in a meeting with First 5 California to discuss the Refugee Family Support program they were very excited to hear that we can report on individual families and the various services they received in

addition to RFS services. They mentioned, First 5 Sacramento may be the only commission that can look at data in this way.

- First 5 California Annual Report: Data clean-up and other data challenges have not allowed staff to complete the annual report to the legislature in a timely manner to be able to share it with the Evaluation Committee. The report will be completed and submitted by the due date, and will be presented to the Commission at the November meeting.
- Persimmony Referral Portal: Other priorities have prevented staff from continuing to work with Persimmony on launching the referral portal.

Staff added including the Mental Health Initiative discussion to a future agenda, possibly in the spring.

No comments or questions from the committee members.

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

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

CDRT data is not available but anticipated to be available in December. ASR will include the CDRT data in the RAACD report in January and share it with the committee. The report will be presented to the Commission in February.

6. Birth and Beyond Data Streamline Update  
Action:

Commission staff shared an information only item discussing data challenges with the Birth and Beyond Collaborative data entry.

Staff recommended:

- **Updating the Commission’s evaluation policy**
- Prioritize reviewing the active Assessments and Services list and work to streamline assessments and services
- Develop a consistent definition of the characteristics of the families to be served by specific funding sources
- The evaluation team should complete a quarterly audit of services data for the next fiscal year (FY22/23)
- FRCs should participate in reports trainings convened by First 5 that address using reports to identify errors and other inconsistencies
- Meeting with DCFAS to discuss 6+ services vs. F5 services

R. Blanks asked if the questions are changing because of the transition in curriculums. Staff explained that it has been a challenge because the curriculums are so different and have varying requirements. The process is very complex.

R. Blanks asked if DCFAS will be looking at the First 5 Annual Report. Staff explained that ASR is the evaluator and the B&B overall report will go to DCFAS **for review. Staff also shared that DCFAS staff doesn't look at the data for inconsistencies.**

S. Biegler on behalf of **the B&B Collaborative and program responded staff's** report. She shared that there have been challenges in data entry. She added that the B&B Collaborative wants the best data but that FY 21-22 has been a year of transition, there has been challenges. She is hopeful that the data will improve in FY 22-23.

**Chair Wirtz added that we are solution oriented and it's important that there is a** mechanism in place to make improvements. Suggests that First 5 and DCFAS meets to discuss the services and how the services should be funded.

Dr. Kasirye shared that perhaps some of the information should have been a **separate discussion as the committee's role is to make sure that things are** moving in the right direction.

7. Approve RAACD Report

Action: ASR presented the RAACD Report. The Committee received the report and was overall pleased and reported recommended edits/revisions.

Committee members had the following comments and/or questions:

- How are we addressing not meeting the Blue Ribbon goals?
- How does the Blue Ribbon status compare to what is happening?

There was discussion around the report only including the funded FRC sites vs. all FRC sites services African American families. Staff explained that the FRC sites included are the ones funded by RAACD initiative and implement strategies identified by the initiative.

The report will be presented to the Commission in February.

No formal action taken as no quorum was present.

8. Committee Member Comments

- a. Miscellaneous
- b. Future Agenda Items/Presentations
  - a. Mental Health Initiative

Adjourned: 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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First 5 Sacramento Commission