

# FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION

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## EVALUATION COMMITTEE

### ACTION SUMMARY

Monday, October 16, 2023 – 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



**Members:** Steve Wirtz (Chair), David Gordon (Vice Chair), Olivia Kasirye  
**Advisory Committee Member(s):** Robin Blanks, Tony Smith, Jennifer Mohammad (Alt.)  
**Staff:** Julie Gallelo, Carmen Garcia-Gomez  
**Attendance:** In-person: S. Wirtz, Dr. O. Kasirye, T. Smith, J. Mohammad, R. Blanks  
**Absent:** Dave Gordon  
**Consultant:** Applied Survey Research



1. Call to order and Roll Call

**Action:** Meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM.

Discussion: Roll call was taken, Jennifer Mohammad was introduced as a new committee member, filling an Alternate seat. Tony Smith is a regular voting member.

2. Public Comments on Off-Agenda Items

**Action:** None.

3. Approve Draft Action Summary of July 17, 2023

**Action:** Blanks/Wirtz

Edits: Chair Wirtz asked that his recommendation on Item 7 was edited to include also looking at the issue of 16+ hrs and keep a focus on the issue of recruitment and retention.

4. Approve 2024 Meeting Calendar

**Action:** Blanks/Smith

5. Staff Update

**Action:** None.

Commission staff provided an updated on the following items:

**Referral Portal:** The referral portal launched at the end of May, when the Building Strong Families began providing

services with the goal that the rest of the contractors would implement soon after July 1, 2023.

Full implementation did not happen until October 2, 2023. Staff continues to work with Persimmony to make improvements to the system and address issues with the system. Thus far just under 50 agencies have been added to the system and 80 Persimmony users have been trained in how to use the system. Staff has held over 15 trainings specifically on how to use the portal.

**First 5 California Annual Report:** The report is due to First 5 California on October 31.

Discussion: The Evaluation Committee is looking forward to receiving outcome data on the referrals recorded using the Referral Portal.

Chair Wirtz asked what type of data was being shared with First 5 California in the annual report. Staff explained that a summary of the SOS report would be shared as well as demographic and financial information by result area.

6. General Evaluation Update – Applied Survey Research

**Action:** None.

ASR staff provided a summary of activities for the months of August and September.

Chair Wirtz inquired about the CDRT data and when it's anticipated to be available.

Stephanie Biegler explained the process is being prioritized and hopeful the death data will be available in December.

Chair Wirtz asked that the Family Strengths Builder is shared with the Committee and discussed at an upcoming meeting. There was additional discussion on the development of the tool, the process to implement and use it.

Chair Wirtz, suggested to ASR to consider testing the reliability and validity of the tool.

7. Approve: Reducing African American Child Deaths Report FY 2022-2023

**Action:** None. The Committee asked that the item be changed from Approve to Review and Discuss

Discussion: Chair Wirtz suggested to review and update the 2020 Goals set forth by the Blue-Ribbon Committee. The goals are outdated. Dr. Kasirye recommends looking at a 5-year period, 2025-2030.

The Evaluation Committee makes a formal recommendation to the RAACD Steering Committee to update the Goals to 2030. The recommendation will be sent from First 5 staff to the Steering Committee.

Other recommended edits to the report and PPT included:

- Change wording from “met” goal to “exceeded”
- Move the order of the PPT slides
- Chair Wirtz recommended that Safe Sleep Baby participants should be included in CDRT look-up.

There was further discussion regarding COVID-19 and whether that was an indication for the increase in deaths.

The Committee asked for an opportunity to continue reviewing with an extended deadline for feedback until October 24, 2023.

8. Committee Member Comments

a. Miscellaneous

S. Wirtz shared that Smile California is doing aa campaign to raise awareness on dental health.

b. Future Agenda Items/Presentations

a. Family Strengths Builder – March 2024

Adjourned: 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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First 5 Sacramento Commission