

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

DRAFT ACTION SUMMARY

Friday, July 9, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Members: Erik Fernandez y Garcia, Aiyana Evans

Advisory Committee Member(s): Alexxandria Paige, Pooja Mittal

Staff: Julie Gallelo, LaTina Price, Erin Maurie

Community: Carolyn Curtis

Absent: Donna Sneeringer

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

Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM. A quorum was established.

2. Public Comment on Off-Agenda Items

None.

3. Elect Committee Vice-Chair

No committee vice-chair was elected and the position will remain open until filled. Staff will continue to facilitate the meetings in the absence of the Chair and Vice-chair.

4. Approve Draft Action Summary of July 9, 2021

Action: MOTION: Commissioner Fernandez y Garcia, Second: Commissioner Evans. Approved as recommended.

5. Receive Update on Policy and Advocacy Activities

Policy and Advocacy Update

Committee members received an update on recent policy and advocacy efforts including a report on happenings around the 2021-22 state budget and federal child tax credit payments which will roll out in July. Staff reported that the state budget provides unprecedented support for Early Learning and Care in California and makes historic investments in universal Transitional Kindergarten (TK) as well as other areas of the state's Early Learning and Care system. California's 2021-2022 budget includes \$200 billion to expand Pre-K to

all 3 and 4-year-olds and \$225 billion to increase access to high-quality, affordable child care for young children.

First 5 is continuing to advocate to ensure that trailer bill language for early childhood mental health services to children 0-5 years.

6. Receive Update on Systems Improvement and Sustainability Activities Certified Sustainable Final Report

Committee members received a copy of the Certified Sustainable Final Report that went out to all funded agencies to complete by August 2, 2021. The purpose of this questionnaire is to gauge sustainability accomplishments since the culmination of the Certified Sustainably program. Agencies were asked to report on capacity building activities, secured financial resources, challenges and needs for continued support. A report on the findings will be presented in the fall.

Partnership with Racial Justice Advocates

Staff announced a partnership with Racial Justice Advocates (RJA), LLC, whose principals were the creators of the Cultural Responsiveness series previously offered through our partnership with the Impact Foundry. RJA will be working with staff to conduct a survey of Commissioners, staff, Advisory Committee members to evaluate institutional preparedness, establish a baseline of knowledge surrounding racial equity and cultural responsiveness and viability for systems change. Staff noted that RJA appears on the Race Equity Diversity Inclusion, (REDI) Action Plan in areas where their expertise will further support the Commission's REDI work.

Review and discuss REDI Action Plan

Staff presented the most current version of the REDI Action Plan to committee members for review and discussion. This phase of the REDI Action Plan covers 5 of the 9 goals the Commission outlined in its Resolution on Racial Equity and Social Justice that were prioritized by committee members for action. Staff reported on the REDI work organized by the First 5 Association to support county First 5's and the First 5 Network and highlighted this addition to the action plan. Committee members provided additional feedback and input on the action plan. Staff will continue to review and make updates per their research and newly identified partnerships.

7. Committee Member Comments

None.

8. Upcoming Events/Future Agenda Items

Meetings will continue to be held via Zoom for the rest of the year. Committee meeting status and schedule will be reviewed and decided in the upcoming year.

Adjourned: 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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