

SYSTEMS OPTIMIZATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

DRAFT ACTION SUMMARY

October 18, 2022– 12:00 p.m.

Members: Donna Sneeringer, Erik Fernandez y Garcia, Aiyana Evans
Advisory Committee Member(s): Carolyn Curtis, Heidi Keiser
Staff: Julie Gallelo, LaTina Price, Erin Maurie, Lindsay Dunckel
Community: Jordan Katti & Alyssa Mullins, Applied Survey Research
Absent: Pooja Mittal (Advisory)

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 12:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. Public Comment on Off-Agenda Items

None.

3. Approve Draft Action Summary of June 21, 2022

Action: MOTION: C. Curtis, Second: A. Evans

Approved as recommended.

4. Receive Update on Policy and Advocacy Activities

Policy and Advocacy Update

E. Maurie provided committee members with an update on state legislative action on bills supported by the Commission. She reported that:

- SB 1047 was passed to expand eligibility for families already enrolled in CalFresh, Medi-Cal, WIC Head Start so it is easier to maintain eligibility.
- AB 22 extended universal access to full-day transitional kindergarten (TK) programs to all 4-year-olds statewide at no cost to families. The bill was amended to collect student and workforce data specific to TK.
- SB 951 increases paid family leave (PFL) and State Disability Insurance (SDI) and low-income workers will receive up to 90% of their wages to take time off to bond with a newborn or help care for a sick family member.

- Sneeringer advised that the budget concerns, including federal resources ending and the decline in state revenues, is resulting in a different, possibly more modest budget climate than in years past.

Committee members received notice that staff are working with Sacramento County on updates to their 2023 state and federal policy priorities. First 5 Sacramento has contributed in this way for the last few years now and current recommendations include language supporting Childcare and Early Learning Services, Leveraging, Nutrition and an additional statement to reflect the REDI work happening.

“Support legislation that promotes equity for all children ages 0 – 5 years and their families, with special focus on bills that address racial disparities in early learning, parental supports and healthcare.”

The Board of Supervisors will be voting to approve the 2023 Sacramento County Policy 2023 Priorities early next year. Staff provide committee members with an update on the final approved priorities.

5. Receive Highlights of Systems Improvement Accomplishments

L. Price walked committee members through the document of Systems Improvement & Sustainability Accomplishments. The document outlines efforts and includes a description of the program activities, total First 5 investment and leveraged dollar amounts, as well as the timeline spanning this current strategic plan. In addition there is a section outlining historical systems improvement projects that began in early 2000’s such as the “Baby Friendly” hospitals and community tot lots.

L. Price added that the goal is to highlight all of the Systems Improvement work, including our more recent REDI initiatives - that are being supported by the Commission while acknowledging that dedicated staff and financial resources are necessary for continuing and expanding upon this work. The chart demonstrates just how much the job has changed and is much more active around leveraging and sustainability efforts.

Committee members stated how beneficial the document was for showing the efforts and results and asked for more information on the Commission’s investment compared to leveraged funds and the total investments as a result. “The reality of leveraged funds should be first and foremost as it underscores the transition from being a funder to all to a partner to all” – stated committee members, “and as a result we were able to offset First 5 dollars and still sustain services in the community.” The chart also demonstrates the successes in expanding and delivering services through these partnerships which can be shown as examples when looking for additional partnerships with

local government and businesses. With dedicated resources and staffing, there is much more that can be done to sustain services.

Committee members suggested adding a graph depicting the First 5 dollars decreasing and leveraged funds increasing and together surpassing the investments in children and families.

6. Discuss Systems Improvement and Sustainability Funding in 2024 Strategic Plan

J. Gallelo addressed committee members stating that the Commission's strategic work around systems have all stemmed from the work of the SOS Committee which resulted in the Commission investing \$100,000/year for systems work in the current strategic plan. This was the first time money was set aside for this purpose and it was supported by the early work of the Committee and successes in systems improvements put in place.

She stated that the Racial Equity work is part of our systems improvement work and crosses over all of our results areas. In support, there is now a policy in place for stipends so that we can honor and show community that the Commission values their voice and time when they are working on projects or attending meetings. Other efforts include funding the Parent Leadership and Training Institute where parents are giving the skills and opportunities to be even stronger advocates for children and families. Additionally, we now have a partnership with SCOE and Child Action Inc., to create a county-wide child care collaborative to bolster quality and quantity of childcare in the County.

All of these investments and activities show that we have done, and are doing very valuable work. We know we must invest in direct services and we also know that we can do some incredible things when we are doing this systems work. Gallelo reported that the work is time consuming and as we launch several new programs, staff capacity is being challenged. Staff will need more support and additional funding to adequately take on the systems work.

Committee members discussed the case for increasing the capacity of staff since most of this intensive work is accomplished through staff time. They recommended staff to consider addressing the Commission sooner than later so that the needed staff are trained and ready to support the work at the start of the new Strategic Plan. Members stated that they are willing to pose this recommendation to the Commission if needed.

7. Review SOS Evaluation Plan Outline

Jordan Katti of Applied Survey Research, presented Committee members with an outline of the SOS Evaluation Plan. She stated that the plan is a result of

several meetings with staff to discuss ways to better show the progress of the Commission's systems work and the impact it is having in the community.

She acknowledged that the SOS evaluation outline is a work in progress though the main ideas and topics are represented. The plan focuses on what historical efforts have been for systems change and sustainability as well as highlights of current and future plans. This includes current systems improvement and sustainability projects, partnerships and leveraged programs and an overview of the REDI+CR work.

Committee members were asked for their feedback on whether or not any key items were missing from the outline and about who the intended audience of the report will be. In addition to Commissioners, are there other stakeholders who will use or be presented with this report? She stated that their goal is to shape the introduction and conclusions to fit the overall purpose and intended audience.

J. Katti informed members that the timeline for the evaluation of SOS will be early spring 2023 upon the completion of the Commission FY2021-22 Evaluation Report.

Committee members asked that the previously reviewed document "Systems Improvement & Sustainability Accomplishments" accompany the SOS evaluation report for additional information and insight.

8. Committee Member Comments

None.

9. Upcoming Events/Future Agenda Items

- Revisit the SOS Evaluation Plan in Spring 2023
- Approve SOS Committee meeting Calendar

Adjourned: 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LaTina Price, Systems Optimization &
Sustainability Manager
First 5 Sacramento Commission