

## SYSTEMS OPTIMIZATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

### ACTION SUMMARY

April 16, 2024 – 12:00 p.m.

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**Members:** LaWanda Wesley (Chair), Chevon Kothari.  
Via ZOOM-Non-Voting: Érik Fernández y García, Kairis Chiaji  
**Advisory Committee Member(s):** Heidi Keiser  
**Staff:** Erin Maurie  
**Absent:** Carolyn Curtis, Darsey Varnedoe

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#### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. A quorum wasn't established.

#### 2. Public Comment on Off-Agenda Items

None.

#### 3. Approve Draft Action Summary of February 20, 2024

There was not a quorum to vote so this item is tabled to the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### 4. Approve Extended Meeting Time: 12-1:30 p.m.

The Committee agreed to extend the meeting time from one hour to 90 minutes; however, due to a scheduling conflict with the time, Érik Fernández y García asked if members could revisit the meeting time and day.

**ACTION:** Staff to send out a Doodle Poll to committee members to select a new meeting time and day.

#### 5. Receive Update on Policy and Advocacy Activities

Staff provided an update on the latest policy and advocacy activities. First 5 has received policy approval to submit support letters for the following bills.

- SB 1112 (Menjivar): Medi-Cal Families with Subsidized Child Care
- AB 2510 (Arambula) Dental Care for People with Disabilities
- AB 2982 (Reyes) Prenatal to Age Three Working Group
- SB 1396 (Alvarado-Gil): CalWORKs: Home visiting Program

Member Heidi Keiser provided an update on the City of Sacramento Children's Trust. The local early childhood committee met with the strategic planning firm. They reviewed the early learning recommendations that were submitted to the Planning and Oversight Commission in February.

## **6. Receive Update on Systems Improvement & Sustainability/ REDI Activities**

Staff provided an update on systems improvement and sustainability efforts.

### Livable Wage Statement

Staff conducted initial research and a survey of partners to explore their attitudes and perspectives concerning policies and practices for achieving a livable wage. From that staff drafted a statement for the Committee to review and approve. Members were engaged and provided helpful feedback to expand upon the value and meaning of a living wage for employees and employers. The Committee agreed to rename it the *Real Livable Wage Value Statement*. This will be included in contracts moving forward.

### PGM Discovery Document: First 5 Sacramento Strategic Planning History

The Participatory Grant Making (PGM) process, now in its Discovery Phase, is focused on taking a deeper look into our current grant-making process and how it has evolved over the years. To support this process, staff provided historical documents such as strategic plans, communication and outreach modes, funding requirements, and evaluation measurements to consultants, Pure Genius and Touchstone Leadership Group. The historical documents were included in the SOS packet for member review.

### Government Alliance on Racial Equity (GARE)

Staff continues to participate on the County's GARE Cohort along with several other county department leads, members of the Racial and Health Equity Interdepartmental group and the County Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Cabinet. First 5 contributed to Sacramento

County's GARE application with a summary highlighting our DEI activities.

**7. Community Building Organization Capacity Building Update**

Member Chevon Kothari provided an update on the progress of the County's CBO Capacity Building and how that intertwines with First 5's Participatory Grant Making Process.

**8. Committee Member Comments**

No comments.

**9. Upcoming Events/Future Agenda Items**

Next SOS Committee Meeting scheduled for June 18, 2024 in person with Commissioner Fernández y García as chair. Meeting will be held at the First 5 Sacramento Office.

Adjourned: 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Maurie, Communications and Policy  
Director