



**October 4, 2004 Meeting
Minutes**

Commission Members Present in Ukiah:

David Colfax Carol Mordhorst Diane Pauli
Tammy Scott Paul Tichinin

Commission Members Present in Ft. Bragg:

Betty Smith

Staff Present:

Anne Molgaard, Executive Director
Lisa Westfall, Administrative Manager
Jung Fitzpatrick, Children's Health Initiative
Nina Morais, Contract Coordinator

Others Present in Ukiah:

Dianne Lawrence
Corinne Lindgren
Linda Nagel

Others Present in Fort Bragg:

Lucresha Renteria
Patty Raines
Laura Welter

I. Welcome and Introductions by David Colfax.

Role Call and welcome to Nina Morias. Nina discussed her background and training as an attorney along with her foundation work. Nina has been hired as the Contract Coordinator.

II. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items

Linda Nagel, member of the Child Care Planning Council, discussed the California Early Care and Education Workforce Study and thanked the Commission for considering a contribution to funding it. Also found at Agenda Item IV.G.

III. Consent Calendar

Motion to approve agenda. Motion/Tichinin; Second/Pauli. (Colfax, yes; Pauli, yes; Mordhorst, yes; Scott, yes; Smith, yes; Tichinin, yes). Passed.

Motion to approve Draft Minutes (2nd Draft Minutes). Motion/Smith; second/Scott. (Colfax, yes; Pauli, yes; Mordhorst, yes; Scott, yes; Smith, yes; Tichinin, yes) Passed.

IV. Business Items

A. Commissioner Appointment Status

Anne made announcement that Lucresha Renteria, Latina leader and Operations Manager at the Mendocino Coast Clinics), has agreed to submit her name to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to Commission.

Commissioner Mann is having a heart procedure today in Santa Rosa.

B. 2005 Meeting Schedule

It's possible that the Spring State Conference is headed to Hollywood in late April. Accepted as presented.

C. Director's Report

Special Needs Project grant application was submitted on Saturday, the 2nd.

Our Annual Report will be sent out by October 15th.

Whole Child Conference. The flyer and registration form was distributed to all present at the meeting. We are working with Commissioner Scott to align child care options for parents who attend the conference.

Child Abuse Prevention Council. FIRST 5 hired facilitator, Nice Alterman, to lead a 3-hour prioritization session. What came out were 8 main priorities as described in the meeting minutes which were included in the Commission packet. FIRST 5 offered to draft #1—a public relations campaign regarding child abuse and neglect. Once the priorities are narrowed down, we can then take it to the communities to offer support.

Project Sanctuary's Clothesline Project is taking place during October. Ana Araiza will be coming to the FIRST 5 office to display various tee shirts depicting drawings and quotes from domestic violence survivors.

D. Fiscal Report/Budget

Still waiting on starting balance from Independent Auditor.

Motion to accept July, 2004 Fiscal Report as submitted, with the understanding that some figures may need to be adjusted. Motion/Tichinin, second/Mordhorst. (Colfax, yes; Pauli, yes; Mordhorst, yes; Scott, yes; Smith, yes; Tichinin, yes). Passed.

F. Access to Healthcare~Jung Fitzpatrick

The Mendocino Healthy Kids project has been devised for kids who aren't eligible for Healthy Families or Medical. Commissioner Mordhorst, Department of Public Health Director, has authorized \$10,000 for pilot Mendocino Healthy Kids project toward the Laytonville Pilot Project to cover premiums for children 6-19.

The deadline for a new health coverage planning grant opportunity is October 15th. Kristen Gardner, a consultant with the Department of Public Health, is preparing the application.

Paul expressed his support for this project. Other counties are possibly interested in cohesively coming together to figure out a health plan for the kids in need. Jung advised Carol that we may need her expertise as we move further along into the project.

Nutrition & Fitness – Policy Brief

The Policy Brief is a collaborative from the North Coast (Humboldt County). FIRST 5 sponsored the showing of Super Size Me. It was very successful. There were approximately 30 policy makers who used our offer of a free movie pass.

Commissioner Smith curious as to what happened to the Ukiah Healthy Meals (in schools) project. She was wondering if all the Ukiah schools are involved. Terry Nieves is the main contact regarding this advocacy effort to improve meals offered throughout Ukiah Unified School District. FIRST 5 sent a letter to the Ukiah Unified Board of Trustees in support of the project. Currently, the Nutrition and Activity Collaborative is taste-testing and planning for a January conversion to healthier vending machine foods. There will be another taste testing this fall at the high school.

Betty asked Carol if the kids and parents who go through WIC tend to be less obese? She was also wondering if any type of evaluation regarding this had been done. Carol said she didn't believe a formal study had been completed, but she will send some various stats back to Betty from Public Health.

Dianne Lawrence said that NCO has in the past reimbursed (or offered incentives) to home child care providers depending on the types of food purchased and fed to their kids. She said that she doesn't think it's likely that there is a substantial or formal evaluation happening.

G. California Early Care and Education Workforce Study

Motion to withdraw participation due to additional and excessive costs.

Motion/Tichinin, second/Mordhorst. (Colfax, yes; Pauli, yes; Mordhorst, yes; Scott, yes; Smith, yes; Tichinin, yes).

H. Developmental Assessment

Ruben Gonzalez and Terri Davis presented about Ages and Stages Questionnaire, a tool that assists parents and providers in assessing their children for reaching developmental milestones and identifying delays. Two years ago, the Mendocino County Early Start team committed to using this tool whenever possible. .

I. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Scott is applying for an MA in Human Development at Pacific Oaks College. FIRST 5 wrote a letter of recommendation.

V. Next Meeting

Monday November 1, 2004 at WISC in Willits. Pictures (in FIRST 5 shirts) will be taken at beginning of the next meeting.

VI. Announcements

Anne announced that the Ukiah Valley Cultural and Recreational Center (UVCRC) invited Commissioners to tour their new facility on Thursday Oct. 7th at 5 p.m. The Commission funded access in the UVCRC building for infants and toddlers.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.