



January 26, 2015
Commission Meeting Minutes
MCOE, River Room

Commission Members Present

Lucresha Rentería	Dan Hamburg	Stacey Cryer	Paul Tichinin
	John Passalacqua	Jeremy Mann	Bryan Lowery

Public Present who signed in

Ben Anderson, Pending Commissioner
Jena Connor, HHSA-CW
Ruth Lincoln, HHSA-PH PSC
Saprina Rodriguez, Imagination Station

ITEM 1 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Dr. Jeremy Mann called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and those present introduced themselves.

ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

No comments from the public were made.

ITEM 3: CONSENT CALENDAR(ACTION)

- A. Meeting Agenda
- B. Draft Minutes from October 27, 2014 Commission Meeting
- C. Final 2013-14 Independent Audit

Flip the order of agenda items 8 and 9. Motion made to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion/Tichinin, Second/Cryer (all ayes, no nays). Motion Passed.

Commissioner Hamburg pointed out that the Mendocino County Treasury has no socially responsible investment policy. Concerned that since the Commission may want to consider this moving forward is focused on improving the social environment.

Commissioner Cryer inquired what the alternatives would be, could the money be moved somewhere else or to get the board to adopt a policy. There may be better rates of return if moved somewhere else. Community Foundation rate is similar to the county. Community Foundation does have a socially responsible policy.

Commissioner Rentería arrived at 1:24 p.m.

Executive Director Molgaard will investigate further and bring back options including a sample letter to the treasurer and quick recap what First 5's are doing and options to the Commission. Commissioner Tichinin recommended the Commission reach out to school districts, affiliate organizations and hospital boards regarding this issue.

Meeting transferred to Chair Lucresha Rentería.

REDUCED SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND IMPROVED PARENTING

ITEM 4: THE CHILDREN'S DATA NETWORK: LINKING DATA TO INFORM PROGRAMS AND POLICIES

Executive Director Molgaard discussed the Children's Data Network funded by First 5 Los Angeles, Hilton Foundation and California Child Welfare Indicators Project.

An introductory video was shown. Dr. Emily Putnam Hornstein will be presenting at the 2015 Child Health, Education and Care Summit in February. The data tells us that if there is a report to CPS of a young child, it is much more likely that they will become part of the system by age twelve.

Commissioner Lowery stated the data may not reflect accurately the response from Child Protective Services. A community issue because there is a community standard. A referral is not always convincing that CPS should step in.

Commissioner Mann stated a referral in and of itself is a high risk event.

Data for Mendocino County specifically is available at no cost. Recommendation that a Commissioner attend this session at the summit in February and bring back information at which time the Commission will decide how to use the information, if at all.

This data will be uploaded to Healthy Mendocino.

MAXIMUM EFFECTIVES AND EVALUATION

ITEM 5: ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC OF FIRST 5 CALIFORNIA

State Report is not yet available. Postponed.

Motion to table for March. Motion/Cryer, Second/Mann, (all ayes, no naves). Motion passed.

ITEM 6: FISCAL REPORT (ACTION)

Presented fiscal reports along with a six month review of the budget to actuals, 66% of actual budget in and spent 47% of budgeted expenses incurred.

“Outreach and training of non-staff” line item means we pay for a community member who is not an employee or Commission to attend training, example is paying an FRC staffer to attend Triple P or SOS trainings.

Commissioner Lowery inquired about the “sub-recipient” line item. This refers to grantees, primarily the Family Resource Centers. Many grantees receive most of the contract amount up-front and the balance is disbursed when the grantee submits the monthly/annual evaluation documents. Commissioner Lowery also requested a list of the expenses to Chabot, how funds are spent for Triple P, expenses for actual services that touch parents, dates of trainings and amount spent on Triple P Groups.

Motion made to approve the fiscal reports for October, November and December 2014.

Made/Cryer, Second/Tichinin (all ayes, no naves). Motion Passed.

ITEM 7: SPECIAL FUNDING REQUEST (ACTION)

Saprina Rodriguez, Imagination Station owner, located in Willits. Serves over 100 children from Covelo, Laytonville, Ukiah. Services include child care, preschool, resource center. Parenting tips for parents, referrals to resources in the community. Funds are requested for the center due to a fire that damaged the center.

Services were sustained during the fire damage at alternate location. Has spent more than \$50,000 and still must meet two other requirements from licensing. Needs another \$25,000 to meet requirements. Requests \$5,000 to assist in covering the cost of the fence required by state licensing.

Commissioner Cryer inquired about insurance coverage. The business had \$2 million in liability coverage and \$10,000 contents coverage. Commissioner Cryer asked if there is any pending litigation for property damage against the property owner.

One of few centers that accepts CalWORKS. Payment for services is often delayed. Serves 30 children that are subsidized for Stage 1 and Stage 2 through NCO. Licensed for 60. Current facility is 4,000 square feet.

Commissioner Tichinin stated with these funds the Commission would be making an improvement to the property and advised that the renter (Imagination Station) receive credit for this significant improvement.

Motion to grant special funding \$5,000 to sustain the re-opening of the child care facility with criteria for reporting to be determined by the Executive Director.

Motion amended to require Imagination Station to be trained in and to use Triple P as its evidence-based positive parenting practice. Amendment accepted.

Motion/Tichinin, Second/Cryer. Abstain/Passalacqua (all ayes, no nays). Motion passed.

ITEM 9: FRIDAY CLOSURE OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (ACTION)

Executive Director needs direction to engage/not engage in this issue. CASA and other child advocates have talked about issue of the HHSA Child Protective Services office closures on Fridays.

Chair Rentería clarified reason for agenda item to give authorization to Executive Director to engage in participating in other meetings and negotiating to see how FIRST 5 can help in trying to find some creative solutions to this issue of not only the Friday closures but the possible staffing issues or other contributing.

Commissioner Passalacqua said this issue is critical to children under age 5. Mendocino County is the only county in the state to have CPS closed on Friday. Unfortunately we have very high risk cases in the Child Welfare office and this work needs to be done five days a week.

Commissioner Cryer does not believe current staffing, open on Fridays would in fact enable more children to be served.

Commissioner Lowery requested to clarify inaccurate information—this is not a CASA issue, the Agency has worked to address specific problems that have been identified. He also clarified that Friday closures does not mean HHSA is contributing to children being abused.

Commissioner Passalacqua said having CPS closed on Fridays is not optimal. Would like to help identify what the barriers are to opening on Friday's. Common goal to retain and attract social workers.

Executive Director Molgaard request direction from the Commission.

Motion to direct the Executive Director to engage with Dept. of Social Services and all interested parties in a manner to assist them and the BOS to provide the best possible services to children in the county.

Motion/Tichinin, Second/Mann. (Aye: Tichinin, Passalacqua, Rentería, Mann; Nay/Hamburg, Cryer, Lowery.) Motion passed.

ITEM 8: RECOGNITION OF AND FINAL REPORTS FROM VISTA MEMBERS

BACK TO ORDER AT 2:46 P.M.

Sander Sanchez, Maternal Child Health Advocate VISTA presentation to Commission.

Sander focused on the issue of Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorder. He researched what resources are available (by surveying behavioral and mental health providers to help assess current capacity/severity in community) and created a flow chart for referrals.

Sander was impressed with parents' willingness to participate in receiving help in raising their kids. The skills he will take away are: teamwork and collaboration; time management; communication and ability to convey and receive ideas; multi-cultural sensitivity.

He suggests investing in peer support groups for mothers to help progress through new parenting. He plans to do clinical research in Seattle before applying for medical school. Commissioner Rentería and ED Molgaard presentation of commemorative plate.

Greg Etter, Social Entrepreneur VISTA, presented to Commission regarding his projects during his time with FIRST 5 Mendocino. Social Entrepreneurship is using for-profit business techniques with a non-profit vision.

Greg learned that starting a social enterprise is difficult and hard to weigh investment and money in start up. We do not consider these as failures since we did not invest money, so no loss.

Child Care business by surveying employees and found not cost-effective without outside program funding or free rent; Food Stamp app to put in budget and show list a meals and recipes to create grocery list, looking for an organization to buy the app and promote it, could collect royalties but contacted eatFresh.org already have a mobile friendly version; Miniature Golf with each hole being sponsored by a local business but start-up costs were too high to be cost effective; Batting cages would cost too much to start up and already exist in community; Child care for tourists to raise money then sent out survey to business's and found no market; Community Bike Coffee by growing business with Thanksgiving coffee and have delivered within 24hrs but no interest; Flower CSA would partner with the Garden's Project and sign people up for weekly or bi-weekly flower program but flowers were too expensive; and Indoor Soccer League at ARC (not FRC) but would generate low revenue and would cost \$15,000 for barriers and would cause a lot of work w/o generating income.

Continuing with Immigration Office with Lydia at ARC (FRC) possible to rent out office to attorney by subletting space only; sublet space, reception and supplies; or run our own office with representative, hire a paralegal and attorney or a profit-share. Presented budget to run office by hours. Commissioner Hamburg inquired about meeting with John Khury, to discuss additional opportunities for Greg, asked about continued interests. ED Molgaard discussed moving forward with Immigration Office. Commissioner Rentería and ED Molgaard presented Greg Etter with commemorative plate.

ITEM 10: PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTHY BABIES – TABLED.

ITEM 11: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Anne Molgaard, presented report.

A new ACE Study (Adverse Childhood Experiences) was conducted by the Center for Youth Wellness. "A Hidden Crisis" reported that in Mendocino County over 70% of residents with at least one ACE; only Humboldt and Butte counties were as high. Some raised questions about methodology.

Dr. Matt Sanders, developer of Triple P, will speak about how positive parenting can arrest and mitigate ACES in Ukiah on March 12, with leadership workshop in the morning and a master class in the afternoon for any person accredited in Triple P.

The ARC is progressing in PAW and SV contract with the courts, coast and Spanish workshops scheduled, SV to start in Feb. 2015.

ARC had event on Tuesday, January 20th, 2015 for executive action regarding immigration and brought in attorneys to speak. Need to figure out how to up-sale to the huge crowds for donations.

PDI has served 2,300 Mendocino kids; it received a clean audit; has started an endowment with Wells Fargo and anticipates making 6% interest; Make Kids Smile event made \$100,000, Auction Napa Valley about \$50,000. Commissioner Hamburg inquired about effect of ACA changes to PDI. ACA did not cause any major changes. PDI advocated and was found exempt for 10% medical cuts. Commissioner Rentería inquired on expanded medical change due to ACA. Endowment will allow PDI to take a few pro-bono cases a month.

First 5 Association discussed Board of Equalization (BOE) (tax collecting entity) started with collecting small amounts for fees and now more are expensive to collect our taxes. New prop on ballot for cigarette tax and will back-fill prop 10, may not see money as BOE said will take additional profits as administrative costs. Commissioner Tichinin inquired on BOE elected positions. ED will get names of BOE members for Commission.

ED is going to be on board for First 5 Association Executive Committee meetings mostly via conference call.

All invited to First 5 Summit in February in Sacramento.

VISTA members are leaving, could be replaced in April if we find quality applicants when we recruit in February.

MacCallum House fundraiser took place during huge storm in December, very few attendees, Commissioner Tichinin attended and would like to expand the event next year with silent auctions etc. No profits due to storm so MacCallum House generously donated \$250.

Next meeting is Monday, March 30th in Potter Valley. Commissioner Tichinin requests a new commission meeting calendar. Commissioner Tichinin inquired about commission appointments, Ben Anderson is scheduled on the Board of Supervisors' Agenda and James Flaherty, pediatrician with Consolidated Tribal Health is submitting his application.

ITEM 12 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Commissioner Passalacqua and ED are working on foster care parent recruitment.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.