

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2018

Meeting location: Westside Union Elementary School 659 K Street, Los Banos, CA 93635

Commission Members Present:

Lee Lor Eva de Long Iantha Thompson Shirley Brown Scott Pettygrove
 Dr. David Canton Aaron Lequia Marjorie Terranova Yvonnia Brown

Staff Present: James Fincher, Marie Pickney, Kathleen Zimmerman, Martha Hermosillo

Guests: Supervisor Jerald O'Banion, Jennifer Rocha, Scott Silveira, Andrea Cruthird-Mays, La Verne Davis

Call to Order

Chair Lee Lor called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Chair Lor invited Commissioners and the public in attendance to tour the Westside preschool building which was funded by First 5 Merced County with School Readiness Initiative funds through First 5 California, FY 2000 to FY 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Commissioner Margie Terranova

Attendance was taken after the tour of the preschool
Attendance results noted above; a quorum was present

On the tour, Andrea Cruthird-Mays stated the Westside Union preschool staff is great to work with, are always welcoming and the principal is very involved with providing support to continue the high quality in the preschool.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Public Opportunity to Speak on Any Matter within the Commission's Jurisdiction

Members of the public were invited to come forward to speak.

Candidate for Merced County Supervisor District 5, Scott Silveira, introduced himself to the Commission, thanking Commissioner Margie Terranova for inviting him to the Commission meeting. Silveira also thanked the Commission for the support given over the years with the Merced County Spring Fair in Los Banos and acknowledging Supervisor Jerry O'Banion, prior Commission Chair, as the forefather of First 5 Merced County and the tremendous supports provided to the Community of Los Banos over the years.

Supervisor Jerry O'Banion thanked the Commission for coming to the Westside, keeping with the tradition of going to the different communities in Merced County. O'Banion stated it was good to see the familiar faces of the Commissioners he worked alongside for the many years as the First 5 Merced County Commission Chair.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

First 5 Merced County Executive Director Martha Hermosillo, informed the Commission that there was an error on the Consent Calendar items should read items #1-2 not # 3-4. Hermosillo also provided the Commission with an updated agenda stating that item # 8 was removed from the original agenda due to the rescheduling of the presentation by Healthy Families of America.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1. Approval of Minutes for the April 9, 2018 Commission Meeting (Action)**
- 2. Approval of Expenditures through April 30, 2018 (Action)**

Commissioner Margie Terranova stated there was a calculation error in item # 7, in the April 9, 2018 minutes. The contributions of \$1,500 from Human Services Agency, \$1,500 from the Child Abuse Prevention Council and \$2,500 from First 5 Merced County is a total of \$5,500 and not \$5,000 as written in the minutes. The correct totals are: \$1,500 from Human Services Agency, \$1,000 from the Child Abuse Prevention Council and \$2,500 from First 5 Merced County for a total of \$5,000.

Commissioner Scott Pettygrove requested clarification on the expenditure report revenue line being at 71% asking if that was traditional revenue flow, and also the IMPACT grant and the amount expended. Hermosillo stated that the IMPACT grant expenditures are low because there were only had 2 quarters of billing in this report, and the revenue flow is because they are at least 2 months behind in depositing Proposition 10 revenue. Commissioner Margie Terranova also asked for clarification on a couple of line items in operating expenses that are in the 90 percentile and how that was traditionally handled. Hermosillo responded that most of them are one time payments, for instance First 5 Association membership fee, ad one of the line items "maintenance" was zeroed out due to First 5 moving into Public Health, and the line item "vacation/sick leave payout" was due to three staff leaving in this fiscal year and cashing out their accrued time.

Commissioner Dr. David Canton moved to approve items #1-2 on the consent calendar.

Motion seconded by: The motion was unanimously passed with 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

REGULAR CALENDAR:

COMMISSION ACTION:

- 3. Approval to Provide funding for the Early Education and Training Institute for Merced County to support priority area #2 (Action)**

This item was presented by First 5 Executive Director, Martha Hermosillo requesting the Commission to approve a contract with the Merced County Office of Education to plan a week-long series of trainings that take place in during the month of June. The training, entitled the *Early Childhood Educators Institute*, are implemented through a partnership between First 5 Merced County and the Merced County Office of Education.

After surveying the needs of early childhood educators in the county, the Early Childhood Educators Institute will provide workshops to accommodate the Early Education workforce who are working in family child care homes, private/faith-based centers and alternative

settings.

The funding request is for an amount not to exceed \$10,000. If approved, First 5 Merced County funding would be used to support the following:

- 50% of cost of Frog Street training on Family Engagement
- 50% of cost of Keynote speaker, Arnold Chandler
- 50% of cost of venue for the kick-off event (Merced College Theater)
- 50% of cost of give-away bags

The remaining allocation will help provide materials and hand-outs to support a variety of trainings offered throughout the week-long series.

While the majority of training will be offered in English, 3 of the 4 days will offer a Spanish session. Spanish session topics include “Enhancing Dramatic Play”, “Brain Development” and “Supporting Dual Language Learners”. The entire Early Educator’s Institute, except for the kick-off event, will be held at Merced High School. Each participant will be provided relevant, high quality materials to support the implementation of the training topics into their everyday childcare / center-based practice environments.

Commissioner Yvonnia Brown moved to approve providing funding for the Early Education and Training Institute for Merced County to support priority area #2

Motion seconded by: Commissioner Eva de Long. The motion was unanimously passed with 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

4. Approval for participation and travel for staff related to the First 5 Association Network Leadership Program (Action)

This item was presented by Martha Hermosillo requesting approval for staff to participate in the First 5 Association Network Leadership Program. The First 5 Association’s new network strategy seeks to activate First 5 Commissions as key agents of change at the local and statewide level, focused on expanding early childhood systems to improve outcomes for children 0-5 years across California. In order to help implement the strategy, the Association is partnering with Open Impact to design and pilot an executive “Network Leadership Program” over the next two years. The program has selected two cohorts of 20 executive directors or senior staff from across the state to participate in three 3-day convening’s over 9 months to learn more about systems change, build skills, forge peer relationships, innovate new solutions, and develop a vision for greater impact. The program will be led by a strong group of diverse facilitators and trainers.

First 5 Directors throughout the state were invited to interview with Open Impact regarding potential participation. First 5 Merced County staff was chosen as a participant in the first cohort. The cost of this program is \$10,000 with the majority of costs being paid by the First 5 Association; however County Commissions are asked to commit \$3,500.00 to cover lodging and food costs for participants.

Convening dates are as follows:

May 21-23 – Pasadena

October 3-5 – TBD (Bay Area)

January 28-30 – TBD (Central Coast or Central Valley)

Commissioner Margie Terranova said she was very excited to hear about this program, and

asked if there was a focus for the first year. Hermosillo stated from her perspective the focus would be how to bring a systems change to the community with the most impact to the most people. Hermosillo also said from the state level there needs to be a unified message statewide if First 5s are going to make systemic changes, and that all agencies working with young children, not just First 5, should be sending the same message. Commissioner Yvonna Brown also said she thinks this is a great idea, and congratulated Hermosillo for being invited to be a part of this. Commissioner Dr. David Canton asked how many staff had been invited from our Merced First 5. Hermosillo replied just she would be attending. Commissioner Scott Pettygrove asked if this was already budgeted, Hermosillo stated there was plenty of money in the FY17/18 and 18/19 travel and training budgets for her to attend.

Commissioner Margie Terranova moved to approve participation and travel for staff related to the First 5 Association Network Leadership Program

Motion seconded by: Commissioner Yvonna Brown. The motion was unanimously passed with 9 in favor, 0 opposed

5. Approval of modification to the Commission meeting schedule for 2018 (Action)

This item was presented by Martha Hermosillo requesting approval to modify the Commission meeting schedule for 2018. Hermosillo reminded the Commission of the December 2017 Commission meeting the Commission took action to set and approve its regular meeting schedule for monthly meetings for the 2018 calendar year.

Since that approval, a couple of organizational changes have necessitated proposed changes to that schedule. Staff proposes the following changes:

- Cancel the July 9, 2018 Commission Meeting
- Move December Commission meeting to the first Monday, December 3, 2018.

Commissioner Margie Terranova motioned to approve modifications to the Commission meeting schedule for 2018.

Motion seconded by: Commissioner Aaron Lequia. The motion was unanimously passed with 9 in favor, 0 opposed

6. Children's Summit and Hands on Heroes update (Informational)

Martha Hermosillo provided a Power-Point presentation to the Commission. Hermosillo informed the Commission there were 301 participants at the Children's Summit this year. In the presentation there were pictures of the Hands on Heroes selected in Merced County, Supervisor and First 5 Commission Chair, Lee Lor, Public Health Director, Rebecca Nanyonjo, Emcee Judge McCabe just to mention a few. Hermosillo asked the Commission to save the date for the next Children's Summit, scheduled for April 11, 2019, aligned with the national Week of the Young Child. Commissioner Scott Pettygrove said how he enjoyed the networking time, and commented on the number of programs attending the Summit this year. Pettygrove also mentioned even though there was some awkward disconnect during the Summit it didn't negatively affect the audience. Chair Lee Lor asked if the video presentation was part of the message, social determinants of health. Hermosillo said no, the video was intended to relate to the Care, Cope, Connect books, although the message was not provided to the audience prior to the video. Chair Lor stated that perhaps a visual of the Care, Cope Connect book would have given the audience a reference to link the video to. Hermosillo responded that staff intended to put the books in the packets, however, since the

presentation was not organized by First 5 staff, the presenter did not link the video to the books as Herмосillo had expected.

7. Information regarding the Early Learning Advocacy Day at the Capitol (Informational)

Martha Herмосillo provided a Power-Point presentation to the commission of the 2018 Advocacy Day at the Capitol. Herмосillo showed pictures of the children participating in activities that took place on the Capitol lawn in Sacramento. Herмосillo stated there are 2 bills related to infant/toddler care, one for expanding infant/toddler care throughout the state, paid professional development hours for providers taking care of infant/toddlers and more spots. Also, increased funding for home visitation programs for parent 25 and under with their first child. Herмосillo informed the Commission that First 5 and Human Services agency in Merced County will be having conversations regarding the home visitation programs in the near future.

Herмосillo also shared that the First 5 California Hands on Express was coming through Merced County on Monday May 21, 2018, but the library was not available due to staffing issues, so we are trying to find a location for the day. Commissioner Terranova suggested we talk with Merced City School District to see if they can host Hands On Express. Chair Lee Lor stated that the Merced City School District is launching a pilot program with an in-house health assessment and asked if the preschools and head starts are utilizing it. Commissioner Margie Terranova and Jennifer Rocha, Director of preschools in Los Banos, both stated they had not heard of the pilot.

Executive Director's Report

Martha Herмосillo informed the Commission that the Radio Merced campaign has wrapped up. Herмосillo said the campaign was very successful and would like the Commission to think about next fiscal year and running similar campaigns throughout the year.

Herмосillo also informed the Commission that Moira Kenney, Executive Director of First 5 Association along with Eduardo Aguilar, Networking Agent Manager will be at the First 5 Merced County Commission meeting June 11, 2018.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Margie Terranova thanked all the Commissioners, staff and attendees for making the drive to Los Banos.

Commissioner Eva de Long thanked Terranova for the tour and wished many more years of success and continued expansion of preschool programs.

Commissioner Yvonnia Brown thanked Terranova for her hospitality. Brown also thanked all those who attended "Open House" at the new building for Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. Brown also offered the Commission to tour the building prior to the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Dr. David Canton reported he attended the State Health Officer's Conference where the theme was Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES). Dr. Canton stated that children under 2 that have at least 1 adverse childhood experience are more likely to have 4 or more adverse experiences before the age of 4, which can lead to more crime, disease down

the road to adulthood.

Commissioner Shirley Brown also thanked Terranova and Jennifer Rocha and commended Terranova for her vision and keeping with it to see the outcome of the hard work.

Commissioner Aaron Lequia echoed the other Commissioners and said it was awesome to see the work of First 5 and the preschool at Westside.

Commission Chair Lee Lor also commented on the classroom and thanked Terranova for vision and her dedication. Lor stated it serves as a reminder of the work that the Commission does in our community is incremental, that we don't make changes overnight it takes time and dedication. Lor thanked everyone for coming to Los Banos, and also thanked First 5 staff for the Children's Summit.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm