

Children and Families Commission Meeting Minutes December 6, 2006

Members Present: Katcho Achadjian, Dr. Rene' Bravo, Julian Crocker, Don Dennison, Joel Diringer, Kathy Long, Dr. Greg Thomas

Members Absent: Biz Steinberg (excused), Lee Collins (excused)

Staff Present: Susan Hughes, Armando Corella, Vanessa DeBrum and Amanda Wilson

Call to Order: Chairperson Katcho Achadjian called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m..

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Due to lack of a quorum, Chairperson Achadjian moved the 2005/2006 Evaluation Report to the front of the agenda.

2005-06 Evaluation Report

Tom Keifer gave a brief presentation of program outcomes from the 2005/2006 Evaluation Report. The complete 68 page report is available for viewing on First 5 San Luis Obispo County website at www.first5slo.org.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Thomas asked if a correction could be made on page three of the October 25, 2006 minutes, to read Staff will explore the possibility of measuring the severity of the dental disease of one-year old children in the evaluation process instead of would be part of the evaluation. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Diringer. The motion passed unanimously.

Martha's Place

Dr. Joseph Holifield; Ph.D., Clinical Director, Martha's Place; presented the scope of work for Martha's Place for January 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Diringer moved to approve the scope of work, seconded by Commissioner Bravo. The motion passed unanimously.

Armando Corella commented that County Counsel has approved the Martha's Place contract in the amount of \$400,156. Mr. Corella also informed the Commission there will be a modification to the budget that was approved at the October 25th Commission meeting in the amount of \$27,797 designated for rent for the McMillan site. The Economic Opportunity Commission, (EOC) as the fiscal agent for Martha's Place, has confirmed SLO County will lease the McMillan site.

As a result EOC won't require a budget line item for reimbursement. Chairperson Achadjian confirmed with Deputy County Counsel Patricia Gomez that the Executive Director, as described in Exhibit B of the contract, could make the modification without further action by the Commission.

Commissioner Bravo moved to accept the contract in the amount of \$400,156, seconded by Commissioner Diringer. The motion passed unanimously.

Children's Health Initiative Update

Kena Burke, Executive Director of the Children's Health Initiative of San Luis Obispo County (CHISLO) and Dr. Brian Roberts, Treasurer of CHISLO updated the Commission on agency activities and requested additional funding for the current funding cycle through June 2007. Ms. Burke said a grant was developed and submitted to Arroyo Grande Community Hospital to provide oral health services in the south county. She went on to say that a newsletter dealing with oral health issues would be sent out in the spring.

Dr. Roberts informed the Commission that CHISLO met the three-year enrollment goal in the first six months and 250 children, ages 0-5, in San Luis Obispo County are being covered by Healthy Kids this year. Dr. Roberts introduced the idea of banded insurance premiums to the Commission. This would reduce premiums for children 6-18 and increase the cost of premiums for children age 0-5, who are known to cost more to insure. Dr. Roberts suggested a transition plan for the Commission to move forward with a banded premium system.

Commissioner Diringer questioned why CHISLO is requesting more funding for 0-5 premiums when the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority was charging for that age group? Dr. Roberts replied First 5 SLO is funding a portion of the children insured by Healthy Kids (0-18 year olds) and the 0-5 year-old premiums creates a much larger portion of the overall cost than the 6-18 year-old premiums.

Commissioner Crocker asked if First 5 SLO funded 6-18 year-old premiums? Ms. Burke answered "No" but the request for additional funding is so that when 0-5 year-olds age out they will continue to be covered by insurance. Commissioner Bravo commented he is open to the idea of age-banded premiums and First 5 SLO should consider the idea in the future. He went on to say he would like to have a representative from Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority attend a future Commission meeting to discuss this issue.

Prior to making a motion, there was a roll call of the Commissioners to declare if any of the Commissioners had a conflict of interest with approving a funding augmentation amount for CHISLO.

- Chairperson Achadjian declared he was a member of the CHISLO board, but he was exempt and had no conflict of interest.
- Commissioner Bravo declared he was a member of the CHISLO board, but he was exempt and had no conflict of interest.
- Commissioner Crocker declared he was a member of the CHISLO board, but he was exempt and had no conflict of interest.
- Commissioner Dennison declared he was not a member of the CHISLO board.
- Commissioner Diringler declared he was a member of the CHISLO board, but he was exempt and had no conflict of interest.
- Commissioner Long declared she was not a member of the CHISLO board.
- Commissioner Thomas declared he was a member of the CHISLO board, but he was exempt and had no conflict of interest.

Commissioner Diringler moved to approve the staff recommendation for the CHISLO budget augmentation in the amount of \$50,000 for the current 2006/2007 contract to be reviewed again in May 2007 to determine future allocations, seconded by Commissioner Bravo. The motion was passed unanimously.

WIC Oral Health Revised Scope of Work

Armando Corella updated the Commission of a revision in the WIC Oral Health scope of work that the Commission approved at the October 25, 2006 meeting. After discussion between First 5 staff, WIC and Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP), it was decided that the CHDP's staff capacity would be overwhelmed to fulfill the activities proposed in the original scope of work. In addition providers would be overwhelmed. The primary change in the scope of work was that WIC referrals to CHDP would be limited to Medi-Cal eligible children.

Commissioner Crocker moved to accept the revised WIC Oral Health scope of work, seconded by Commissioner Long. The motion passed unanimously.

New Member Recruitment

Susan Hughes discussed the timeline for new member recruitment to fill five seats on the Commission for the period from July 20, 2007 to July 19, 2011. There are three designated seats becoming available that are filled by the Children Services Network, SLO County Child Care Planning Council and SLO County Medical Society. Ms. Hughes told the Commission that Commissioner Steinberg was choosing not to continue as the appointee from the SLO County Child Care Planning Council in the next term. Commissioner Dennison informed the Commission, he would be re-nominated by the Children Services Network for a new term. Commissioner Bravo said he would also be re-nominated by the SLO County Medical Society.

Commissioner Long and Commissioner Diringer will vacate the two community member at-large seats. First 5 staff is proposing a formal, public process to create a pool of qualified applicants for the two seats.

- 1) All applicants will complete a First 5 application.
- 2) Flyers notifying the public of the vacancies would be distributed at various meetings and via email during the months of January and February 2007.
- 3) Display advertisements informing the public of First 5 Commissioner openings will be placed in the local newspapers.
- 4) The announcement will post with the County Clerk's office (as required) and on the First 5 website.
- 5) All applications will be due at the First 5 office no later than February 26, 2007.

Chairperson Achadjian suggested the advertisement be published in one newspaper that is county wide. Ms. Hughes agreed and will advertise in the SLO Tribune and then put a story in the community news section of the north and south counties and also coastal newspapers.

Commissioner Thomas moved to accept the proposed timeline and recruitment process for selecting First 5 Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Crocker. The motion passed unanimously.

State Commission, State Association and Staff Updates

Susan Hughes updated the Commission on activities at the State Commission level and also at the Association level. Ms. Hughes also informed the Commissioners of a \$250,000 grant received for the Early Childhood Education Building in Paso Robles. Ms. Hughes said there would be another First 5 Partners meeting on January 8, 2007 that will include P.E.D.S. training.

There was an Oral Health data presentation conducted by Commissioner Diringer and Dr. Kathy Phipps in November. Ms. Hughes asked for volunteers to form a Commission member task force to help with community planning regarding oral health. Commissioner Diringer and Commissioner Thomas graciously volunteered for this project.

Ms. Hughes read an email from Dr. Donald Pinkel M.D. advocating for fluoridated water in San Luis Obispo County. Ms. Hughes will provide the email to Wendy Wendt who is organizing the Oral Health project.

With no other comments or announcements, Chairperson Achadjian adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m..

All materials referred to in these minutes are available at the First 5 Children & Families Commission office. For a more detailed account, tapes of the meeting are available by calling 781-4058.

**The next regular Commission meeting will be:
Wednesday, January 24, 2007
From 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
McMillan Complex Conference Room
2995 McMillan Ave
San Luis Obispo, CA**