

**FIRST 5 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION**  
San Luis Obispo County

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
December 3, 2008

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Penny Borenstein, M.D.	SLO Co Public Health
René Bravo, M.D.	SLO County Medical Association
Julian Crocker	SLO County Office of Education
Don Dennison	Children's Services Network
Janet Murphy	Community at Large
Rosalinda Rodriguez	Community at Large

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Katcho Achadjian	SLO County Board of Supervisors
Carol Capito	Child Care Planning Council
Lee Collins	SLO County Social Services

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jason Wells, Anne Tognazzini

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Dennison called the meeting to order at 4:12 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kena Burke, Executive Director for Children's Health Initiative apologized for not putting First 5 on CHI's holiday cards, stated it was an accounting issue, as names for the card were pulled from a separate database.

Ms. Burke then spoke about how the California Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) was planning to enact a waiting list later this month for enrollments in the Healthy Families insurance program. She noted she would be asking First 5 to write a letter requesting the waiting list not be instated. Commissioner Borenstein stated that she would work with Ms. Burke to draft a letter. Vice-Chair Dennison noted that, by consensus, the Commission would authorize First 5 staff to work with Ms. Burke in drafting a letter from the Commission.

Ms. Burke also reported on CHI's recent emerging artists competition.

There were no other comments from the public.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*1) Approval of the October 22, 2008 minutes*

Commissioner Borenstein indicated she would like an amendment to the Oct. 22, 2008 meeting Minutes that would clarify her comments regarding public health dentistry. Commissioner Crocker made a motion to approve the Minutes with clarification of Commissioner Borenstein's statements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy. There were no additional comments or questions from the Commissioners or from the public. The motion passed

unanimously.

2. *Approval of the Quarterly Financial Report for the period of 7/1/2008 to 9/30/2008.*

There were no comments from Commissioners or staff. Commissioner Crocker made a motion to approve the Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Borenstein. There were no comments or questions from the public. The motion passed unanimously.

## **FIRST 5 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY 2007-08 ANNUAL REPORT**

Jason Wells gave a presentation on the First 5 SLO County 2007-08 Annual Report. He noted the report is basically a collection of raw data for First 5 CA, and that its web-based format produces an unfriendly final format. He provided an overview of the report, including the total number of participants, ages and languages of children served, and statistics on the four result areas.

There were no questions or comments from the Commission, nor from the public. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Crocker and passed unanimously.

## **FIRST 5 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER IN PASO ROBLES**

Commissioner Crocker provided an update on the Early Childhood Education Center. He noted that originally it was intended to be two buildings: a larger Family Resource Center building and a smaller preschool classroom building. He stated they are now looking at a phased approach, focusing initially on the preschool building. He noted that construction costs have been estimated to be \$4.5 to \$5 million, compared to \$9 million for the total project. He also reported that the City of Paso Robles continues to be interested in the project, and would like a city library portion in the preschool building. He added that the city library in Paso Robles is very much a family outreach program and is also the center for Raising a Reader, so it makes sense programmatically, plus it could bring in construction money from the City.

There were no comments or questions from the Commissioners or public.

## **STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Commissioner Borenstein announced, on behalf of Susan Hughes who couldn't attend today's meeting, that the Public Health Department has named a new Tobacco Program Director, Kathleen Karle. She noted Ms. Karle is internal to the organization, and assumed her new role Monday, freeing up Ms. Hughes to be 100% with First 5.

## **REINTRODUCTION OF 2009-2011 PROGRAM FUNDING OPTIONS**

Jason Wells reintroduced the topic of program funding options, which was discussed at the last Commission Meeting.

Vice-Chair Dennison asked Commissioners if they needed additional information on the two funding options provided by First 5 staff. Commissioner Crocker pointed out that the difference between Options A and B was the funding of the two Direct Service Programs, BABES and Expanded Day.

Commissioner Murphy asked about the reduced funding for Baby's First Breath and Beginnings in both options and Mr. Wells explained the reduced funding was a reallocation of funds, to consolidate social marketing components of the programs. Commissioner Rodriguez asked if First 5 would be doing the social marketing campaign, and was told yes.

Commissioner Borenstein noted that since Prop 10 funds are being looked at for solving some of the budgetary issues [at the State level], it would be better to look at the short term, rather than assuming the monies will be available in the longer term.

Commissioner Crocker noted his preference for option B, which retains status quo funding for both BABES and Expanded Day, because both programs are highly effective and having examined First 5's finances, he doesn't think it would be fiscally imprudent to continue their funding.

Commissioner Crocker moved to accept Option B for the funding model through 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bravo. There were no comments or questions from the public, nor from the Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

## **2007-08 DRAFT EVALUATION REPORT**

Tom Keifer, First 5 Consultant, gave a presentation on the First 5 SLO County Draft Evaluation Report, noting that at the last meeting he covered the Direct Service Programs, and this time he would be presenting on the Commission's Initiatives: Children's Health Initiative, Oral Health Initiative, Perinatal Substance Abuse Initiative, and Universal Home Visitation Planning Initiative.

In regards to the Universal Home Visitation Planning Initiative, Commissioner Bravo noted that First 5 funding for Home Visitation is not a done deal. He suggested the Commission needs to focus on maintaining the programs currently funded rather than going in too many different directions.

## **FUNDING OPTIONS, BRIEF REVISIT**

Because the subject of funding options was covered earlier in the meeting than scheduled (due to Commissioners needing to leave early), Vice-Chair Dennison asked if anyone in the public wanted to comment on the matter. There were no comments or questions.

## **CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE**

Jason Wells provided an update on The California Endowment (TCE) grant application. He reported on a teleconference meeting and site visit with TCE, noting that at one point, things were not looking positive because of changes at TCE. However, he noted TCE wanted First 5 to continue to pursue the grant, with changes to it. He added that the revisions would be done in the next week and TCE would vote on it in January.

Mr. Wells also noted that this has been a big roll-out week for the Oral Health Coordination Team (OHCT), and introduced Kathy Phipps (OHCT member), who gave an update.

Ms. Phipps noted that the Oral Health Coalition met for the first time this week, with about 25 people attending. She added that it was decided the Coalition needs someone from the medical community, hopefully a pediatrician, and asked Commissioner Bravo for suggestions.

Ms. Phipps also reported on the South County Dental Access Resource Team (DART) meeting which was held today, which included four private practice dentists in attendance. Ms. Phipps also provided statistics on the number of children on Medi-Cal in SLO County, and the number of dentists by specialty, as well as the number of dentists receiving Medi-Cal payment for services in 2007.

Ms. Phipps noted there clearly needs to be a multi-prong approach: treatment, early detection,

and prevention. She also noted both the Coalition and the South County DART want to meet more often than quarterly.

Commissioner Bravo stated we need to capture the enthusiasm of the dentists, but we also need to be cautious because we can't build a system based on the pro bono work of dentists. He also stated that we need to be careful that the quality of care is constant.

Ms. Phipps reported that the OHCT has also started to schedule parent education on oral health at the Head Starts, as a precursor to later applying topical fluorides.

Commissioner Borenstein noted that she recently saw statistics on funding from the CA Dept of Public Health and that SLO County was listed as having received zero dental grant dollars. She added that she has made some inquiries, and hopes to turn it around in the next year.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

## **STAFF REPORT**

Jason Wells reported on behalf of Susan Hughes, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Wells spoke about the possibility of holding the next two Commission meetings elsewhere, to engage other areas of the county. Commissioner Bravo questioned the effectiveness of taking the meetings elsewhere, citing very little response/participation by the community. Vice-Chair Dennison noted that the meetings might also lose regular attendees if held elsewhere. The consensus was to have the next meeting (January 28) in the regular location, and then revisit the subject later. Vice-Chair Dennison asked that it be put on the next agenda as part of the Staff report, along with discussion of a Commission retreat.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Rodriguez asked for clarification regarding the Brown Act and Commissioner emails. There was brief discussion about the issue; however, without all Commissioners present, Vice-Chair Dennison suggested it should be brought back to the Commission at the next meeting. Mr. Wells said staff would arrange for Susan Hoffman, County Counsel, to provide updated Brown Act information to Commissioners at the next meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other announcements or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM

**All materials referred to in these minutes are available at the  
First 5 Children & Families Commission office.  
For a more detailed account, recordings of the meeting  
are available by calling (805) 781-4058.**

**The next regular Commission meeting will be:  
January 28, 2008, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
2975 McMillan Ave., Room MM1, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**