



LASSEN COUNTY
CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting, May 9, 2014
336 Alexander Avenue, Susanville, CA

ATTENDANCE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Chapman, Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joanna Zimmermann, Commissioner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melody Brawley, Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mae Sherman, commissioner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anita Osborn, Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annette Sandborg, Commissioner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Ann Murin, Commissioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Katherine Nielson, Alternate Commissioner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gene Smith, Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Roberts, Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wendy Blackmon, Commissioner | |

Also Attending: Sarah Boxx, Jaime Hastings, Camille Maben, and Moira Kenney.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. Everyone introduced themselves.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Commissioner Zimmermann made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Sandborg seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed with no abstentions.

INFORMATION AND CONSENT CALENDAR: Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Commissioner Osborn seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed with no abstentions.

May, 2014 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014		
Lassen Diversified Management	\$7,350.00	Contract Implementation for May 2014, Inv. 4731
Lassen Diversified Management	\$81.38	Duplication & Expenses for April 2014. Inv. 4732
Smiles for Life, Inc.	\$2560.49	April Expenses & Non Reimbursed Services for March 2014, Inv. 285
Modoc Office of Education	\$360.74	Adin State Preschool April '14 days for 1 child, Inv. AR14-00340
Pathways to Child & Family Excellence	\$52,623.20	Advance payment of 4 th Quarter for FY 13-14, Inv. 125
Total	\$62,975.81	

EXPLORING REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS: The remainder of the meeting was fulfilled by guests Sarah Boxx from Social Entrepreneurs who reported on the survey, and by Camille Maben, Executive Director of the State First 5 Commission, and Moira Kenney, Executive Director of the First 5 Association who reported on a variety of topics. Notes from the balance of the meeting were graciously taken by Sarah Boxx and are set forth below:

Survey Follow up: Sarah Boxx reported on the recent survey, indicating that there were 10 responses and that primary interest was displayed in shared audit costs, bulk purchasing, and evaluation. Moira indicated she would talk with her Executive Committee regarding the ability of F5AC to manage contracting. Consensus was to start with the “low hanging fruit” first, that being auditing and legal services.

F5AC Presentation by Moira Kenney: Moira explained that the Association is a 501c3 and 501c4 non-profit organization fully supported by member dues. This serves as a pass through for counties and they serve all Commissions. The Association is on all for small counties and their commissions as needed; data analysis, salary surveys, etc. The Association does policy and advocacy work and is a good partner of SCAC. This is an important relationship with means of protecting Prop 10. Unless resources are leveraged, all commissions will need to explain why fewer children are being served, example LA when reserves are gone. The Association is working to align services, i.e. impacts, across the state. The state no longer wants to be the “only funder” of a particular service (e.g., dental care), but that they want to see leveraging dollars that are available. Moira explained that new partners are needed in the Family Strengthening area. The Association works to ensure small county revenues are retained. They are the knowledge managers around how early learning might be expanded to include lessons learned through First 5. They ensure outcomes are understood throughout the state. The Association is working with child advocates across the state to ensure all children are receiving developmental screenings as required by ACA (3x by the age of 2) - needs to be done by pediatricians. Federal leveraging for services is of particular interest - especially DentiCal. Surveys are being conducted in Southern California to try and

understand why children aren't receiving care. The Association is spending time on BOE Administrative Costs - LAO in 1998 estimated \$600k year, last year costs \$35 million. While F5 receipts go down, capture costs go up. CA is the "enforcer" for the nation. LA and Orange County in particular have been very engaged in trying to address this problem. F5AC has been meeting with legislators about the budget for BOE.

Help Me Grow: Moira reported on Help Me Grow, indicating that Orange, Fresno, Alameda counties were initial counties, and there are now twelve counties meeting; 4 certified nationally. Seven more counties added (now total of 19 counties). As of October 2014 the grant runs out and there will no longer be funding to support. Moira indicated there is always need for public policy work, peer learning support re: integrated service system. F5AC is working with group to look for other funding/partners. The Association has been working with and engaged in conversations with Camille to see where/how they can partner for bulk purchasing for screenings (e.g., ASQ) - Brooks Publishing.

Presentation by Camille Maben: New Campaign: Talk, Read, Sing. Commercials designed to push parents to F5 website - want to help parents. The primary desire is to connect with other folks trying to accomplish the same objectives. The Prop 10 act requires the state to invest 6% in outreach. Ask: how do we partner with counties and help them get the information out to local parents/families. George Halvorsen is new State Chair (appointed by Gov. Brown) - previously with Kaiser Permanente. He is absolutely passionate about improving the lives of children. The State First 5 is partnering with F5AC to help take counties in the same direction - work regularly with Moira to show a strong partnership and shared vision. There are differences in the roles from F5AC – the state First 5 needs to be the voice of F5 and look for ways to partner with the other state agencies -- so that the county commissions can be more effective. The augmentation funding was passed by the California State First 5 and will need to be revisited within the next 3 years.

Related Topics: Looking into conversations with Camille to see where/how they can partner for bulk purchases for screenings (e.g., ASQ) - Brooks Publishing. The Governor's grant - his requirements were that there could not be a statewide rating system - must be local control; also, budget neutral. CA was funded 9th at \$50m. It took 1.5 years to agree upon how to define and measure quality. Looking to partner with WIC so can include research on early brain development in the materials that WIC shares with parents in monthly meeting.

Camille spoke about the CARES Plus, and Child Signature Programs. She also asked what the Commissioners would like from First 5 California to support the local Commission. One question came up surrounding a way to use a "learning community" model to share benefits of what is being learned from RTT (Race to the Top). As we learn about regional services, there could be some synergies with RTT. That would help Lassen be able to bring "down" to scale.

The question of the Federal HV grant came up. Lassen applied but did not get it even though the local F5 Home Visiting program is Healthy Families America based. The grant funds only last so long. Camille indicated that LA is committed to getting a federal resolve to their issue to cover their HV program costs. F5AC is working with CMS to see if there are ways to leverage/ sustain.

Counties want to convene to have a "leveraging funds" conference. F5CA is working with Packard, and CDE to provide TA to support grant applications to federal EHS grant(s). CDE is looking to apply as a state and then target those groups that are too small to apply on their own. Contact at CDE is Debbie McMannis.

A question came up about the new agreement to be signed regarding augmentation funding and the requirement that commissions become compliant with all audit requirements, in particular the SAS112 issue. It is difficult for small counties to meet that requirement. A call will be scheduled with Moira to discuss this further. Moira understands that some small counties can't comply. But, wants to have counties submit "clean findings" and hopes to work with auditors to come to agreement that allows that to happen for small counties.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45. Lunch was attended until 12:30 p.m. after which site visits to the Lassen First 5 Home Visiting program and to the Smiles for Life Children Oral Health project were conducted.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura J. Roberts
Executive Director