

Memo

To: Commission Members
From: Alexander Khu
Date: Monday February 10, 2020
Re: February 10, 2020 Commission Meeting

Enclosed are the materials for the February 10, 2020 Commission meeting which will take place as follows:

Time: 6:00 PM
Location: 1485 Civic Court Suite 1200, Concord, CA
925-771-7300

Light dinner will be provided.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

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Commission Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 10, 2020 6:00 pm
1485 Civic Court, Suite 1200
Large Conference Room
Concord, CA

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

2.0 Public Comment

The public may comment on any item of public interest within the jurisdiction of the First 5 Contra Costa Children and Families Commission. In accordance with the Brown Act, if a member of the public addresses an item not on the posted agenda, no response, discussion, or action on the item may occur.

3.0 Approval of Consent Calendar

Action

A Commissioner or member of the public may ask that any of the following consent items be removed from the consent calendar for consideration under Item 4.

3.1 Approve the minutes from the January 13, 2020 meeting.

3.2 Accept the FY 2019-2020 Second Quarter Financial Report

3.3 Accept First 5 Contra Costa January 2020 Program Report

4.0 Consider for discussion any items removed from the consent calendar.

**5.0 Presentation of the Conflict of Interest laws pertinent to the Commissioners and staff
Mary Ann Mason, Chief of Assistant County Counsel**

**6.0 Presentation of Census 2020 Count Me In! Highlights and Local Work
Presenters Ali Uscilka, Director, HAB45 and Fran Biderman, First 5 Special Projects
Coordinator**

7.0 Executive Director's Report

8.0 Communications
"None received."

9.0 Commissioner F.Y.I. Updates

10.0 Adjourn

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Agenda Item 3.1

Approve the minutes from the January 13, 2020 meeting.



**Commission Meeting
MINUTES**

Monday, January 13, 2020, 6:00 pm
1485 Civic Court, Suite 1200
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Concord, CA

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chairwoman Marilyn Lucey followed by introductions from attendees.

Commissioners present were: Dr. Rocio Hernandez, Lee Ross of PJ Shelton, Gareth Ashley, John Jones, Supervisor Diane Burgis, Dr. Christopher Farnitano and Kathy Marsh.

Absent: Commissioners PJ Shelton, and Kathy Gallagher, Alternates Genoveva Calloway, Candace Andersen, Daniel Peddycord, Katharine Mason, and Roslyn Gentry.

2.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

3.0 Approval of Consent Calendar

Gareth Ashley made a motion, seconded by Diane Burgis to approve the consent calendar.

AYES: Dr. Rocio Hernandez, Lee Ross of PJ Shelton, Gareth Ashley, John Jones, Supervisor Diane Burgis, Dr. Christopher Farnitano and Kathy Marsh.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Absent: Commissioners PJ Shelton, and Kathy Gallagher, Alternates Genoveva Calloway, Candace Andersen, Daniel Peddycord, Katharine Mason and Roslyn Gentry.

5.0 Consider authorizing the Chair, First 5 Contra Costa, to execute an employment agreement with Ruth Fernandez to serve as Executive Director of First 5 Contra Costa commencing January 13, 2020.

The Chairman informed that at the December 16, 2019, six commissioners interviewed the 2 final candidates. After the discussion, the commissioners selected Ruth Fernandez as the Executive Director.

Lee Ross made a motion, and Kathy Marsh seconded to authorize the Chair, First 5 Contra Costa, to execute an employment agreement with Ruth Fernandez to serve as Executive Director of First 5 Contra Costa commencing January 13, 2020.

AYES: Dr. Rocio Hernandez, Lee Ross of PJ Shelton, Gareth Ashley, John Jones, Supervisor Diane Burgis, Dr. Christopher Farnitano and Kathy Marsh.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None



Absent: Commissioners PJ Shelton, and Kathy Gallagher, Alternates Genoveva Calloway, Candace Andersen, Daniel Peddycord, Katharine Mason and Roslyn Gentry.

6.0 Communications

None Received

7.0 Commissioner F.Y.I. Updates

Lee Ross and Genoveva Calloway are attending the upcoming First 5 California Child Health Education & Care Summit in Irvine California on February 3-5, 2020.

Chris Farnitano announced that Daniel Peddycord is the new Health Services Alternate Commissioner.

Dr. Rocio Hernandez announced that she is making a presentation at the International Fathers and Families Coalition Conference on February 24-27, 2020 in Los Angeles. She is hoping she could bring some First 5 Contra Costa information on ACES and Immigration.

8.0 Adjourn

At 6:10 pm



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Agenda Item 3.2

Accept the FY 2019-2020 Second Quarter Financial Report

Line #		FY19/20 Budget			FY19/20 Second Quarter Revenue and Expenditures			
		F5 Contra Costa Funds	Other Funds	Total Budget	F5 Contra Costa Funds	Other Funds	Total Revenue and Expense	% of Budget
	REVENUE							
1	Prop 10 - Tax Apportionment	7,566,443		7,566,443	3,010,360		3,010,360	40%
2	First 5 California IMPACT		1,183,179	1,183,179		463,202	463,202	39%
3	COE/Preschool QRIS Block Grant		380,764	380,764		196,145	196,145	52%
4	Quality Counts California		225,106	225,106		61,638	61,638	27%
5	Lesher Ready Kids		235,000	235,000		-		
6	MHSA Grant/Triple P		82,000	82,000		41,000	41,000	50%
7	Interest Income	200,000		200,000	101,224		101,224	51%
8	Misc./Community Engagement Grants	-	50,000	50,000	119,974	270,000	389,974	780%
9	TOTAL REVENUE	7,766,443	2,156,049	9,922,492	3,231,558	1,031,985	4,263,543	43%
10	Fund Balance	3,881,936	787,462	4,669,398	1,359,699	80,314	1,440,013	31%
11	TOTAL REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE	11,648,379	2,943,511	14,591,890	4,591,257	1,112,299	5,703,556	39%
	PROGRAM							
17	Initiatives	6,724,452	1,862,261	8,586,713	2,668,050	590,122	3,258,172	38%
18	Early Care and Education Initiative							
19	Professional Development	911,556	75,000	986,556	338,460		338,460	34%
20	Early Learning Quality	64,000	742,709	806,709	682	345,919	346,601	43%
21	Literacy		264,942	264,942	72,306	9,000	81,306	31%
22	Total	975,556	1,082,651	2,058,207	411,448	354,919	766,367	37%
23	Family Support							
24	First 5 Centers	2,655,126		2,655,126	1,126,544		1,126,544	42%
25	Home Visiting	1,200,000		1,200,000	483,654		483,654	40%
26	Training and support	40,200		40,200	1,871		1,871	5%
27	Total	3,895,326		3,895,326	1,612,069		1,612,069	41%
28	Early Intervention							
29	Therapeutic Services	243,500	82,000	325,500	62,356		62,356	19%
30	ECE Consultation	1,043,620		1,043,620	466,608		466,608	45%
31	Help Me Grow	79,350	397,610	476,960		226,203	226,203	47%
32	Children at Risk of Stress or Trauma	28,200		28,200	640		640	2%
33	Training and Consultation	22,400		22,400	2,800		2,800	13%
34	Total	1,417,070	479,610	1,896,680	532,404	226,203	758,607	40%
35	Community Information and Education							
36	Public Information	261,500		261,500	19,919		19,919	8%
37	Community Engagement	160,000	65,000	225,000	91,786		91,786	41%
38	Ready Kids		235,000	235,000		9,000	9,000	4%
39	Family Economic Stability	15,000		15,000	424		424	3%
40	Total	436,500	300,000	736,500	112,129	9,000	121,129	16%
41	Program Expenses							
42	Program Salaries & Wages	1,286,426	692,381	1,978,807	617,850	340,953	958,803	48%
43	Program Employee Benefits	651,925	388,869	1,040,794	322,792	181,224	504,016	48%
44	Office Overhead and Other Expenses	635,658		635,658	102,396		102,396	16%
45	Total	2,574,009	1,081,250	3,655,259	1,043,038	522,177	1,565,215	43%
46	TOTAL PROGRAM	9,298,461	2,943,511	12,241,972	3,711,088	1,112,299	4,823,387	39%
	STRATEGIC INFORMATION & PLANNING							
49	Evaluation Salaries & Wages	319,260		319,260	57,076		57,076	18%
50	Evaluation Employee Benefits	156,108		156,108	25,046		25,046	16%
51	Professional Services	347,080		347,080	83,641		83,641	24%
52	Purchased Services and Supplies	27,515		27,515	15,021		15,021	55%
53	Office Overhead and Other Expenses	44,308		44,308	16,239		16,239	37%
54	TOTAL EVALUATION	894,271		894,271	197,023		197,023	22%
	ADMINISTRATION							
57	Administrative Salaries & Wages	668,078		668,078	347,897		347,897	52%
58	Administrative Employee Benefits	377,471		377,471	172,691		172,691	46%
59	Professional Services	133,000		133,000	65,470		65,470	49%
60	Purchased Services, Equip Lease, Supplies	193,904		193,904	61,391		61,391	32%
61	Office Overhead	83,194		83,194	35,697		35,697	43%
62	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	1,455,647		1,455,647	683,146		683,146	47%
63	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,648,379	2,943,511	14,591,890	4,591,257	1,112,299	5,703,556	39%

Distribution of expenses by department:	Program	85%
	SIP	3%
	Administration	<u>12%</u>
	Total	100%

NOTES:

- Includes \$100,000 Sunlight Giving grant for F5 general support
- \$120,000 other funds includes three Community Engagement grants received this year
- Program budget includes funding for special projects and planning consultants
- SIP salaries and benefits are under budget due to staff vacancies

Fund Balance as of 6/30/2019:	
Nonspendable	342,139
Prepays and Deposits	128,139
Loans Receivable - Brighter Beginnings	214,000
Restricted	744,942
Long Foundation - Help Me Grow	554,742
Lesher Foundation - Ready Kids	190,200
Committed	841,227
Capital Assets	841,227
Assigned	4,561,659
Elimination of FY19/20 Budget Deficit	3,881,936
Leases	679,723
Unassigned Funds	12,218,243
Contingency Fund	7,500,000
Unassigned	4,718,243
Total Fund Balance	18,708,210



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Agenda Item 3.3

Accept First 5 Contra Costa January 2020 Program Report

1. Community Engagement

Census 2020: Canvassing Trainings and Upcoming Events

The CE canvassing effort is providing peer-to-peer outreach to families most likely to be uncaptured or undercounted in the census. In the month of January, the CE Program held 3 canvassing trainings and built leadership capacity in over 75 Regional Group members. In an effort to reach underrepresented families with young children in Concord, Richmond, San Pablo, Bay Point and Antioch, the Regional Groups have already canvassed 300 homes/apartments and spoken with over 100 families in a single month. This strong effort will continue until the end of April and possibly beyond.

In order to further census outreach, and strengthen community partnerships, the CCRG and ECRG will host Community Census Events at local parks in the spring:

- **March 14 (East County)**
Anuta Park, Bay Point
- **March 28 (Central County)**
Ellis Lake Park, Concord



Concord Housing Campaign Continues

On February 11, 2020, the Concord City Council will discuss implementation of statewide tenant protections secured through AB1482. The CCRG will attend and continue to voice the need for stronger local tenant protections and to emphasize the need for policy intervention to alleviate the housing crisis on Concord that directly affects our young children and families.

2. Early Intervention

January is Proclaimed Positive Parenting Awareness Month

The Early Intervention Initiative was part of a local coalition that advocated for the successful proclamation of January as Positive Parenting Month—both at the county level with the Board of Supervisors and within the state Assembly (the state proclamation is currently moving through the senate for approval).

As part of this effort, our Early Intervention Program Officer met with several state legislators (Senator Nancy Skinner and Assembly members Rob Bonta and Steve Glazer) and shared the work that First 5 Contra Costa is doing to support families and children in our local community.



MHSA Funding for Prenatal to 5 Services

First 5 is leading the effort to obtain additional MHSA dollars focused on the 0-5 population. Our Early Childhood Prevention and Intervention Coalition (ECPIC) met with MHSA staff (Warren Hayes and Jennifer Bruggeman) to discuss next steps for assisting them in elevating the needs of young children within the MHSA structure. ECPIC provided a white paper to MHSA to underscore the need for access to funding to build an early childhood mental health system of care.

3. Early Childhood Education

Quality Matters and QRIS Updates

Interviews for the new Quality Improvement Coaching Coordinator began the week of January 21. This position will provide coaching, technical assistance and training to providers in identified early care and education programs to improve the quality of early learning programs participating in Contra Costa Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). Rating season has begun for Quality Matters programs in cohorts 1, 3, 5 and 7 – QRIS ratings take place every two years under the current structure.

Contra Costa Professional Development Program (PDP) 2019-20 Application Period

We are happy to report that the application period for the PDP ended January 15, 2020. PDP primary goal is to incentive ECE workforce development through degree attainment. A total of 204 applications were approved for the 2019-20 FY - 112 applications of the 204 approvals are teachers at private centers and family child care providers, and 92 applications are from State-Funded teaching staff.

The anticipated allocation for stipends is \$134,213, with \$70,400 being from First 5 funds and \$63,813 from AB212 funds. AB 212 funds supports State-Funded programs, whereas First 5 funds support Private Centers, Family Child Care Homes, and Head Start sites. Approved applications included several stipend categories based on college coursework completion, specific educational milestones, such as teacher permit upgrade, Associate of Arts and Bachelor's degrees' completion, lost wages support while teachers complete the required Practicum course, foreign transcripts evaluations, and professional development activities (trainings). Stipends range from \$300-\$1,300. Out of the 204 teachers approved for a stipend, 150 were approved for the coursework stipend.

Supporting Kindergarten Readiness

On January 23, First 5 hosted a group debrief meeting as follow-up to the Policy, Practice and Partnership Conference held in San Mateo on November 20, 2019. A delegation of 15 Contra Costa stakeholders attended the conference and were invited to participate in the debrief meeting to share common themes and takeaways, as well as to discuss how to strengthen partnerships and leverage the recently released case studies report titled: *Supporting Kindergarten Readiness: District-Operated Preschool Programs in Contra Costa County*. First 5 will continue to convene community discussions to explore opportunities to increase Kindergarten Readiness in East County as part of the *Ready Kids East County initiative* funded by the Leshner Foundation.

4. Family Support

Lisa Korb Acknowledged for her role in a Leadership Team

First 5 Family Support Program Officer, Lisa Korb was acknowledged for her role in a select leadership group that worked for a year to define the terms of a merger between California Family Resource Association (CFRA) and the California Network of Family Strengthening Networks (CNFSN). Both the entities brought together a team of experts and leaders across the state to ensure a smooth transition in the merger, and to increase connection and communication across the Family Support field.



East County First 5 Center Attends "Vehicles for Change" Training

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The East County First 5 Center staff team, along with First 5 Family Support Program Officer, attended the Vehicles for Change two-day training in Sacramento and received tools to help with their engagement and outreach efforts to Pittsburg residents. Vehicles for Change is a monograph written and published in 2017 to capture the emerging field of Family Resource Centers (FRCs) in California. In order to respond to the growing body of research and best practices while remaining anchored in the deep and rich history invested in the well-being of children, families, and communities, Vehicles for Change was included in the development of FRCs.

Lisa Korb also completed a three-day Trainer of Trainers seminar that qualifies her to teach the curriculum that brings the monograph to life. She is currently the only non-Strategies 2.0 trainer in the state—Strategies is the statewide technical assistance organization funded by Office of Child Abuse and Prevention.

5. Family Economic Security Partnership (FESP)

FESP Meeting: Census, Voter, and Earn it, Keep it, Save it! (EKS) Outreach

At the FESP meeting on January 22, a new interactive census map that details where census-related activities are occurring throughout the county was shared, along with a short discussion on “Your Vote Matters” with tips for registering, checking voter registration, and learning more about the ballot with a list of Contra Costa candidates up for election on the March primary.



FESP members also learned where the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites will be located for free tax preparation to help families claim the Earned Income Tax Credit, and heard from three agencies about how they are integrating information-sharing and outreach for all three important events. Information was also shared on the new state budget and what to watch for related to economic security.

Grantee Convening on Equity Strategy

First 5 staff attended a San Francisco Foundation grantee convening (January 14) at which feedback was provided on their strategic priorities for their equity strategy and plans to further support predominately communities of color to become more economically secure, vibrant, and civically engaged—Fran Biderman, First 5 Special Projects Coordinator was part of the Planning Committee for this event.

Tax-revenue Measure

Fran Biderman attended a third meeting of the Sales Tax Revenue Ad Hoc committee, which is hoping to place a ½ cent sales tax on the November 2020 ballot which would bring in \$93 million to the county. The Working Group structure was revamped and currently there is the Ad Hoc Committee and a Political Strategy committee, which will develop a timeline and oversee the first part of the effort. A consultant is being hired and funding is being sought to cover initial expenses and polling to ascertain interest in a sales tax—First 5 will be contributing to the effort.

Plans are Gearing up for Census Outreach

First 5 Contra Costa continues to be represented at the Census 2020 Steering Committee (January 27), the joint Outreach and Finance Committee meeting (January 21), and the Census Coalition meeting which consisted primarily of organizations doing canvassing and door knocking in partnership with community residents.

A mini-grant proposal was submitted to the First 5 Association for funds to cover printing costs and swag (tote bags, First Aid Kits, Lip Balm, coloring books) that can be used during outreach efforts and at events to encourage families with young children to participate in the census. F5CC also developed a postcard in English and Spanish encouraging folks to do the census while also emphasizing confidentiality and the fact that there is no citizen question on the census.

FESP Partnerships

FESP continues to participate on numerous coalitions that are trying to change systems and enhance policies to improve the lives of those struggling to make ends meet, including the Budget Justice Coalition (BJC), the Cal Fresh Working Group, Ensuring Opportunity, Rise Together, and Mobility LABs. Of particular note, the BJC is working with Contra Costa County Departments and the Bay Area Equity Atlas/PolicyLink to present data on community needs at the Board of Supervisors' annual Economic Summit (March 24) to demonstrate that despite a rosy economy, not everyone is benefitting—First 5 Contra Costa is represented in the Steering Committee member of BJC.



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Agenda Item 6.0

Presentation of Census 2020 Count Me In! Highlights & Local Work



Kiss them, then count them.

By responding to the 2020 Census and counting every child in your home, you'll influence how much funding your community receives over the next 10 years for schools, child care, and more.

For more information, visit:

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2020**

COUNT ME IN!

CENSUS 2020

By law, **CENSUS DATA**
CANNOT BE SHARED
with immigration, law enforcement,
or social service agencies.

**NO CITIZENSHIP
QUESTION**

Census Day
April 1, 2020

Look for a postcard in mid-March
with information on how to complete the
census—including how to fill it out online.

**An accurate count means billions
of dollars for our communities!**



For more information, visit
cocosensus.org

**COUNT EVERYONE IN YOUR HOUSE—including
children and babies born on or before April 1, 2020**



¡HÁGASE CONTAR!

CENSO 2020

Por ley, **LOS DATOS DEL CENSO NO SE PUEDEN COMPARTIR**

con agencias de inmigración, el
departamento de policía
o servicios sociales.

**NO HABRÁ PREGUNTA
DE CIUDADANÍA**

Día Nacional del Censo

1 de abril de 2020

Busque una postal a mediados de marzo
con información sobre cómo completar
el censo – incluyendo las instrucciones
de cómo llenarlo en línea.

**¡Un recuento preciso significa billones de
dólares para nuestras comunidades!**



Para obtener más información, visite
cococensus.org

CUENTE A TODOS EN SU CASA —incluidos niños y bebés
nacidos el 1 de abril del 2020 o antes de esa fecha



WHY

Billions of dollars for our:



Schools



Healthcare



Children &
Families



Housing



Transportation



Political Power

WHO

- One Census form should be completed for all residents in each household

WHAT

- The United States Constitution requires all residents to complete the Census form every 10 years in a nationwide count
- By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with the public, state or local governments, immigration, or any other organization
- Questionnaire takes about 15 minutes, with large households taking longer, and asks 9 questions about address, age, race, and relationship to other residents in the household

WHEN

- Census 2020 begins online in mid-March 2020
- Starting in May 2020, Census workers begin going door-to-door to households who have not completed the Census to ask them to respond

HOW

All households receive a postcard in the mail with instructions about how to take the Census through the following options:

Online

By computer, tablet,
or smart phone

Phone

By a 1-800 number

Paper

Households can
request a paper form

Available In

English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog,
Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Japanese

Printed In

English & Spanish

WHERE



At home



At the library

At community locations to be
announced in early 2020!

For more information, visit www.cococensus.org or email info@cococensus.org

¿POR QUÉ?	Billones de dólares para nuestras  Escuelas  Salud  Niñas, niños y familias  Vivienda  Transporte Poder Político 
¿QUIÉN?	Una forma del Censo debe ser completada por todas las personas que viven en el hogar.
¿QUÉ?	- La Constitución de los Estados Unidos ordena que cada 10 años se cuente a todas las personas que están en el país. - Ante la Ley, la Oficina del Censo (Census Bureau) no puede compartir la información de ninguna persona con el público, gobiernos estatales o locales, inmigración u otros. - El cuestionario tarda aproximadamente 15 minutos, con hogares más grandes un poco más de tiempo. Hay 9 preguntas acerca de: dirección, edad, raza y relación con otras personas que viven en el mismo hogar.
¿CUÁNDO?	- El Censo 2020 empieza a la mitad del mes de marzo en línea. - Empezando en mayo de 2020, el personal de la Oficina del Censo empezará a ir de puerta en puerta a los hogares que no han completado la encuesta para pedirles que respondan.
¿CÓMO?	Todos los hogares recibirán una postal en el correo con instrucciones acerca de cómo llenar la encuesta del Censo a través de las siguientes opciones: Internet Por computadora, tableta o teléfono Papel A través de un número 01 800 Teléfono Se puede pedir un formato en papel Disponible en Inglés, español, chino, vietnamita, coreano, ruso, árabe, tagalo, polaco, francés, creole haitiano, portugués y japonés Impreso en Inglés y español
¿DÓNDE?	 En casa  En la biblioteca ¡En ubicaciones de la comunidad que serán anunciadas al inicio de 2020!



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Agenda Item 7.0

Executive Director's Report:
The Governor's 2020-21 Budget Proposal



The First 5 Association
FY 2020-21 State Budget: Overview & Early Analysis

Updated: January 10, 2020

Governor Newsom announced his [2020-21 State Budget today](#). Emphasizing many of the themes of his inaugural budget, the Governor introduced a \$222 billion state budget that expanded services to tackle homelessness and address affordability across CA.

Again, Early Childhood had its own section of the budget, signaling the importance and focus on children's issues and on advancing the Governor's "Parents Agenda". The Governor continues to use his framework from last year to expand children's service through the lens of:

- 1) Expanding early access for children to educational and health care services, including those with ACEs;
- 2) Promoting two-generational approaches that invest in parents so they can invest more in their children; and
- 3) Easing the financial pressures that parents face daily so they can escape the cycle of poverty.

A key proposal in the Governor's budget was the creation of the **Department of Early Childhood Development** under the CA Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS), effective July 1, 2021. The goal of this department is to promote a unified, quality, and affordable child under a single system of state administration and to reduce agency silos – *see listed program purview below*. The CA Department of Education (CDE) will continue to administer the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) and the State Board of Education, and will work in concert with the Department of Early Childhood Development.

Department of Early Childhood Development:

- Early Childhood Policy Council
- CalWORKs child care (all stages)
- Voucher-based programs
- Direct contract programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start
- Emergency child care bridge program (for foster children)
- Child care quality programs

The budget includes **\$8.5 million from the General Fund** to establish a transition team at CHHS and will support staffing to carry out the child care collective bargaining activities (AB 378, Limon).

I. Quality Early Learning

Master Plan for Early Learning and Care (MPELC)

The Governor emphasized his 2019 investments and intended direction through the MPELC, citing the charge to develop a long-term strategic plan to provide a roadmap towards universal preschool and a comprehensive, quality, and affordable child care system. Final recommendations are due October 1, 2020.

Expanded Access:

Building on investments in the 2019 budget, the Governor proposes to expand child care access through the following efforts:

- **\$53.8 million** increase in General Fund to **CalWORKs Stage 2 and Stage 3**
- **\$50 million** in ongoing funding from the Cannabis Fund (Prop 64) to support over 3,000 General Child Care slots, and an additional **\$10.3 million** for 621 General Child Care slots. This budget also continues to dedicate \$80 million from the Cannabis Fund towards the Alternative Payment Program. **In total, this Budget dedicates \$140 million from Cannabis Funding towards increased child care access.**
- **\$31.9 million** in 2020-21 and \$127 million ongoing non-Prop 98 funds to support an additional **10,000 CSPP** slots at non-local educational agencies, beginning April 1, 2021.

Facilities:

The Governor proposes three ways to expand early learning and care facilities:

- Allowing more flexibility for the \$300 million that remains from last year's budget to expand full-day kindergarten. The Budget proposes dedicating a portion of these funds to support the **construction of preschool facilities on school campuses**, although actual dollar figures have not yet been released.
- Adding **\$75 million** of Prop 98 to expand the **Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program**, which provides funding to local educational agencies to construct or modify preschool facilities to serve student with exceptional needs.
- If the **\$15 billion Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act** passes on March 3rd, the Administration will propose a statute to create a per-pupil grant enhancement for local education agencies that aim to expand preschool programs on school campuses.

II. Family Resiliency

Paid Family Leave:

The Administration has vocally set its goal of expanding Paid Family Leave to six months for two parents to bond with a new child. The 2019 Budget Act expanded the Paid Family Leave benefit duration from six to eight weeks. This year's Budget builds on this expansion by proposing to provide universal job protection to all employees who pay into the PFL fund. This means that small business owners, regardless of the number of employees, must offer job-protected leave. This move will also enable more employees who pay into the fund to access it.

III. Comprehensive Health & Development

Behavioral Health

The Budget makes strides in enhancing and integrating behavioral health supports with physical wellbeing. These initiatives, many of which are currently underway, include:

- Establishment of a **Behavioral Health Taskforce** at the Health and Human Services Agency, which will bring together relevant departments, consumers, counties, health plans, providers and other stakeholder to identify ways to improve the quality of care and system coordination.

- Renaming the CalAIM initiative the **Healthier CA for All Initiative**, which aims to improve Medi-Cal services, including behavioral health benefits.
- **Reforming the Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63)**. Highlighting the \$500 million in unspent county reserves, the Governor intends to introduce a proposal later this spring to focus the Act on: 1) people with mental illness who are also experiencing homelessness; 2) people involved in the criminal justice system; and 3) early intervention for youth.

Office of the Surgeon General:

\$10 million in one-time funding to develop a cross-sector training program for **ACES**, and for a public awareness program, around trauma-informed and trauma-sensitive responses, for specific sectors including early childhood, education, government and law enforcement. This will build upon the ACES Aware Campaign that recently launched.

A Focus on Implementation of 2019-20 Budget:

The 2019 State Budget substantially increased funding for **home visiting, developmental screening, and Black Infant Health (BIH)**. While no additional investments were proposed, this budget maintains the commitment to implementing those programs and focusing on integrating early childhood health and wellness in the state's broader Medi-Cal reform efforts.

IV. Sustainability & Scale

New Vaping Tax:

To address increased youth vaping habits, the budget proposes a new nicotine content-based e-cigarette tax. The new vaping tax is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2021, and will be \$2 for each 40 milligrams of nicotine in the product. Best estimates indicate that this could generate around \$32 million in funding annually, which will be deposited into a new special fund to be used for administration, enforcement, youth prevention, and health care workforce programs. Lastly, it is worth noting that the Governor will push to ban flavored vaping products, an effort that is also currently being championed by Senator Jerry Hill through SB 793.

Prop 10:

The budget includes projections for cigarette tax revenues and tobacco consumption. These projections are based on projected per capita consumption of cigarettes, population growth, and the impact from the higher smoking age as well as the increased prices due to Proposition 56. Revenue estimates for other tobacco products, which now include electronic cigarettes, also reflect recent law changes.

Total tax-paid packs of cigarettes sold in 2018-19 were 624 million. In 2020-21, tax-paid packs of cigarettes sold are forecast to decline to 585 million. The chart below provides the projected revenues for all existing tobacco taxes, including Prop 10.