

Memo

To: Commission Members
From: Alexander Khu
Re: February 8, 2021 Commission Meeting

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When: February 08, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Commission Meeting

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Alexander Khu, Executive Assistant
First 5 Contra Costa
1485 Civic Court
Concord, CA 94520



Commission Meeting

A G E N D A

Monday, February 8, 2021, 6:00 pm

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1.0 Convene and Announce Adjournment to Closed Session

2.0 Closed Session

2.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code § 54957.6)

Title: Executive Director

2.2 Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code § 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator: Marilyn Lucey

Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

3.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

4.0 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.

5.0 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.

5.1 **Approve the minutes from the December 14, 2020 meeting.**

5.2 **Accept the Executive Committee Report from the December 14, 2020 meeting.**

5.3 **Accept the FY 2020-21 Second Quarter Financial Report**

5.4 Approve the Contracts Docket

5.4.1 RATIFY, APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Executive Director or her designee to execute a contract with Edirle Menezes to provide support to the Early Childhood Education (ECE) team overseeing special projects including the Dual Language Learner grant in an amount not to exceed \$64,800 for term January 1, 2021 to May 7, 2021. FY2020-21 budget line: Administrative: Professional Services (\$133,000). Funded 100% Early Learning Quality

5.4.2 RATIFY, APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Executive Director or her designee to execute a contract with ASPIRAnet (Central, East and West County) to provide home visiting services for expectant and new mothers and fathers in an amount not to exceed \$305,000 for term January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. FY2020-21 budget line: Family Support Initiative: Home Visiting (\$628,000). Funded 100% Prop 10 funding.

5.4.3 APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Executive Director or her designee to execute a contract with Employment & Human Services Department Community Services Bureau to provide home visiting services in an amount not to exceed \$628,000 for term July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. FY2020-21 budget line: Family Support Initiative: Home Visiting (\$628,000). Funded 100% Prop 10 funding

5.4.4 RATIFY, APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Executive Director or her designee to execute a contract with Contra Costa Crisis Center to support ACEs screening of children ages 0-5 and work co-jointly on 211/ Help Me Grow referrals, service connection, and resource navigation in an amount not to exceed \$482,700 for term February 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. FY2020-21 budget line: Early Intervention: Funded 100% Aurrera Health Group, LLC.

5.4.5 RATIFY, APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Executive Director or her designee to execute a contract with La Clinica De La Raza, Inc. to support ACEs screening of children ages 0-5 and work co-jointly on 211/ Help Me Grow referrals, service connection, and resource navigation in an amount not to exceed \$314,123 for term February 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. FY2020-21 budget line: Early Intervention: Funded 100% Aurrera Health Group, LLC.

5.5 Approve the Grants Docket

5.5.1 RATIFY the application for an Aurrera Health Group, LLC grant and the execution of a grant agreement with Aurrera Health Group, LLC for \$2,355,708 to provide support for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Aware Trauma-Informed Network of Care Grant project for the period February 1, 2021 to



June 30, 2022. FY2020-21 budget line: Early Intervention: Funded 100%
Aurrera Health Group, LLC.

- 5.6 **Accept the First 5 Contra Costa January 2021 Program Report**
- 6.0 **Consider for discussion any items removed from the consent calendar**
- 7.0 **Receive presentation of the Conflict of Interest laws
by Mary Ann Mason, Chief of Assistant County Counsel**
- 8.0 **Receive presentation of the 2021 Governor's Budget Proposal
by Margot Grant Gould, M.P.A, Policy Director of the First 5 Association of California**
- 9.0 **Consider approval of one-time Child Care Relief Fund of Prop 10 funding** **ACTION**
- 10.0 **Executive Director's Report**
- 11.0 **Communications**
None received
- 12.0 **Commissioner F.Y.I. Updates**
- 13.0 **Adjourn**

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February 8, 2021

Agenda Item 5.1

Approve the minutes of the Special Commission Meeting on December 14, 2020



Commission Meeting MINUTES

December 14, 2020, 6:00 pm

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

Commission Chair Marilyn Cachola Lucey called the December Commission meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Due to COVID-19, the meeting was held on a web-based platform. The Chair introduced meeting protocols.

Commissions present during roll call were:

District 1: Dr. Rocio Hernandez

District 2: Marilyn Cachola Lucey

District 3: Lee Ross

District 4: Gareth Ashley

District 5: John Jones

Health Services: Dr. Chris Farnitano

Board of Supervisors: Diane Burgis

Children & Families Services: Roslyn Gentry for Kathy Marsh

Also present was Deputy County Counsel Keiko Kobayashi.

Absent were: EHSD Kathy Gallagher, Children & Family's Services Kathy Marsh and Alternates Supervisor Candace Andersen, Dan Peddycord RN, Genoveva Garcia Calloway, and Matt Regan.

2.0 Public Comment

No public comment

3.0 Approval of Consent Calendar

Gareth Ashley asked to pull Contract Docket item 3.6.3 and Grant Docket item 3.7.1 for further discussion due to potential conflict of interest.

Lee Ross made a motion and Dr. Rocio Hernandez seconded to approve the remaining items on the Consent Calendar.

All in favor by roll call:

District 1: Dr. Rocio Hernandez – Aye

District 2: Marilyn Cachola Lucey – Aye

District 3: Lee Ross – Aye

District 4: Gareth Ashley – Aye

District 5: John Jones – Aye

Health Service: Dr. Chris Farnitano – Aye

Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Diane Burgis – Aye

Children & Families Services – Roslyn Gentry for Kathy Marsh – Aye

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Absent: EHSD Kathy Gallagher, CFS Kathy Marsh, and Alternates Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Matt Regan, Dan Peddycord RN, BOS Candace Andersen.



Remaining Consent Calendar was **APPROVED**.

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

Gareth Ashely asked for further discussion on Contract Docket item 3.6.3 because CocoKids, Inc. was mentioned on the item and may have conflict of interest due to funding stream funneling through the organization CocoKids.org.

Item 3.6.3 is:

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Executive Director or her designee to execute a contract amendment with CocoKids, Inc. (fiscal sponsor) for Healthy & Active Before 5 (HAB45) to increase the payment limit by \$24,957.03 (from \$39,783 to \$64,740.03) to provide support and technical assistance to the First 5 CE team to reach 2021 programmatic goals and enhance countywide impact for early childhood health, safety, and development. FY2020-21 budget line: Systems Change: Community Engagement (\$318,205). Funded 100% Prop 10 funds.

John Jones made the following statement:

I have an interest in agenda 3.6.3 because I am employed by CocoKids.org and the funding scenario determined this evening may directly impact the entity's future contracts with First 5 Contra Costa Children & Families Commission, therefore I am recusing myself.

John left the meeting.

Gareth Ashley made a motion, and Diane Burgis seconded to approve item 3.6.3.

All in favor by roll call:

District 1: Dr. Rocio Hernandez – Aye

District 2: Marilyn Cachola Lucey – Aye

District 3: Lee Ross – Aye

District 4: Gareth Ashley – Aye

Health Service: Dr. Chris Farnitano – Aye

Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Diane Burgis – Aye

Children & Families Services – Roslyn Gentry for Kathy Marsh – Aye

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Absent: EHSD Kathy Gallagher, CFS Kathy Marsh, and Alternates Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Matt Regan, Dan Peddycord RN, BOS Candace Andersen.

The motion was **APPROVED**.

John Jones returned to the meeting.

Gareth Ashley asked County Counsel Keiko Kobayashi to verify if there is any conflict of interest because the docket item mentioned a contract involving the Contra Costa County Health Services Division.



Because the item in question is a Grant to First 5 Contra Costa, it was determined that there is no conflict of interest.

Grant Docket item 3.7.1 states:

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the First 5 Executive Director, or her designee, to execute a contract with the Contra Costa County Health Services Division, in an amount not to exceed \$84,214 to match First 5 funds and support the work of the Triple P Parenting program for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. FY2020-21 budget line: Early Intervention Initiative: Mental Health Therapeutic Services (\$224,981). Funded 100% Contra Costa County Health Services.

Motion was made by Diane Burgis, seconded by Gareth Ashley to approve the Grant Docket item 3.7.1

All in favor by roll call as follows:

District 1: Dr. Rocio Hernandez – Aye

District 2: Marilyn Cachola Lucey – Aye

District 3: Lee Ross – Aye

District 4: Gareth Ashley – Aye

District 5: John Jones – Aye

Health Service: Dr. Chris Farnitano – Aye

Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Diane Burgis – Aye

Children & Families Services – Roslyn Gentry for Kathy Marsh – Aye

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Absent: EHSD Kathy Gallagher, CFS Kathy Marsh, and Alternates Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Matt Regan, Dan Peddycord RN, BOS Candace Andersen.

Item 3.7.1 was **APPROVED**.

Roslyn Gentry left the meeting at this time.

5.0 Recognize First 5 staff who have surpassed milestones and appreciate the entire staff for their continued dedication and accomplishment.

The Commission has adopted the practice of annually appreciating the First 5 Staff and recognizing those who have surpassed milestones. This year's honorees are:

25 year anniversaries:

Lisa R. Johnson, Grants and Contracts Manager

Shawn Garcia, Administrative Manager

15 year anniversary:

Lisa Korb, Family Support Program Officer

10 year anniversaries:

Elida Treanor, Early Childhood Program Assistant II

Sarah Burke, Database Coordinator

Wanda Davis, Early Intervention Program Officer



5 year anniversary:

Kim Stadtlander, Quality Improvement Coaching Coordinator

After the recognition, former District 3 Commissioner PJ Shelton led the Commission into a presentation individually thanking each First 5 Contra Costa Staff.

6.0 2020 End of Year Review Presentation – Presented by First 5 staff: Ruth Fernandez, Camilla Rand, and Lisa Korb.

Ruth Fernandez began the presentation with the following overview:

Our goal is to celebrate accomplishment during FY 2020 – and provide a preview of priorities and goals for 2021.

- a) Organizational transitions during 2020: new leadership, multiple vacancies in key roles, adjusting to the needs of the COVID-19 pandemic, agency commitment to elevating and acting on Anti-Racism.
- b) Overall impact of First 5 services: 11,783 parents and caregivers were impacted (via direct services across initiatives and resource distribution).
- c) Mapping F5 parent demographics onto the County population showing how much outreach was made to our Black/African American Families (9%), Asian Families (18%), Hispanic Latino (26%) and Caucasian (52%) and others.

Agency-wide COVID-19 Response report given by Camilla Rand included:

- a) COVID 19 impact survey – Understanding the Needs of Families.
- b) Meeting Needs of Providers during the Crisis through our Early Childhood Education services.
- c) Family Support: Maintaining connection with families and distributing resources to families (essentials supplies, gift cards, diapers etc.).
- d) Early Intervention: Delivery of screenings and interventions to meet needs of children and families at home.
- e) Community Engagement: Addressing financial hardship (cash assistance for Regional Group Families as well as help in passage of 6 eviction and rent increase moratorium).
- f) ECE Initiative: 592 early childhood educators received professional development, quality improvement supports provided to 1,208 staff at 196 ECE sites, and distributed Tandem Books to 3,990 children.
- g) Community Engagement: Advocacy for Latinx and Black Families, 6500+ hours spent by Regional Group Members in several projects that including meetings with elected officials and knowledge and leadership development through trainings and field experience. Secured \$10 million of public funding to renovate and improve 8 county parks.

Lisa Korb presented on First 5 Initiatives programming, services and activities:

- a) Helping parents engage in learning: 1,655 children and 1,737 parents and caregivers attended a class at a local First 5 Center. Completed 10,622 home visits for 406 children and 677 parents/caregivers.
- b) Early Intervention Initiative: 399 parents were supported by Help Me Grow 211 in accessing needed children development sources, 338 children received intervention services from CocoKids



and We Care to support retention in their child care programs, 187 parents participated in Triple P programs, and provided 30 Developmental Playgroups that impacted 146 kids.

- c) FESP was successful in getting families counted representing a wide range of public and private organizations across county. FESP activities included 2020 Census, Collaborations with Ensuring Opportunity, Budget Justice Coalition, CalFresh Working Group, Measure X Working Group, Quarterly FESP meetings with topics on Census, Voter Engagement, Earn It, Keep It, Save It Outreach, Tax Reform and Equity in Local, State and Federal Budgets.

Ruth concluded the presentation with a Looking Ahead section that included:

- a) Continued implementation of Strategic Plan goals and strategic priorities: a) systems integration, b) stakeholder engagement, and c) policy advocacy. As we think about the year ahead, we're taking these strategic priorities, and overlaying them onto some key lessons we learned this year:
 - o How to meet the needs of families during COVID-19
 - o Improve practice and network of care to respond to trauma
 - o Continue to refine outreach and retention of Black families
 - o Build our capacity to serve diverse learners
- b) *ACEs Aware Provider Engagement* - Systems Integration – Network of Care Convening (190 attendees representing 85 organizations), Peer-to-Peer Learning groups of 40 medical and mental health practitioners.
A new RFA for round two Grant of the ACEs Initiative was just announced by ACEs Aware with a very short turnaround time to submit an application. First 5 Contra Costa submitted an LOI that was due today 12/14 - with the application due next Friday 12/22.
First 5 staff team is assessing feasibility for an application and considering a partnership with La Clinica. This proposed project would be for a Network of Care Implementation Grant.
- c) *Year 3 of Ready Kids East County Initiative* – engagement will continue in 2021 through Parent Cafes focused on bringing together Black families in East county to support the success of their children as they enter schools. Our vision is to host a summit early next year.
- d) *DLL Pilot Expansion Phase Funding* - We are expecting it in hand soon. It supports First 5 lens for systems change to ensure equitable outcomes for children and families served. Multi-regional approach, dual language coursework.
- e) *Early Intervention (EI) Initiative RFP*: The new year provides an opportunity to pause and evaluate First 5 investments over the past five years and strategically plan for sustainability and long-term impact. Mapping the landscape of existing EI programs and supports to families and the extent to which they collaborate and coordinate services. Completion of the scan will inform First 5 Contra Costa future investments to ensure we are best meeting the needs of children and their families.
- f) *In conclusion*: Looking into the future we recognize the importance of continuing to leverage our internal talent and strengthen our organizational human capital. First 5's work is human-centered – we want all young children and families to be safe, nurtured, and supported.



With this awareness we also will continue to build capacity within our staff team to meet the challenges of the present AND to optimize our work into the future. Our systems change work requires collaboration with our community partners and our staff team to make change happen.

7.0 Consider approving the Slate of Officers of the Commission for 2021:

Nominating Committee member, Gareth Ashley introduced the new Slate of Officers for the Commission for calendar year 2021. The committee met on November 12, 2020 and prepared the following slate of officers for 2021:

Chair: Marilyn Cachola Lucey
Vice-Chair: Dr. Rocio Hernandez
Secretary / Treasurer: Lee Ross
Additional Non-Voting Member: Genoveva Garcia Calloway

Diane Burgis made a motion and Chris Farnitano seconded to approve the Slate of officers for the Commission for 2021.

All in favor by roll call as follows:

District 1: Dr. Rocio Hernandez – Aye
District 2: Marilyn Cachola Lucey – Aye
District 3: Lee Ross – Aye
District 4: Gareth Ashley – Aye
District 5: John Jones – Aye
Health Service: Dr. Chris Farnitano – Aye
Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Diane Burgis – Aye

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Absent: EHSD Kathy Gallagher, CFS Kathy Marsh, and Alternates Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Matt Regan, Dan Peddycord RN, BOS Candace Andersen and CFS Alternate Roslyn Gentry.

Motion was **APPROVED**.

8.0 Executive Director's Report

Ruth gave this report:

- a) We welcomed our new Early Childhood Program officer Melissa Cunningham.
- b) Finance Director hiring update: currently on last phase of interview and will be announcing candidate by early 2021.
- c) Measure X Update: We continued to monitor development. The Measure X Working Group sent a memo to the BOS with broad recommendations for the Community Advisory Committee. The Board Order for the establishment of the Oversight Committee will be going to the BOS sometime in January. We continue to be active to ensure a voice of Early Childhood Education.
- d) County Office for Racial Equity and Social Justice: Community Input and planning process to start this week on the 16th. First 5 Contra Costa is registered to attend and will continue to be active.



9.0 Commissioner F.Y.I. Updates

Marilyn informed that she had accepted a position as the Deputy District Director and Senior Field Representative for the office of Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan.

10.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.



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Agenda Item 5.2

Accept the Executive Committee Report from the December 14, 2020 meeting



Executive Committee Meeting MINUTES

Monday December 14, 2020
5:00 p.m.

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM
Marilyn Cachola Lucey Chair, John Jones Vice-Chair, Dr. Rocio Hernandez Secretary Treasurer, Lee Ross non-voting additional member present.
Staff in attendance were Ruth Fernandez, Camilla Rand, Shawn Garcia, and Alex Khu.

2.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

3.0 CONSIDER accepting the report on significant program, financial or contracts matters, and on any personnel matters relating to Commission staff.

- Shawn Garcia, Administrative Manager, reported that First 5 Contra Costa concluded round two of interviews with top two applicants and plan to make an offer to selected candidate for the position of Finance and Operations Director. Will probably announce to the Commissioners early January 2021.
- Ruth Fernández, Executive Director gave an update report about First 5's Organizational Assessment RFP process. Released RFP and received 3 proposals.

An internal Review Committee established to review and score proposals. In addition to First 5 staff, the Committee included the Executive Director from First 5 San Mateo County and the Executive Director from First 5 Sonoma County, and Commission Chair, Marilyn Lucey.

Proposals were reviewed and scored by the Committee on 12/10. Reviewers went over the proposals and deliberated to identify the two top proposals that closely aligned with the elements, attributes and intended outcomes of the RFP for F5 contra Costa. The Review committee recommended to proceed with oral interviews of top two proposals – the interview was scheduled for 12/17.

The plan is to launch the Org. Assessment process early 2021. The project has a five-month timeline and is projected to conclude in May 2021. There will be an internal CORE committee established to help guide the Org. Assessment process in partnership with the selected consultant team. The intent is for the CORE Team to have staff representation that is diverse and inclusive of different roles and departments within First 5 Contra Costa. The CORE team will also include participation from the Commission Chair.

Marilyn shared that she is really excited about both finalists and the process ahead.

- Camilla Rand, Deputy Director highlighted the following program updates:
 - Some of our staff are at the third Ready Kids parent café tonight. Tonight we have 23 participants. The word is getting out. Theme is "Building Power with Knowledge" - Call out the inequities we see in schools - Racism in our schools. Allow parents to ask questions, explore to help them better advocate our children. Dr. Alison Briscoe is the guest speaker tonight.

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- We just received 250 cases of diapers from the Alameda Diaper Bank. Exciting for us because the need for diapers is so great in our County. We are in the midst of developing plan for rollout.
- New development: there is a second round ACEs Aware Grant Funds with a two week turnaround, so we are preparing to apply for these funds. We have been highlighted and presented multiple times in the last couple of months during ACEs Aware Grantee Spotlight Webinars and Community Events. We are excited with the momentum of this initiative. It looks like we are going to be funding a pilot partnership with La Clinica Pittsburg. Connecting through HMG Coordinator and 211 to make sure our parents get hold of these resources. We are working on closing the loop!

Ruth shared the announcement of current Legislative Session Committee Assignments – noteworthy to mention that Senator Nancy Skinner was selected as Chair for Budget and Fiscal review, and she is also Vice Chair of the Woman's Caucus. We will begin conversation with District staff to set up a meeting with Senator Skinner and her team to strengthen our connections with her office. Ruth will share PDF of Legislative Committee Assignment with the Executive Committee. Preparations for First 5's Advocacy Day and legislative visits will begin February next year.

Shawn Garcia informed that First 5 Contra Costa hired Nicole Young to gather all data for ED performance review with feedback from staff survey. She asked Executive Committee if Nicole should be invited to attend the Executive Committee February meeting?

Marilyn replied that it is likely there will be questions for Nicole after we read the report. We can decide if we should invite her to the meeting.

4.0 DISCUSS issues regarding the operation of the Commission.

Ruth gave the following quick information items: County Counsel released a memo outlining updated to the Brown Act. Mostly due to the changes to the virtual modality – will be sent to you via email. We should see if there are modifications, clarifications needed.

We were notified by District 2 the new Alternate position will be appointed January 5th. Vidya Iyenger will be officially appointed to this seat.

Lee Ross asked if the office of District 3 have brought candidates for an alternate? Lee has someone in mind.

5.0 CONSIDER accepting the report on statewide activities pertaining to children 0-5, including the activities of the First 5 Association of California, First 5 California, and other statewide advocacy groups.

Annual First 5 Association Virtual Summit – December 7 through Dec. 9:
Committee members also briefly reflected on their participation and experience during the Annual First 5 Virtual Summit. Commissioner Lee Ross and Marilyn Lucey attended Day 1 of the Summit. The staff and commissioners are interested in learning more about the concept of Targeted Universalism presented at one of the Summit Breakout sessions by Stephen Menendian from the Othering and Belonging Institute at UC Berkeley. There is interest in discussing how this framework can support the implementation of First 5 Contra Costa's Strategic Plan goals and priorities.

Lee Ross commented we can build on Targeted Universalism – found the presentation at the summit was worthwhile. Frame can we useful to engage in collective reflection: How we prioritize our investments, key priorities targeted. Who gets the service first?

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John Jones suggested we can place on a future Commission agenda for collective engagement.

6.0 DISCUSS agenda items for upcoming Commission meetings

Ruth to share the recordings and materials of the Summit to those interested.

Ruth shared: we will continue with legislative updates and opportunities for coordinated policy advocacy.

Lee Ross asked for any updates on Measure x.

Ruth will be making an update on it at the Commission meeting.

7.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.



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Agenda Item 5.3

Accept the FY 2020-2021 Second Quarter Financial Report



Line #	REVENUE
1	Prop 10 - Tax Apportionment
2	Prop 56 - Tax Apportionment
3	State Grants:
4	First 5 California IMPACT
5	CA State Preschool Quality Block Grant (CSPP)
6	Quality Counts California (QCC)
7	Dual Language Learners (DLL)
8	ACEs Aware Grant
9	Other Public Funds (HUB)
10	Philanthropic Grants:
11	Lesher Ready Kids
12	Grant Income
13	Community Engagement Grants
14	COVID-19 Grants
15	Interest Income
16	Other Misc. Income
17	TOTAL REVENUE
18	Fund Balance Drawdown
19	TOTAL REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE
20	
21	PROGRAM EXPENSES
22	Initiatives
23	Early Childhood Education Initiative
24	Professional Development
25	Early Learning Quality
26	Literacy
27	Total
28	Family Support
29	First 5 Centers
30	Home Visiting
31	COVID-19
32	Training and Consultation
33	Total
34	Early Intervention
35	Therapeutic Services
36	ECE Consultation
37	Help Me Grow Services
38	Children at Risk of Stress or Trauma
39	ACEs Aware
40	Training and Consultation
41	Total
42	Systems Change
43	Public Information
44	Community Engagement
45	East County Ready Kids
46	Family Economic Security Partnership
47	Total
48	Program Expenses
49	Program Salaries & Wages
50	Program Employee Benefits
51	Program Expenses and Overhead
52	Total
53	TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES
54	
55	STRATEGIC INFORMATION & PLANNING
56	SIP Salaries & Wages
57	SIP Employee Benefits
58	Professional Services
59	Purchased Services and Supplies
60	SIP Expenses and Overhead
61	TOTAL STRATEGIC INFO & PLANNING
62	
63	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES
64	Administrative Salaries & Wages
65	Administrative Employee Benefits
66	Professional Services
67	Purchased Services and Supplies
68	COVID-19
69	Admin Expenses and Overhead
70	TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES
71	
72	GRAND TOTAL

FY20/21 Budget		
F5 Contra Costa Funds	Other Funds	Total Budget
7,505,758		7,505,758
	812,500	812,500
	258,830	258,830
	229,775	229,775
	299,407	299,407
	299,261	299,261
	93,430	93,430
	235,000	235,000
100,000.00		100,000
	60,000	60,000
50,000		50,000
	50,000	50,000
7,655,758	2,338,203	9,993,961
2,989,302	744,933	3,734,235
\$ 10,645,060	\$ 3,083,136	\$ 13,728,196

5,709,145	1,794,982	7,504,127
475,000	80,000	555,000
141,869	1,105,774	1,247,643
	129,262	129,262
616,869	1,315,036	1,931,905
2,840,871		2,840,871
628,000		628,000
20,000		20,000
3,488,871		3,488,871
138,240	86,741	224,981
518,452		518,452
464,713		464,713
28,200		28,200
17,300		17,300
1,166,905	86,741	1,253,646
261,500		261,500
160,000	158,205	318,205
-	235,000	235,000
15,000		15,000
436,500	393,205	829,705
1,477,320	730,434	2,207,754
539,218	542,720	1,081,938
645,658		645,658
2,662,196	1,273,154	3,935,350
8,371,341	3,068,136	11,439,477

306,941		306,941
205,762		205,762
237,080	15,000	252,080
28,535		28,535
44,308		44,308
822,626	15,000	837,626

672,631		672,631
368,304		368,304
133,000		133,000
116,755		116,755
160,403		160,403
1,451,093		1,451,093

\$ 10,645,060	\$ 3,083,136	\$ 13,728,196
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Program	83%
SIP	6%
Administration	11%
Total	100%

FY20/21 2nd Quarter Revenue and Expenditures			
F5 Contra Costa Funds	Other Funds	Total Revenue and Expense	% of Budget
2,650,678		2,650,678	35%
1,983,319		1,983,319	100%
	455,666	455,666	56%
	120,439	120,439	47%
	116,149	116,149	51%
	17,890	17,890	6%
	151,418	151,418	51%
9,000	16,416	25,416	27%
100,000		100,000	100%
	120,000	120,000	200%
21,607	1,200	1,200	
200		200	43%
4,764,804	999,178	5,763,982	58%
	151,274	151,274	4%
\$ 4,764,804	\$ 1,150,451	\$ 5,915,255	43%

2,110,965	469,068	2,580,033	34%
136,725		136,725	25%
456	185,988	186,444	15%
64,771	20,729	85,500	66%
201,952	206,717	408,669	21%
979,719		979,719	34%
282,600		282,600	45%
	9,754	9,754	
656		656	3%
1,262,975	9,754	1,272,729	36%
26,948	20,000	46,948	21%
466,608		466,608	90%
132,656	25,000	157,656	34%
300		300	1%
	64,873	64,873	
626,512	109,873	736,386	59%
2,582		2,582	1%
16,730	91,233	107,964	34%
	51,490	51,490	22%
214		214	1%
19,527	142,723	162,250	20%
642,647	444,208	1,086,855	49%
313,155	209,087	522,242	48%
109,992	26,372	136,364	21%
1,065,794	679,667	1,745,461	44%
3,176,760	1,148,735	4,325,495	38%

86,061		86,061	28%
34,499		34,499	17%
53,058		53,058	21%
13,593		13,593	48%
13,811		13,811	31%
201,022	-	201,022	24%

276,624		276,624	41%
144,794		144,794	39%
62,541		62,541	47%
16,077		16,077	14%
17,004	1,716	18,721	
33,957		33,957	21%
550,996	1,716	552,713	38%

\$ 3,928,778	\$ 1,150,451	\$ 5,079,229	37%
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Program	85%
SIP	4%
Administration	11%
Total	100%

Notes:	Revenue/Contracts Ratified:	Comm Mtg Date	Term	Grant Amount
1	First 5 California - IMPACT	7/13/2020	FY 20/21-22/23	\$ 2,185,071
2	CCC Office of Education - CSPP	10/28/2020	FY 20/21	\$ 258,830
3	CCC Office of Education - QCC	10/28/2020	FY 20/21	\$ 229,775
4	First 5 California - Dual Language Learners	9/14/2020	FY 20/21-21/22	\$ 600,624
5	Aurrera Health Group - ACEs Aware	7/13/2020	FY 20/21	\$ 299,261
6	Children's Council San Francisco - HUB	9/14/2020	FY 20/21	\$ 93,409
7	Sunlight Giving (2nd payment of 3 year grant)	FY19/20	FY19/20-21/22	\$ 300,000
8	Y & H Soda Foundation - Comm Engagement	7/13/2020	FY 20/21	\$ 60,000
8	San Francisco Foundation-Comm Engagement	6/8/2020	FY 20/21-21/22	\$ 60,000
11	Other Misc. Income (received during fiscal year)			
	Expenditures:			
9	Personnel vacancy - Strategic Info & Plan Manager			
10	COVID-19 laptops, supplies and equipment for office and remote/home work while Shelter-In-Place issued.			

First 5 Contra Costa Strategic Plan FY 2020/21 - 2022/23	
Fund Balance as of	7/1/2020
Nonspendable	349,878
Prepaid Expenses and Deposits	135,878
Loans Receivable - Brighter Beginnings	214,000
Restricted	361,763
D&M Lesher Foundation - Ready Kids	361,763
Assigned	4,311,395
Elimination of FY20/21 Budget Deficit	3,734,235
Leases	577,160
Unassigned Funds	13,197,072
Unassigned	13,197,072
Total Fund Balance	18,220,108



February 8, 2021

Agenda Item 5.6

Accept the First 5 Contra Costa January 2021 Program Report

1. Family Support

The Antioch/Delta First 5 Center Welcomes a New Center Director

Joshua Jackson, the newest Center Director to join the Family Support Team, will lead the Antioch and Delta First 5 Center locations. Joshua is not new to the world of early childhood. His most recent experience was with Kindercare, managing multiple childcare sites. As Joshua learns about the variety of programs and services available at a First 5 Center, he is also learning about the unique history and role our First 5 Centers have in the Antioch and Brentwood communities. In the two months Joshua has been in his position, his passion for families and children is evident and we greatly appreciate this opportunity to bring a male perspective to our work, a perspective that has been notably absent.



The Heart of a Community: A Story of Transition and Adaptation During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Lisa Korb, Family Support Program Officer, along with contributions from Emily Hampshire, UC Berkeley MSW Intern, completed a comprehensive report to document the work of the First 5 Centers since their closure from March 17 through September 2020. The report chronicles the Centers' transition to virtual programming and services, the staff's capacity to adapt to meet the changing needs of families, specific COVID-19 responses, and priorities for 2021—which includes developing a hybrid service delivery model. Once it is safe for the Centers to reopen, families will have a choice to participate in center activities in-person, online, or both.

Potential Funding for Family Resource Centers Named in Governor's Budget

The California Family Resource Association (CFRA) has worked diligently to advocate on behalf of Family Resource Centers throughout the state. CFRA's sponsorship of SB436 brought a definition of Family Resource Centers into legislation which helped recognize the FRCs as a viable strategy for reaching families in the early days of COVID-19. In April 2020, CFRA secured and awarded F5CC \$52,000 which our First 5 Centers distributed to over 300 families. The success of this statewide distribution of resources is credited for the most recent mention of FRCs in the Governor's budget related to COVID-19 Related Supports for Child Welfare Services. It includes \$61.1 M for support services—which includes our First 5 Centers.

2. Early Intervention

Recognizing the Importance of Parent Education

A round of legislative visits occurred this month advocating for parenting education programs (like Triple P) to support parents to reduce parental stress and support positive parent/child interactions to enhance child resiliency and promote child well-being. A supportive caring adult is essential to preventing and mitigating early childhood adversity.



The state assembly and our Board of Supervisors both proclaimed January Positive Parenting Month. Wanda Davis, our Early Intervention Program Officer, was a member of several teams that met with various state legislators: Assemblyman Tim Grayson, Assemblyman Ron Bonta, Senator Nancy Skinner, and Senator Glazier. The photo shown is of a meeting with Assemblyman Grayson who is a co-author of the bill. Cathy Botello, the Executive Director of COPE and who we contract with to do Triple P, spearheaded this effort locally.

ACES News

The Trauma Informed Leadership Teams (TILTs) continue to move forward. The two TILTs completed the third session this month and we are awaiting news of our round 2 application for ACES funding and expect to hear the outcome at the end of January. The ACES Aware interim report is being submitted this month.

Serving The Community

Early Intervention's HMG Coordinator, Liliana Gonzalez, is the lead staff person coordinating the Ready Kids' African American parent cafes. The last scheduled cafe was held on MLK day and it was a great success—approximately 35 parents attended. Additionally, we were able to distribute essential supplies to the attendees along with a beautiful t-shirt, mask, and journal. Lisa Johnson, Grants and Contracts Manager, and her granddaughter distributed these items to each family prior to the meeting so they could wear the shirts during the cafe. Daryn Nabeta, EI program assistant, worked with our contractors to get additional supplies such as diapers, wipes and cleaning supplies out to families.

3. Community Engagement

ECRG Members Select Antioch as Focus for East County Housing Assessment

After months of research and analysis on housing needs, social capital, and political climate, the East County Regional Group selected Antioch as the focus area for the Group's upcoming 2-year Community-Based Participatory Housing Assessment project. The project, in partnership with ECRG, First 5 Contra Costa, Urban Habitat, and Healthy & Active Before 5, will conduct participatory action research to identify pressing housing needs and recommendations for housing security for Antioch families. The project is set to launch in the spring of 2021 and ultimately lead to policy recommendations for housing equity.



CCRG and Raise the Roof Advocacy Leads to Citywide Rent Registry for Concord

After years of advocacy by renting families, the Concord City Council approved a citywide rent registry to track current rents, rent increases, and reasons for vacancy. The database will be mostly accessible to the public. It will provide city leaders and tenants with information about the current renting reality in Concord that has been needed to understand rent inequities and inconsistencies. We are grateful for the tireless advocacy of CCRG members, the Raise the Roof partners, and the City Council for initiating this important database. The first round of data is scheduled to be available in September 2021.



Prop 68 & Park Improvement Projects

The Regional Groups continue to advance park equity and accessibility for young children and families in Antioch, Bay Point, Concord, Pittsburg, and Richmond through park improvements and funding from Prop 68. We continue to partner with the cities to explore solicitation and implementation of Prop 68 funds in accordance with families' priorities.

Leadership Development 2021

The CE Team has launched a leadership development plan in partnership with the Regional Groups to deepen knowledge and understanding of key systems shaping health, race, gender economic and housing inequities among families with young children. The series will begin with an overview of the housing system.

4. FESP

FESP-related activities

Sixty-five people participated in the information-packed January 14 FESP meeting on *"Moving Forward: Economic, racial and social justice efforts on the horizon."* Reetu Moody and Lalo Colón from Centro Legal de la Raza and Nicole Zapata from EBASE talked about the potential end of the eviction moratorium on January 31 and shared what resources were available to help residents with cash assistance and legal advice. They also talked about state legislation AB 15 which would extend the eviction moratorium and offer greater tenant protections. Their presentations are on the FESP website at: <http://www.first5coco.org/funded-programs/family-economic-security/fesp-training-resources-and-materials/>. Fran prepared and First 5 sent a letter to all Contra Costa legislators urging them to extend the eviction moratorium, emphasizing the impact that housing insecurity has on the families that we serve.

Kanwarpal Dhaliwal with the RYSE Center and Susun Kim with the Family Justice Center talked about the community engagement process for the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice. Both are on the Community Engagement Process Core Team, which will be conducting a thoughtful and intentional process to collect input. A meeting was held on December 16 to review the process with over 100 stakeholders. [Here is the link to that presentation.](#)



Mariana Moore with Ensuring Opportunity and co-chair of the Measure X Working Group shared information about the formation of an oversight body to help determine how Measure X funds will be spent. The Working Group had made recommendations to the Measure X Ad Hoc Committee chairs (Supervisors Gioia and Mitchoff) and those recommendations were to be considered in a Board Order at the January 19 Board of Supervisors meeting (see update below).

At the FESP meeting, we also heard about some great efforts to increase food security for families—including that the National Guard will help the Food Bank with food distribution through March and that efforts to make access to CalFresh more difficult are likely to be dismissed (ABAWD and Public Charge). Additionally, we heard about the kick-off to the Earned Income Tax Credit and Young Child Tax Credit campaigns. For the first time workers with ITINs (Individual Tax payer Identification Numbers) are eligible (more information below). And lastly, we heard about the state budget and some proposed COVID relief efforts as well as the Governor's intent to pass legislation to extend the eviction moratorium.

PROGRAM UPDATES

JANUARY 2021



Partnerships

FESP continues to participate on numerous coalitions/partnerships related to economic security, COVID-19, and racial justice.

Measure X: Healthy and Safe Contra Costa

Due to some concerns about the Board Order that was prepared for the January 19 Board of Supervisors meeting, the issue was pulled from the January Board of Supervisors meeting. The concern is that the to-be-established Community Advisory Committee (CAC) does not have full oversight and determination of fund allocation with a split between the Board of Supervisors (45%) and the CAC (50%) with 5% for a rainy-day fund. Fran participated in a meeting with a small group of Working Group representatives to discuss next steps. The entire Working Group will be reconvened and will meet on January 28 to determine how to respond to the Board Order. The issue is now scheduled to be reviewed at the February 4, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Earned Income Tax Credit/Earn It, Save It, Keep It campaign

Fran is participating on the First 5 Association's committee to promote the EITC and YCTC. The Association has created fabulous tools for local First 5's to use and our First 5 Communications Team has created an [EITC page on our website](#). Fran has been working with Natalie Blackmur, Communications Manager, on a communications plan to conduct outreach to First 5 staff and partner agencies. Efforts will focus on: where and how to get taxes done for free; the reality that even if someone didn't make much in 2020, they can still get a refund (and can file for past years as well); and with federal and state EITC refunds families can receive as much as \$8000—average refund is around \$3000.



Early Learning Leadership Group (ELLG)

The Early Learning Leadership Group (ELLG), staffed by Fran, will meet on January 29 to discuss how to respond to the Measure X Board Order. Fran prepared some talking points and representatives from the ELLG had been planning to speak at the January Board of Supervisors meeting. ELLG members want to ensure that there is, 1) early childhood representation on the oversight/advisory body for Measure X, and 2) that the issues identified in the Needs Assessment, including early childhood services, are given top priority in any funding decisions.

Budget Justice Coalition (BJC)

Fran helped to schedule and members of the BJC met with Senator Skinner's new chief of staff, Jessica Bartholow (formerly with the Western Center on Law and Poverty) to get acquainted and to offer support for state budget decisions that will help local jurisdictions. The BJC is also working with the new Board Chair Diane Burgis to make a presentation on budget equity at a Board of Supervisor's meeting—similar to one done last year utilizing the Bay Area Equity Atlas; Fran will participate in a meeting with Supervisor Burgis on January 27. The Board will be holding their annual budget retreat on January 26, but there was not time for the equity presentation on that date.

Enhancing the Advocacy Infrastructure in Contra Costa

Fran and Mariana Moore, Senior Director of Ensuring Opportunity, met with Myra Chow with the San Francisco Foundation to review a proposal aimed at enhancing the advocacy infrastructure in Contra

Costa County. The project would be for two years, with a 10-month planning phase. The project focuses on three primary audiences (direct service providers, advocacy organizations, and residents); would create a steering committee to act as advisors and thought partners; and would engage experts on best practices and case examples. The overall aim is to build a broader, better-connected, and more powerful base of CBOs, residents, and allies to advocate for policies and systems that increase equity in Contra Costa.

Fran also participated on the Cal Fresh Working Group on January 7 and will attend the Food Bank's legislative lunch on January 29. Fran also attended the west and east county CARES coalition meetings.

5. Early Childhood Education

Ready Kids East County Initiative Concludes its Five-part Parent Café Series

On January 18, First 5 completed its School Readiness Parent Café Series. In collaboration with the Design Team, Steering Committee, and Parent Advisory, we curated a series of five virtual cafes specifically designed to provide resources for parents, foster space for parent interaction and connection, and the opportunity to hear from parents about their experiences supporting the school readiness of African American and Black children. To close this series, we took a deeper dive by weaving the concepts from the first four Cafes in the context of Black Joy. This last café took both a celebratory and hopeful approach by asking parents to reflect on the gifts of their children and the concrete examples of how parents can celebrate their child while supporting their development in the process. The general feedback from the 33 attendees was positive with many of them expressing joy and gratitude for the spaces we provided, one in which they felt heard, celebrated, and in which they could find community. As we launch into year 3 of the RKEC Initiative, we are looking to hire a part time Coordinator to work alongside the Steering Committee to move the initiative forward.



First 5's Dual Language Learner Initiative Kicks Off in February

The long-awaited contract for this year-long ECE initiative was received the third week in January and staff have hit the ground running. The professional development coursework for providers, offered in both English and Spanish, will begin in late February or early March. These online unit-bearing courses will be offered through a partnership with First 5 San Francisco and the San Mateo County Office of Education and will include coaching support throughout the nine months. Initial recruitment for the 25 English and 25 Spanish cohorts in December garnered over 90 applicants. We are in the process of selecting the cohorts, giving priority to providers who participated in the first DLL phase in 2018, and for those who serve primarily dual language learners in their care.

First 5 Partners with the NorCal Small Business Development Center to Support Family Childcare

The Director of the NorCal SBDC Finance Center, Sunita Maharaj, joined First 5 in a webinar outlining the requirements and steps necessary to apply for the second round of California Relief Grants available to qualified small businesses. Grants ranging from \$5,000-\$25,000 will be available in early February. Forty-eight participants joined the call and the dialogue was engaging with important information shared with ample time for questions and answers. We feel fortunate that we were able to provide this resource to providers given that over 6,000 childcare providers in the state have been impacted by COVID and over 2,000 have had to close their doors permanently.



February 8, 2021

Agenda Item 8.0

Receive presentation of the 2021 Governor's Budget Proposal



First 5 Association
Overview of January Budget FY 2021-22
Last Updated: January 13, 2021

Last Friday, Governor Newsom released his \$227 billion proposed State Budget for FY 2021-22. While in the midst of an unprecedented economic recession and public health pandemic, California's General Fund remains healthy for FY 2021-22, while structural deficits are projected for the out-years. Recent federal relief provides additional support for critical needs throughout the state, some of which is reflected in the January budget proposal. Even with recent federal relief, the budget still points great fiscal uncertainty, especially around the stock market performance, prolonged unemployment, and more small business closures.

In recognition of urgent needs across California, the Governor stated his top budget priorities to bolster safety net services, re-open schools safely, support small businesses, promote vaccinations, and sharpen wildfire preparedness.

In terms of process, we again anticipate an abnormal budget year: The Governor is asking the Legislature to address immediate needs on an expedited timeframe, while also adhering to the regular budget process (however, we continue to anticipate fewer public hearings due space and safety constraints).

Most immediately, the Governor is calling on the legislature to pass a \$5 billion budget package that includes: re-opening schools safely, small business grants, fee waivers for small business, the Golden State Stimulus/ Eviction moratorium – *see chart below*.

Additional details and our initial analysis across our policy agenda —family resiliency, early learning, comprehensive health & development and sustainability and scale—can be found below.



I. FAMILY RESILIENCY:

Overall, the budget recognizes immediate needs of children and families and proposes expedited relief, especially for the most vulnerable families and those who have been hit hardest by the pandemic and economic recession.

Golden State Stimulus: Most significantly, the Governor proposed a new Golden State Stimulus, which provides \$600 in rapid cash relief to individuals who qualified for CalEITC in 2020, including the most recent expansion to ITIN filers (which became law in July 2020). Relief is estimated to reach 3.9 million Californians who filed for the credits last year, generating \$1.1 billion in credits.

Further, the Governor proposes to extend the state's **eviction moratorium**, enacted through AB 3088, and aims to use California's \$2.6 billion share of the federal rental assistance for low-income households, while helping to stabilize small property owners who are struggling. Specifically, the proposal intends to protect renters from eviction who are experiencing financial hardship related to COVID-19 and pay at least 25 percent of monthly rent.

The Governor called for immediate action to implement the Golden State Stimulus and eviction moratorium in February and March.

Food security: Recognizing growing needs to address food insecurity, the budget includes \$30 million one-time General Fund (above base) to fund existing Emergency Food Assistance Program providers, food banks, tribes, and tribal organizations. Budget enhancement were similarly made to the Supplemental Nutrition Benefit and Transitional Nutrition Benefit Program and the California Food Assistance Program Emergency Allotments.

CalFresh caseloads are projected to increase by 17% in FY 2021-22. To meet caseload demand, the budget includes \$838 million in General Fund (an increase of \$182 million) for CalFresh county administrative funding. The budget also includes \$3 million to support increased staffing at CDSS for the CalWORKs and CalFresh program.

Lastly, the recent Federal COVID-19 relief package includes additional measures that will address food insecurity, including a 15% increase to SNAP benefits and needed clarity around the Pandemic-EBT program for children under age 6, which we are monitoring closely for implementation details.

Child Welfare Services: The budget includes \$61.1 million in General Fund to support services related to quarantine needs for foster youth and caregiver, temporary extension of assistance payments to emergency caregivers, support to Family Resource Centers, state-administered contracts for youth and family helplines, assistance to families with youth who are at-risk of entering foster care.

Additionally, the budget includes \$61.1 million (\$42.7 million in General Fund) to begin implementing the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act.

CalWORKs: Given higher unemployment caused by the economic recession, CalWORKs caseload is projected to increase by 19% in FY 2021-22, serving an estimated 490,000 families throughout the state. The budget includes a 1.5% increase to the CalWORKs Maximum Aid Payment (MAP), effective October 1, 2021. This policy change is estimated to cost \$50.1 million and is estimated to bring MAP levels to \$891 per month (for a family of 3 in a high-cost county), and again demonstrates a commitment to supporting vulnerable CalWORKs families.

Further, the budget continues to exempt any month or partial month of CalWORKs aid or services from counting towards the CalWORKs 48-month time limit, an exemption first made due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This exemption applies to all CalWORKs recipients, unless they have exceeded the federal aid time limit or have another “clock stopper”. In total, the budget allocates \$46.1 million for FY 2021-22 to continue this exemption.

II. EARLY LEARNING

The budget outlines immediate COVID-19 relief, in addition to taking longer-term steps to implement the state’s recently released Master Plan on Early Learning and Care.

Immediate COVID-19 Relief: Recognizing the fragility of the child care system, the budget allocates \$55 million from General fund to support child care providers and families as a result of the pandemic. Additionally, in 2019, the Governor dedicated part of the Prop 64 Cannabis funding to expand child care access. This year’s budget, adds an additional \$21.5 million for FY 2020-21 and \$44 million ongoing, providing 4,700 new child care spaces in California.

CA is poised to receive \$1 billion in child care funding from the most recent federal COVID-19 relief package. The FY 20-21 state budget planned for additional federal relief (as outlined in SB 820), which this year’s budget allocates as follows:

- \$100 million to extend access for children of essential workers, at-risk children, and other eligible children;
- Up to \$90 million in child care provider stipends.
- Up to \$35 million to offer additional non-operational days for providers accepting vouchers in the event of health and safety concerns.
- Continuing to waive family fees through June 2021 (\$30 million)
- Up to \$30 million to increase capacity for subsidized child care and preschool
- \$15 million in re-opening grants to offer assistance to child care providers.

Master Plan: The budget highlights the work around the Master Plan for Early Learning and Care to build a long-term roadmap to universal preschool and a comprehensive, quality and affordable child care system. The budget and the Governor’s comments during the press conference recognize that implementation of the Master Plan will take years of consistent investment and reform, highlighting the transfer of all child care program (with the exception of CSPP) to the Department of Social Services as a first step towards streamlining child care programming.

This budget provides a down payment on aspects of the Master Plan. Most notably:

- \$250 million in one-time Prop 98 General Fund, available over multiple year, to provide grants to LEA that offer early access to TK.
- \$50 million one-time Prop 98 General Fund to support TK and kindergarten teacher preparation, specifically training to provide instruction in inclusive classroom and support English language learners, social-emotional learning, trauma-informed practices, restorative practices, and mitigating implicit bias.

- \$200 million in one-time General Fund for school districts to construct and retrofit existing facilities to support TK and full-day kindergarten programs.

Cradle-to-Career Data System: The Cradle-to-Career Data System Act of 2019 launched the effort to create a longitudinal data system across early education, K-12, higher education, employers, and workforce, and other social services agencies. The effort acknowledges the need to reflect a “whole child” approach to data systems, recognizing the interconnection of education, health, and human services. The budget dedicates \$15 million in General Fund, \$3 million of which is one-time, to further enhance data coordination efforts and to create an office within the Government Operations Agency.

Childhood Reading Program: The Budget includes \$5 million in one-time General Fund for the Department of Public Health to provide books for low-income children to improve child development and literacy. While we await additional details, this investment largely aligns with First 5 CA’s call for investments in early literacy programming and access to books and the multitude of early literacy programs that First 5s and partnership support across the state.

III. COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT

Special Education/ Early Intervention Services: Recognizing the effectiveness of early intervention services and long-term savings, the budget includes \$300 million in one-time Prop 98 funding for a Special Education Early Intervention Grant program to increase evidence-based services for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Community Navigators: The budget includes \$5.3 million (\$3.2 million of General Fund) for the Department of Developmental Services to contract with family resource center to implement a navigator model statewide. The navigator model would utilize parents of individuals in the regional center systems to provide peer-to-peer mentorship for families being served through the regional center system, with the goals of increasing service utilization in diverse communities and furthering health equity within developmental services.

Continuation of Supplemental Health Payments & Services: The budget extends the Proposition 56 supplemental payments by 12 months, which were scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2021. Specifically, this will continue supplemental payments for developmental screenings, ACEs screenings, women’s health, family planning, loan repayment, among others until July 1, 2022.

Similarly, expanded Medi-Cal post-partum eligibility for up to 12 months will also continue until July 1, 2022.

CalAIM: The budget re-launches the CalAIM initiative, which aims to improve and enhance Medi-Cal services for all enrollees. Specifically, CalAIM looks to better integrate systems of care --with an emphasis on behavioral health, improve care coordination, and bolster Whole Person Care. Specifically, the budget proposes to add \$1.1 billion in FY 2021-22, growing to 1.5 billion by FY 2023-24 for the CalAIM initiative.

Telehealth: The budget also includes \$95 million to expand and make permanent certain COVID-19 telehealth flexibilities, and to add remote patient monitoring as a new covered benefit. DHCS is

expected to release additional details on telehealth programs and services, which we will be following and monitoring closely.

IV. SUSTAINABILITY & SCALE

As expected, DOF includes tobacco tax projections in their January Budget – see chart below. We are working with First 5 CA to understand if these number differ from previous budget projection. The Association will be holding a finance call to discuss budget projections in the coming weeks.

Additionally, the budget recognizes uncertainty in tobacco taxes given the looming flavors ban. SB 793, would prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products in CA. However, a referendum has been circulated to delay implementation and put the flavors ban before voters in November 2022. Referendum signatures are currently being validated by the Secretary of State, and SB 793 did not take effect on January 1, 2021 as originally intended by the law. The Association is monitoring this closely and will provides updates and information as made available.

Tobacco Tax Revenue (Dollars in Millions)

	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Forecast	2021-22 Forecast
General Fund	\$60.2	\$54.7	\$46.4
Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund	\$215.7	\$202.4	\$174.1
Breast Cancer Fund	\$11.9	\$10.9	\$9.3
California Children and Families First Trust Fund	\$327.5	\$318.1	\$309.4
California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016	\$1,342.5	\$1,249.8	\$1,063.0
Total	\$1,957.8	\$1,835.9	\$1,602.1



February 8, 2021

Agenda Item 9.0

Consider approval of one-time Child Care Relief Fund of Prop 10 funding



Staff Report
February 8, 2021

ACTION:	<u> X </u>
DISCUSSION:	<u> </u>

TITLE: Early Childhood Recovery Fund Partnership

Introduction:

How our communities respond to the needs of the childcare small business sector during the COVID-19 crisis will affect our economy, working families' livelihoods and our children's future wellbeing for years to come. Without adequate support, we risk the permanent loss of roughly half the nation's childcare slots.

The pandemic has reminded us of Early Childhood Education (ECE) services' critical role, providing immense value to children while enabling parents and/or caregivers to work and attend school. As such, local, state, and federal governments have identified ECE frontline employees as essential service providers alongside those who work in health, utilities, and food delivery systems.

Despite this ongoing recognition, these mostly small, women-owned businesses are facing mounting financial challenges. In a July 2020 survey of over 2,000 California-based ECE businesses, 70% said they experienced loss of income due to low attendance or families not paying, and 60% had laid off or furloughed staff. This same study showed 80% are open due to lack of financial resources to survive a closure¹. Those providers who have remained open have seen their costs skyrocket with the need for personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning supplies and equipment. Without intervention, more childcare programs will continue to close.

Here in Contra Costa County, CocoKids, the county's resource and referral agency, reported that 100% of the providers were impacted by the pandemic in some way. Over 200 providers have closed their doors, with a loss of 1,864 childcare slots countywide. Of the 721 providers who have remained open, issues such as the struggle to pay mortgage and bills, low enrollment and staffing, and high costs of remaining open continue to adversely affect their operations.

Without the support of ECE providers, parents are concerned for their children's development and progress in early learning, which over half cited as a concern when First 5 Contra Costa surveyed families in July 2020 about the impact of COVID-19. Widespread closures across the ECE sector are a threat to the health and wellbeing of our youngest children, as well as the vitality of their families, communities, and economies.

¹ California Childcare in Crisis: The Escalating Impacts of Covid-19 as California Reopens. Center for the Study of Childcare and Employment. <https://cscce.berkeley.edu/california-child-care-in-crisis-covid-19/>

**Background:**

First 5 would like to partner with the Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF), a national nonprofit community development financial institution (CDFI) that mobilizes capital and partners to achieve opportunity, equity, and well-being for people and communities.

LIIF has reached out to potential funders who are interested in investing in Contra Costa County to scale its *COVID-19 Early Care and Education (ECE) Small Business Relief and Recovery Fund* (“*ECE Recovery Fund*”) that has been active in states across the US, including here in California.

LIIF’s Fund, launched in April of 2020, provides recovery capital in the form of grants along with wrap-around technical support to ECE small businesses that have been dramatically and drastically impacted by the economic impacts of COVID-19.

The Fund has served ECE small businesses operating in the San Francisco Bay Area, Washington D.C. and New York City and aims to help primarily women of color who operate child care business from their homes (Family Child Care) that serve 1 to 14 children and employ 1 to 5 employees. These Family Child Care providers have limited access to public subsidies and typically represent a majority of the childcare spaces available to low to moderate-income (LMI) families with infants and toddlers. Over \$3 million was raised for this effort in neighboring Alameda County.

LIIF has a potential of \$200,000 in seed funding from Tipping Point and there are other funders who have also expressed interest. These funds, matched with First 5 and other foundation funds, will provide immediate, necessary relief to those providers who need it most.

Recommendation:

First 5 is recommending that the Commission approve a one-time match of \$100,000 of funding to support Contra Costa childcare providers through the LIIF/ philanthropy partnership. By providing these matched funds, we hope to generate at least \$600,000 to support Contra Costa County’s childcare providers and to help jumpstart the economy and provide necessary relief to these critical providers.

Fiscal Impact:

This one-time investment will not impact the First 5 FY 20/21 Approved Budget. The funding associated with this request is available within the current approved budget for the Fund Balance Drawdown. Approval of the request will provide First 5 the necessary flexibility to use as match to maximize grants to Contra Costa providers for COVID pandemic expenditures.