



**Commission Meeting
M I N U T E S**

Monday, July 11, 2022, 6:00 pm

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairwoman Dr. Rocio Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.
Due to COVID-19, the meeting was held on a web-based platform.

Commissioners present during roll call were:

District 1: Dr. Rocio Hernandez
District 1: Alternate, Genoveva Garcia Calloway
District 2: Marilyn Cachola Lucey
District 3: Lee Ross
District 3: Alternate, Rhoda Butler
District 4: Alternate, Gareth Ashley
District 5: John Jones
Board of Supervisors: Diane Burgis
Health Services: Alternate Dr. Sefanit F. Mekuria
EHSD: Marla Stuart
EHSD: Alternate, Dr. Aaron Alarcon-Bowen
Children & Families Services: Kathy Marsh

Commissioners who were not present during roll call were:

District 2: Alternate Srividya Iyengar
District 4: Matt Regan
Board of Supervisors: Alternate, Candace Andersen
Children & Families Services: Alternate, Roslyn Gentry

2.0 Public Comment

No comment from the public

3.0 Approval of Consent Calendar

Gareth Ashley asked to pull item #3.3.1

Marla Stuart made a motion, seconded by Diane Burgis to approve the remaining consent calendar.

Roll call vote:

District 1: Dr. Rocio Hernandez – Yes
District 2: Marilyn Cachola-Lucey – Yes
District 3: Lee Ross – Yes
District 4: Alternate, Gareth Ashley – Yes
District 5: John Jones - Yes
Board of Supervisors: Diane Burgis – Yes
Health Services: Alternate, Dr. Sefanit F. Mekuria - Yes
EHSD: Marla Stuart – Yes
Children & Families Services – Yes

Nos: None

Abstain: None

Absent: District 2: Alternate Srividya Iyengar; District 4: Matt Regan; Board of Supervisors: Alternate, Candace Andersen; Children & Families Services: Alternate, Roslyn Gentry

The remaining consent calendar **APPROVED**.

4.0 **CONSIDER for discussion any items removed from the consent calendar.**

Item 3.3.1 is – “AUTHORIZE and RATIFY the Executive Director or her designee to execute a contract amendment with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. for a no cost extension (\$75,000) to coordinate and facilitate Contra Costa Children’s Leadership Council (CLC) meetings, activities and convenings for term to extend from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. FY2022-23 budget line: Professional Services: (\$516,000). Funded 100% CLC Partners.”

Gareth asked for clarity ~~about of what~~ “the no-cost extension for the amount of \$75,000.00” meant and asked if the contractor MIG (Moore, Iacofano, Goltsman, Inc.) had given any related program reports on Children’s Leadership Council activities.

Ruth offered the following information:

We ~~are entered~~ into contract last year with MIG with part of their scope of work including re-engaging CLC members and resuming the goal of asking them help us reconvene Children Leadership Council activities. Re-engagement has been slower than planned and we ~~We did not have had have~~ not held larger community activities since 2019. ~~and~~. ~~We had a different consultant at that time.~~ We Work completed to date with MIG support has focused on resumed the effort as are engagement of the CLC’s leadership team with the organizations that are leading the work (that team consists of First 5 Contra Costa, the Employment and Human Services Department of Contra Costa County, the Contra Costa County Health Services, and the Contra Costa County Office of Education). ~~We all~~ and all agreed to seek ~~for~~ a consultant. MIG has been working with the leadership team to collect data from key community partners and to re-evaluate priorities for CLC work based on broad goal areas identified since its inception, prior to the COVID pandemic. to understand collecting data with key stakeholders to help gain data about what transpired during has changed since the pandemic, the pandemic, and to gain perspective in contrast and how those changes impact the goals with the goals that we had identified prior to the pandemic. Part of their scope was to help us facilitate convening as we had shifted gears. The leadership team asked MIG work with county departments in revising the scope. Revisions to MIG’s scope of work and timeline have been necessary as part of this collective refinement and evaluation of goals with the leadership team. They haven’t used the money that was part of the contract. Now the request to the Commission is to extend the timeline term of the contract with the goal to have a a revised scope and budget. to go out and have a convening CLC activities with the focus on their work. This is a time extension with no additional costs on an the existing contract with MIG.

Gareth Ashley made a motion to approve item 3.3.1, seconded by John Jones.

Roll call vote:

District 1: Dr. Rocio Hernandez – Yes

District 2: Marilyn Cachola-Lucey – Yes

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District 3: Lee Ross – Yes
District 4: Alternate, Gareth Ashley – Yes
District 5: John Jones - Yes
Board of Supervisors: Diane Burgis – Yes
Health Services: Alternate, Dr. Sefanit F. Mekuria - Yes
EHSD: Marla Stuart – Yes
Children & Families Services – Yes

Nos: None

Abstain: None

Absent: District 2: Alternate Srividya Iyengar; District 4: Matt Regan; Board of Supervisors: Alternate, Candace Andersen; Children & Families Services: Alternate, Roslyn Gentry

Item 3.3.1 was **APPROVED**.

5.0 CONSIDER adopting a resolution authorizing First 5 Contra Costa to conduct conference meetings under Government Code section 54953 (e) and making related findings.

Chairwoman Dr. Rocio Hernandez informed the board that there was a board order included in the packet Resolution #2022-05.

Gareth Ashley asked if this was the same resolution that was presented the last Commission Meeting and does this need to be voted upon every month?

Supervisor Diane Burgis ~~informed~~ ~~stated that~~ ~~stated that~~ because the new strain of COVID-19 is highly contagious, it is important we practice ~~as much~~ physical distancing. ~~Use your tests and if you test positive, getting the antiviral as soon as possible is good. The right numbers don't really give it justice of understanding how many people have it because so many are testing it at home. So this is very important and it is legally something we need to do every month.~~ [CR1] ~~We will want to have~~ She recommends a hybrid meetings as an option as a possibility for now. ~~I recommend that.~~

Dr. Sefanit F. Mekuria suggests we continue to remain hybrid particularly during these times ~~where there are a with a large numbers amount of cases that we know of that~~ are vastly under-representation ~~of the cases~~ and expect new different variants that will be at a high plateau or some a little longer for some time. ~~It will be important to continue updating meetings every month until further notice. I do want to echo as well that She stated that~~ the COVID-19 home test kits are a ~~really~~ good resource to ~~keep at home for use is another way~~ to help protect your community and yourself. ~~Paxlovid and antivirals is another great thing to keep people from the hospitals or from severe disease.~~

Gareth Ashely asked in the future if this item can be included in the Consent Calendar?

Deputy County Counsel said this item can be included in the Consent Calendar next time.

Gareth Ashley made a motion, seconded by Lee Ross to adopt a resolution authorizing First 5 Contra Costa to conduct conference meetings under Government Code section 54953 (e) and making related findings.

Roll call vote:



District 1: Dr. Rocio Hernandez – Yes
District 2: Marilyn Cachola-Lucey – Yes
District 3: Lee Ross – Yes
District 4: Alternate, Gareth Ashley – Yes
District 5: John Jones - Yes
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EHSD: Marla Stuart – Yes
Children & Families Services – Yes

Nos: None

Abstain: None

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The item was **APPROVED**.

6.0 RECEIVE presentation from Applied Survey Research on Results Based Accountability (RBA): A Framework for First 5 Contra Costa to Convey Impact.

Presented by Susan Brutschy, President, Applied Survey Research and Kim Carpenter, Project Director, Applied Survey Research

First 5 Contra Costa Deputy Director Camilla Rand began the presentation. She explained that this presentation is an overview of the Results Based Accountability (RBA) Framework that First 5 Contra Costa [has adopted for measuring impact and evaluation of programming and Prop. 10 investments](#). ~~had been working on.~~ **Camilla**

~~The presentation~~ explained the context for using RBA. ~~She definition by outlining and outlined~~ the major components, concepts and the framework.

At the previous month's Commission meeting, Ruth Fernandez gave ~~an infographica~~ presentation ~~into of the~~ First 5 Contra Costa Theory of Change (TOC). ~~TOC took which the priorities that we established with using our Strategic Plan and expanded that work to expands the on strategic plan priorities and to illustrates explain~~ our general approach to creating the change that we want to see in the county. The use of RBA serves as the tool to help move us ~~into the from the~~ high level ~~T~~ theory of ~~C~~ change to a detailed evaluation plan.

Camilla introduced ~~contractors from~~ Applied Survey Research (ASR) President Susan Brutschy and Project Director Kim Carpenter ~~for their presentation~~.

Susan ~~provided and overview of RBA and~~ explained the benefits of RBA for First 5 Contra Costa. The RBA is a framework ~~that can be thought of as an organizational tool to help map the impact and allows one to see what you are doing in order to achieve it. Working with the RBA frameworks will provide an overview of the RBA process in anticipation of sharing the results of the efforts which will in turn form into in the form of an upcoming an~~ evaluation plan.

Gareth Ashley asked ~~the question of how to ASR how to they~~ retrieve meaningful ~~significant~~ results if you identify a small but significant population. ~~Where can you get that data from, and what what~~ kind of

proxies can ~~we use be used~~ in the absence of hard data and what role do contractors play in data collection. ~~Should we prescribe these indicators whenever we award contracts (identify the things we want to see form the contractors in a monthly report).~~

Susan replied that proxy is quite important. ~~It is how to determine together if you want to invest in the new data~~ especially for difficult to access partners, participants or those who have very specific and targeted needs. And the community voice helps ~~you~~ understand what their needs are so ~~that is how you one~~ can assess how to invest ~~your~~ resources.

Camilla added that this includes valuable *qualitative* data that we can collect from our families. Much about what we want to learn is not only the *quantitative* data, but also how our families feel. The knowledge that they feel they have gained from this as we are looking at those similar set of data makes us think about the *qualitative* piece as well. Bringing in our contractors on board is really looking at our contracts with them and looking at the data that we are currently collecting and the data that we want plan to collect, to be able to link to this evaluation plan in the future.

Lee Ross ~~asked stated that~~ over the last several years, many people still don't know what First 5 is. ~~How and asked how do can~~ we move from small successes to a larger scale and ? ~~What~~ resources do we use to get the word out?

Susan replied that First 5 Contra Costa needs to make sure partners are thinking about getting to scale and understanding that have made a contribution and that there is a lot to be done. First 5 can leverage with the data that is available and use it to prove that you have made profound differences especially in areas of getting ready for kindergarten. She suggested using data. Think about the RBA pagers to track the trend showing who is doing well. [CR2]

Dr. Rocio Hernandez ~~informed that~~ stated that many of us are working so hard trying to figure out how to get the word dk out there about First 5 – sometimes communicating what First 5's gifts are and what we can do is important.

John Jones commented on Susan's statement of ~~"you made a statement earlier about try to~~ measuring e a child's wellbeing is not about just one wellbeing but several children's wellbeing." As a group, we are trying to measure ~~what~~ the impact of First 5 is and yet there are multiple interventions that are contributing by those to many who are not funded by First 5. One thing to consider is I understand we have the ability to set that expectation of their contractors. But how do you get retrieving that information that information from the groups that you First 5 does not find and how does that story of their successes impact our story of success. ~~It really a whole village that did that and some we have control of in some way, but we want to make sure we acknowledge theirs also.~~ It is just nice to see how our measurements are in alignment with other activities that are going on in communities.

Ruth added that at that the center of embodying about what it part of being means to be 'systems-change focused' is this a dynamic that requires us to consider both our of being a First 5 Commission with finite resources as a First 5 Commission as well as holding what is possible for the system when we leverage other resources with ours which include contributions from others in the community; all versus what we are able to do within our means while not letting go of what is possible and our vision of well-being that for all children. Systems change work is collective impact work, in this process of defining what we are

going to our focus on, we do not have to do it alone. We are collectively wanting to lead in different spaces as a convener in the early childhood ecosystem, as well as other systems within the county. We are finding what those areas are where we can have the biggest impact. We As we approach our upcoming Strategic Planning in the fall, and we are thrilled to include ASR and do this primer for us all. We will be going into this self exploration and examination as a public entity as we look at our evaluation plan and opportunities ahead.

7.0 RECEIVE Staff Presentation on ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Aware Grant II Accomplishments and Highlights.

Wanda Davis, Early Intervention Program Officer began the ACES Aware Grant II Presentation with a slide presentation.

After a highly successful implementation of the first round of funding Staff presented an overview of First 5 Contra Costa's trajectory implementing, we First 5 received a second round of funding of \$2.3 million to advance ACES Aware / ACES Trauma Informed Care activities and services in the county, and to think about how we want to be in the space as a Community.

We First 5 had strong relationships among partners who were willing to try new approaches and the Help Me Grow navigation model helped to integrate a closed loop referrals process. These tools helped empower our the ecosystem into a more resilient community and have a strong network of care that people can actually access.

Emily Hampshire, Trauma & Resiliency Coordinator continued the next portion of the presentation: She informed shared that the that the new trauma-informed systems and workflows in place automated the Help Me Grow referrals and expanded node access. It enhanced the 2-1-1 (Contra Costa Crisis Center) database using Geographic Information (GIS) GIS mapping, facilitated trauma-informed prenatal materials and events, expanded network through coaching, and created the Contra Costa Network of Care online hub.

ACES work this past year has been enabling the development of a more welcoming clinic environments and new 'automated' trauma-informed systems and workflows for Help Me Grow referrals and expanded node access. These strategies yielded the following screening results: 2,474 child ACE screenings at La Clinica, 802 of which were children between 0-5. Additionally 169 parents were screened. 178 children and 91 adults were referred from La Clinica to Help Me Grow, with 441 referrals to community resources by Help Me Grow Care Coordinators for La Clinica clients.

In conclusion, Wanda Davis gave the following data: shared that One important element of the grant was to build of the things that they had been working on a building a community of trauma informed providers and practitioners across the county. The Network of Care Hub now has 210 members.

Wanda then introduced to the Commissioners the Network of Care video. She informed that they are developing a shared the plan to utilize the video in our advocacy efforts when we talk talking to lawmakers.

We First 5 will continue to move forward advancing the online Network of Care hub and expanding, increased system supports through Help Me Grow and strategic partnership across medical and

~~community service providers in Contra Costa County, develop a local toolkit for physicians, seek more opportunities and more partnerships, and implement trauma-informed principles within First 5.~~

Supervisor Diane Burgis left the meeting after this item presentation.

8.0 RECEIVE Executive Director's Report

Ruth gave the following Executive Director Updates:

- a) Staffing updates – Ongoing recruitments in ~~Progress are in process for the Finance and Operations Director.~~ Policy Strategy ~~and~~ Evaluation Director and the HR Manager positions ~~to come soon.~~
- b) Administrative Office Relocation Updates – We are currently in our new facilities. Tenant improvements for second and third phase are ongoing, ~~and~~ anticipate to ~~be~~completed in two weeks.
- c) Upcoming webinar on COVID-19 Vaccinations for children 6 months to 5 years of age – July 21 @ 6 pm via zoom ~~Commissioner Jones will moderate questions and answers with a panel of experts that includes Commissioner Dr. Mekuria and colleagues within the pediatric field.~~
- d) ~~First 5 Centers Diaper Distribution Highlight T~~hrough a partnership with “Help A Mother Out” ~~First 5 Centers~~ received over 170,000 ~~pieces~~diapers in 2021-22 program year to distribute to families through the Centers ~~for our~~ to Contra Costa County Families.
- e) Reminder: Solano and Contra Costa First 5 Centers VIP Tour – July 19 from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm. Commissioners RSVP through Eventbrite Link.

There were no questions from the floor.

9.0 Communications

The Chair ~~informed that~~stated that there were two communications materials included in the packet:

- June 22, 2022 Letter from the Office of County Counsel: “Revised Board Direction on Conduct of Live Advisory Body Meetings”
- Antioch CHANGE Report: A Community Housing Assessment of Needs, Gaps and Equity

10.0 Commissioner F.Y.I. Updates

Gareth Ashley announced his recent appointment to the ~~CCC-Contra Costa~~ Aviation Advisory Committee as well as his appointment to the Byron Airport Habitat Grazing License subcommittee.

11.0 Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM

Next standing meeting is on Monday September 12, 2022.