



Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Members Present: Chair Toni Campbell, Kathy Frandle, Lisa Hindman Holbert, Bruce McPherson, Leticia Mendoza, Giang Nguyen

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

2. Review and Adopt Agenda

M/S/P: (Commissioner Kathy Frandle/Commissioner Lisa Hindman Holbert) unanimously moved to adopt the agenda.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Commission October 26, 2016, Meeting Minutes
- b. Approve Financial Report for the period ending November, 2016
- c. Accept First 5 Santa Cruz County Grant Application Tracker, 01/18/17
- d. Accept FY 16/17 First 5 Santa Cruz County Contracts Executed Under Executive Director Authority, 01/18/17
- e. Accept FY 16/17 First 5 Santa Cruz County Sponsorships report, 01/18/17

M/S/P: (Commissioner Leticia Mendoza /Commissioner Kathy Frandle) unanimously moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

4. Community Oral Communications

None

5. Commissioner Oral Communications

Commissioner Nguyen stated that on January 10, 2017, Governor Brown issued the 2017-2018 budget. After reading the Governor's Executive Summary, she learned that for the first time in the last few years the Governor announced a potential budget deficit for the state in the amount of approximately \$1.6 billion. The governor's proposed budget reflects no change in ACA, Medicaid expansion or any other provisions of ACA. . There are numerous other items system-wide that may impact counties.

6. Update on Nurse Family Partnership – Information Item

A. Anita Alvarez, Director of Nursing/Maternal Child Adolescent Health with the Public Health Department, gave an overview of the Nurse Family Partnership program and an update to the Commission on the implementation of the program, budget overview and funding updates. After ten months of intensive outreach, collaboration and extensive grant application work, HSA has received strong support and financial commitment from six key local partners in the total amount of \$475,525 for the development and implementation of a NFP program, with plans to launch the program effective April 2017.

- \$314,025 from the Central California Alliance for Health (CCAH)
- \$51,000 from Kaiser Permanente
- \$50,000 from Dignity Health Dominican Hospital
- \$50,000 from Sutter Maternity and Surgery Center (Sutter)

- \$10,000 from Watsonville Hospital
- \$500 from Santa Cruz Community Foundation's (SCCF) donor-advised grant from the Terry Karima Fund
- \$500 from Santa Cruz Community Foundation (SCCF) to support the NFP program

Director Brody extended his thanks to Supervisor Coonerty, the Board of Directors, Commissioner Nguyen, and the Public Health Department in supporting the Nurse Family Partnership.

Director Brody stated that although we were not voting on this budget item at this meeting, we do have \$10,000 available from the First 5 California IMPACT grant that can be used to support professional development and quality improvement. This is available to use for what First 5 CA calls "alternative settings" which is inclusive of home visitation programs. The reason they included it in "alternative settings" is because in the IMPACT funding, they were really trying to encourage our counties to see an integrated, high quality system of care and development for young children. Director Brody stated that he would be meeting soon with PHD to ensure that those monies can be allocated this fiscal year. The Commission will be looking at our capacity to contribute to the program in the future.

7. Santa Cruz County Thrive by Three Children's Fund Support Letter – Action Item

A. The Commission reviewed the proposed "Thrive by Three" letter of support which will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors prior to the January 24th Board of Supervisors meeting. Director Brody stated that our work at First 5 is based on the overwhelming scientific evidence of the benefits of investing in early childhood development. Supervisor Coonerty, in particular, has led a recent effort to bring a proposal to the Board of Supervisors at the January 24th meeting to create a dedicated funding stream for early childhood development services, from prenatal through age 3 in Santa Cruz County. With \$350,000 General Fund allocation in FY 2017/18, the fund will focus specifically on our youngest children and families by investing in the earliest years of childhood (prenatal to three years old), by investing in evidence-based approaches, and by investing in improving outcomes for children to ensure the greatest opportunity for long term success.

Director Brody thanked Supervisor Coonerty for taking a bold leadership position on the "Thrive by Three" proposal and invited him to provide any additional comments.

Supervisor Coonerty stated that when you look at where we spend our dollars, a huge amount of money is spent on the back end of this curve with virtually no money on the 0-3 age. More resources need to be spent in early investments rather than spending more money down the road on the back end, and that's after lives have been lost, people have experienced trauma, and the community has been impacted. Supervisor Coonerty stated that twice the voters have agreed to raise the cannabis tax, and a commitment was made to the voters to spend it on youth. He added that we want a small percentage of the cannabis tax funds dedicated to this young population.

M/S/P: (Commissioner Lisa Hindman Holbert / Commissioner Kathy Frandle) unanimously moved to endorse the "Thrive by Three" letter of support to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors prior to the January 24th Board of Supervisors meeting.

8. 2016-2017 Budget Revision – Action Item

- A.** The Commission approved the Revised First 5 Santa Cruz County Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget in an amount not to exceed \$4,145,505.
- B.** The Commission delegated authority to the Executive Director to negotiate, execute, and amend contracts up to the amounts specified.
- i) Operating Expenses – General Admin/Program Support/Evaluation
Approval of contract with the United Way of Santa Cruz County for First 5 Administrative and Program Support Operations between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$709,879.
 - ii) Program Investments
Approval of contract with the United Way of Santa Cruz County for First 5 Systems Change/Community Strengthening Operations between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$1,239,218

Director Brody stated that the budget revision was due to a number of factors including the roll-over of revenue from the First 5 California IMPACT grant. He added that MAA revenue receipts from the first two quarters of FY 2014-15 led staff to increase projected MAA revenue for the fiscal year. There was also an increase in anticipated revenue from the CSPP QRIS Block Grant. This money comes into the COE, and then subcontracted to First 5 to fund relevant portions of contracts with Encompass Community Services, Go Kids and others to support the overall implementation of the QRIS system.

Commissioner Mendoza asked how much the revised United Way Program Investments contract authorization had increased from the original authorization.

Director Brody estimated it was less than \$75,000 but was unable to confirm the exact amount without access to First 5's internal file server.

M/S/P: (Commissioner Giang Nguyen / Commissioner Kathy Frandle) unanimously moved to approve Items 8 (A).

M/S/P: (Commissioner Giang Nguyen / Commissioner Leticia Mendoza) unanimously moved to approve Item 8 (B) i and Item 8 (B) ii.

If the actual increase is more than 10% of the original authorization, the motion will be considered obsolete, and the Commission will consider the vote at the March 15, 2017, meeting.*

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

**After returning to the office on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, Director Brody confirmed by email to the Commission and staff that the actual increase was \$71,339 which equals 6.1% of the original authorization (the authorization increased from \$1,167,879. to \$1,239,218).*