

## Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

**Members Present:** Chair Toni Campbell, Emily Balli, Kathy Frandle, Mimi Hall, Lisa Hindman Holbert, Bruce McPherson, Diane Munoz, Faris Sabbah

**1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum**

**2. Review and Adopt Agenda**

**M/S/P: (Commissioner Kathy Frandle / Commissioner Faris Sabbah) unanimously moved to adopt the Agenda**

**3. Consent Agenda**

A. Approve Commission June 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes

B. Accept Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2020

C. Accept First 5 Santa Cruz County Grant Application Tracker, 10/28/2020

D. Accept FY 20/21 First 5 Santa Cruz County Contracts Executed Under Executive Director Authority, 10/28/2020

E. Accept FY 20/21 First 5 Santa Cruz County Sponsorships report, 10/28/2020

**M/S/P: (Commissioner Kathy Frandle / Commissioner Faris Sabbah) unanimously moved to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**4. Community Oral Communications** The community may address the Commission on items not listed on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of First 5 Santa Cruz County. If any member of the community wishes to address the Commission on any item that is listed on the agenda, they may do so when that item is called. Every item on the agenda welcomes public comment.

**None**

**5. Commissioner Oral Communications**

**None**

**Public Hearing: Presentation and Approval of First 5 Santa Cruz County 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report – Action Item**

Director Brody stated in compliance with State Statute as well as local County Ordinance that First 5 Santa Cruz County is required to hold a Public Hearing each year on the Commission's audited financial statements. Director Brody welcomed Sanwar Harshwal to the meeting who joined remotely from his Oakland office of Harshwal & Company LLP. Mr. Harshwal reported that his company completed the audit for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and said that this was a clean audit with no findings.

**M/S/P: (Commissioner Lisa Hindman Holbert / Commissioner Bruce McPherson) unanimously moved to approve the First 5 Santa Cruz County 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report.**

**6. Public Hearing: Presentation and Approval of First 5 Santa Cruz County's 2019-2020 Annual Report Submission to First 5 California – Action Item**

Director Brody provided a brief overview of First 5 Santa Cruz County's 2019-2020 Annual Report to First 5 California, highlighting the population served and revenue and expense figures to be submitted with the report.

**M/S/P: (Commissioner Diane Munoz / Commissioner Kathy Frandle) unanimously moved to approve First 5 Santa Cruz County's 2019-2020 Annual Report Submission to First 5 California.**

**7. Public Hearing: Presentation and Acceptance of 2019-2020 Annual Evaluation Report and First 5 Santa Cruz County Strategic Plan Progress Report – Action Item**

Director Brody provided a PowerPoint presentation of the 2019-20 Annual Evaluation report. The presentation provided a comprehensive update on the status and impact of First 5-funded programs within the Commission's strategic framework as well as a snapshot of the overall well-being of young children and their families in Santa Cruz County.

**M/S/P: (Commissioner Faris Sabbah / Commissioner Lisa Hindman Holbert) unanimously moved to accept the 2019-2020 Annual Evaluation Report and First 5 Santa Cruz County Strategic Plan Progress Report.**

**8. Update on First 5 Santa Cruz County Special Projects – Information Item**

**A.** Director Brody updated the Commission on ACES Aware, a new initiative that provides training and payment to Medi-Cal providers for ACEs screening, and trains providers and networks of care to respond with evidence-based interventions and trauma-informed care. In June 2020, ACEs Aware awarded grants to 100 organizations to expand the reach and impact of the ACEs Aware initiative. Two grants were awarded to organizations that operate in Santa Cruz County:

1. County of Santa Cruz's Health Services Agency with two funded partners, First 5 and the Health Improvement Partnership (HIP).
2. Lucille Packard Children's Hospital who are working in 3 counties, Santa Clara, San Mateo and Santa Cruz.

Director Brody reported that First 5 is required to hold six "Network of Care" sessions, three of which have been scheduled with the Center for Community Resilience out of George Washington University. Director Brody said the first session was scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> and encouraged the Commissioners to participate.

**B.** Director Brody provided an update on Together We Care – which is a multi-platform Care Coordination and Community-wide Resource Directory and Referral System. First 5 is engaged and taking a leadership role on this project because it directly speaks to one of First 5's Thrive by Three goals of facilitating better coordination and referral between early childhood systems with emphasis on home visitation, pediatric care and early care and education. In terms of timeline, system partners are focused on a limited pilot of the system by the end of December and then a more robust full community implementation by June 30.

**C.** Director Brody announced that First 5 Santa Cruz County has been awarded a two-year First 5 California Home Visiting Coordination Grant in the amount of \$200,000 over two fiscal years ending June 30, 2022. The grant is focused on identifying and overcoming barriers to system coordination and alignment; and expanding families' access to evidence-based home visiting services and strengthening coordination across home visiting programs.

Director Brody added that both goals very much align with the Prop 10 charge, First 5's mission and the Thrive by Three initiative. He added that staff plan to implement the grant by including some subcontracts with HV partners over the next two years, and the first part of the project is to develop a multi-phase coordination plan by June 30, 2021.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 PM.