



## Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

**Members Present:** Chair Toni Campbell, Christina Cuevas, Cecilia Espinola, Kathy Frandle, Lisa Hindman Holbert, Bruce McPherson, Leticia Mendoza

### 1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 PM and a quorum was established.

### 2. Review and Adopt Agenda

**M/S/P: (Commissioner Bruce McPherson/Commissioner Lisa Hindman Holbert) unanimously moved to adopt the agenda.**

### 3. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Commission June 22, 2016, Meeting Minutes

B. Approve Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2016

C. Approve increased contract authorization with Praxis Consulting Group for Quality Rating Improvement System assessments from \$47,000 to an amount not to exceed \$60,000 between July 1, 2016 and June 30 2017.

D. Approve contract authorization with Phoebe Boyd for Santa Cruz Reading Corps Coaching in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. This authorization supersedes a prior authorization to contract with Leah Rogers

E. Accept First 5 Santa Cruz County Grant Application Tracker, 09/21/16

F. Accept FY 16/17 First 5 Santa Cruz County Contracts Executed Under Executive Director Authority, 09/21/16

G. Accept FY 16/17 First 5 Santa Cruz County Sponsorships report, 9/21/16

**M/S/P: (Commissioner Cecilia Espinola / Commissioner Bruce McPherson) unanimously moved to approve the Consent Agenda.**

### 4. Community Oral Communications

None

### 5. Commissioner Oral Communications

Commissioner Salem Magarian was unable to attend the commission meeting and had asked Director Brody to update the Commission on the screening investigation that Dr. Magarian and the Santa Cruz Community Health Center have been doing. He added that First 5 staff have had great success using the vision screening camera throughout the community and have screened hundreds of children. Dr. Magarian and the team at the health center became interested in a more efficient way to do the mandated screenings which they have to conduct under CHDP in the clinic. To help with this investigation, First 5 Health Outreach and Enrollment Supervisor, Alicia Fernandez, visited the clinic and demonstrated how the vision screening camera worked. Ms. Fernandez said the staff was very excited that the screening took only 30 seconds. She added staff is currently conducting chart-based vision screenings as part of their physical examinations. Ms. Fernandez said that two of the children who had previously passed chart-based vision screening at the clinic were later screened at their

school using the vision screening camera and were out of range. After these children were examined by their optometrist, both of the children were told they needed glasses.

Director Brody reported that Dr. Magarian has said that the clinic is planning to change its practice and use the vision screening camera.

Director Brody reported on the work in the county around oral health for children and adults. Dr. Magarian asked to report that starting on October 11, 2016, Dientes will begin to offer preventative full service dental visits to children under 36 months of age at the East Cliff clinic.

**6. Presentation from CASA of Santa Cruz County – Information Item**

Cynthia Druley, Executive Director, and Katherine Sloan, Early Childhood Specialist, from CASA of Santa Cruz County presented on CASA's work and its recent initiative to provide Court Appointed Special Advocates to infants and toddlers in the Child Welfare System in Santa Cruz County.

**7. Consider Endorsement of Statewide Ballot Initiative Measures 55 and 56 – Action Item**

**A. Proposition 55 – Tax Extension to Fund Health Care & Education**

**B. Proposition 56 – CA Research, Health Care & Tobacco Tax of 2016**

Director Brody asked the Commission to consider the endorsement of two statewide ballot initiative measures, both of which have been endorsed by the First 5 Association Policy Committee and a number of First 5 Commissions across the state. Director Brody said that the measures are important to health care and education in California and will have a direct impact on early care and education funding including Proposition 10 revenue.

**M/S/P: (Commissioner Cecilia Espinola / Commissioner Leticia Mendoza) unanimously moved to endorse Statewide Ballot Initiative Measures 55 and 56.**

**8. Information Items**

**A. The Raising of America Event, October 13, 2016**

Director Brody announced that the Santa Cruz County Office of Education is sponsoring a screening of the documentary, "The Raising of America" on October 13, 2016, at the Cabrillo College Samper Recital Hall from, 4-7 pm. The event will include opening remarks from Monterey County Deputy District Attorney, Jimmy Panetta, and a post film discussion with film producer, Rachel Poulain.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM