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**FIRST FIVE SACRAMENTO COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
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**MINUTES: January 12, 2007**

**Attending Members:** Ernie Brown, Jillian Faucett, Rod Howze, Effie Hubbard Ruggles, Terry Jones (Chair), Matt Mengelkoch, Tosca Toussaint (Vice Chair), Betsy Uda, Manuel Valencia

**Absent Members:** Amy Lin Tan (excused), Alondra Thompson (excused), Kathleen West (excused)

**Staff:** Michele Watts

**Commission Staff:** Lin Batten, Linda Fong-Somera, Carmen Garcia

**Guests:** None

Issues	Discussion	Actions/Recommendations
<b>1. Call to Order. Welcome &amp; Introductions.</b>	The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. Self-introductions were made.	
<b>2. Chair's Report</b>	The Chair noted that all relevant business would be addressed under other agenda items. Therefore, no additional report was made.	
<b>3. Minutes of December 8, 2007</b>	The Minutes of December 8, 2006 were approved as written.	<b>M/S</b> Ernie Brown/Matt Mengelkoch to approve the Minutes of December 8, 2006 as written. <b>Approved.</b>
<b>4. Commission Report</b>	<p>Commission Executive Director Lin Batten reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Awards- Funding recommendations for (1) Effective Parenting, (2) Early Care and Education, (3) Breastfeeding Support Services, and (4) Community Connectedness Initiative Technical Assistance Consultant were approved by the Commission on January 8, 2007. A detailed review of the recommendations was presented and Advisory Committee questions were answered. Because all of the funding recommendations have been approved, the extra meeting scheduled for January 22, 2007 is cancelled.</li><li>- School Readiness Operational Plan &amp; Cycle 2 Reapplication- The Commission also approved changes to the School Readiness Operational Plan. The revisions will allow for the development of a countywide School Readiness plan, in preparation for reapplication for matching funds from First 5 California in January 2008. A consultant will be hired to facilitate this planning process, which should result in a better coordinated, more consistent School Readiness Initiative across the participating school districts.</li></ul> <p>Additional detail on the items listed above, including Commission agenda and meeting materials are available here: <a href="http://sackids.saccounty.net/meetings/index.html">http://sackids.saccounty.net/meetings/index.html</a></p>	
<b>5. Commission Staff Reports</b>		
5a. Children's Health Initiatives	<p>Lin reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Staff is reviewing the Governor's new health care proposal now.</li><li>- Children continue to be enrolled in health insurance programs.</li></ul> <p>New members had questions regarding what the Commission funds under the Children's Health Initiatives. Lin noted that there is a health insurance outreach, enrollment and retention component as well as an insurance product for those children who are not eligible for public programs but do not have insurance through their families. Families with uninsured children can call the "Cover the Kids" phone number (866) 850-4321 to get assistance. Members requested data on the CHIs.</p>	
5b. Community Building Initiative	<p>CBI Program Planner Linda Fong-Somera reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, a panel will review the latest round of Children's Action Grant applications. There will be one more round of Children's Action Grants in late spring.</li></ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There will be two more mini grant deadlines prior to the end of CBI in June 2007. The deadlines are February 7<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>- The latest CBI Newsletter was distributed to members.</li> <li>- There will be several CBI events held in the next few months, including a training about social capital, a grantee dinner, and the CBI Conference. A handout with the event dates was distributed.</li> </ul> <p>Contact Linda for details regarding CBI events: (916) 876-7386 / <a href="mailto:fongli@saccounty.net">fongli@saccounty.net</a> .</p>	
5c. School Readiness	<p>School Readiness Program Planner Carmen Garcia reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Preschool Bridging Model Pilot in Elk Grove is underway, with the Bridging Teachers starting to visit sites this month. Both centers and family child care homes have been recruited into the project.</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Work Group Updates</b>		
6a. Evaluation Committee	Evaluation Committee member Terry Jones (Chair) reported that the Evaluation Committee has not met since the last report. The next meeting is January 29 <sup>th</sup> . Terry noted that he will be serving as the Advisory Committee representative to the Evaluation Committee and that an alternate representative is still needed.	
6b. Financial Planning Committee	Financial Planning Committee member Ernie Brown reported that the committee has not met since his last report. The next meeting is expected to be held in March 2007. This committee will revise the Commission's 10-Year Financial Plan when it begins meeting again.	
6c. Fluoridation Work Group	Fluoridation Work Group member Terry Jones reported that the committee has not met since his last report.	
<b>7. Membership Report</b>	<p>Michele reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are four new committee members: Jillian Faucett (Early Care and Education), Rod Howze (Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board), Alondra Thompson (Perinatal Health), and Manuel Valencia (Education).</li> <li>- There are two new Member Advisory Board vacancies due to Al Blum and Theresa Roberts terming off the committee: Adult and Aging Commission and Mental Health Board seats are now vacant.</li> <li>- The committee currently has 12 members, out of a possible membership of 20. There are two MAB vacancies and six community seats to be filled.</li> <li>- Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, is due in April 2007. Failure to complete the form may result in a fine. Copies of the form were distributed and should be returned to Michele as soon as possible.</li> </ul>	
<b>8. Continued Discussion of Term Limits</b>	The committee revisited discussion of changing the term limit policy for Member Advisory Board representatives which occurred at the December meeting. The committee opted to not have differing policies for the MAB and community representatives; all members will be subject to a limit of three two-year terms. In addition, the committee clarified the term limit policy further by deciding that a member who has reached the term limit specified in the bylaws may be considered for a new appointment following a two-year waiting period (equivalent to "sitting out" for one full term).	Michele will present the formal changes to the bylaws at the February meeting.
<b>9. 2007 Calendar of Meeting Activities</b>	Michele distributed a handout summarizing the specific activities and projects the Advisory Committee needs to complete in 2007. Volunteers to make presentations on their areas of expertise were requested and the following individuals offered to present: Jillian Faucett, Terry Jones, and Betsy Uda. In addition, Alondra Thompson volunteered in advance of the meeting.	
<b>10. Future Agenda Topics &amp; Announcements/ Comments</b>	Lin announced that the Annual First 5 California Statewide Conference will be held in Orange County at the end of May. Two Advisory Committee representatives are invited to attend. In the past, this has typically included a staff person and a member.	
<b>11. Adjournment</b>	The meeting adjourned at 4 PM.	<b>Next Meeting: February 9, 2007, 2:30 PM – 4 PM.</b>