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MINUTES: January 11, 2008

Attending Members: Ernie Brown, Maisha Dottery, Jillian Faucett, Rod Howze, Effie Hubbard Ruggles, Terry Jones (Chair), Gloria Torres, Betsy Uda, Kathleen West

Absent Members: Matt Mengelkoch (excused), Amy Lin Tan (excused), Alondra Thompson (excused), Tosca Toussaint (Vice Chair) (excused)

Staff: Alan Lange, Michele Watts

Commission Staff: Lin Batten, Carmen Garcia-Gomez, Verronda Moore, Cathy Spivey

Guests: None

Issues	Discussion	Actions/Recommendations
1. Call to Order. Welcome & Introductions.	The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:37 PM. Self-introductions were made. New members Maisha Dottery, representing Faith Community, and Gloria Torres, representing Community/Neighborhoods, expressed their excitement about serving on the committee.	
2. Chair's Report	<p>The Chair reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Michele made the January report to the Commission. The sign-up sheet for members to volunteer to make the monthly report was circulated again. ➤ The January roster and 2008 Work Plan were distributed. ➤ Members are encouraged to volunteer to make presentations on their areas of expertise in 2008. These presentations will be scheduled quarterly. Members should contact Michele about potential presentations. ➤ A California Dental Association briefing on proposed Medi-Cal budget cuts states that there will be a major impact on dental care. Dental services will no longer be available for adults and some children will also not be covered. 	
3. Minutes of December 14, 2007	The minutes of December 14, 2007 were approved as written.	M/S Ernie Brown/Betsy Uda to approve the minutes as written. Approved.
4. Community Vision Document: Project Update	Michele reported that no additional progress has been made on this project since the last report. The ad hoc work group will meet in January to develop a written proposal on next steps. New member Gloria Torres volunteered to join the work group, which is comprised of the following members: Ernie Brown, Effie Hubbard-Ruggles, Amy Lin Tan, and Alondra Thompson.	
5. Members' Expertise Project	Michele distributed a draft inventory/survey of members' expertise relevant to young children and families and asked for input on additional skills and content areas to include. It was suggested that business and finance skills be added. A final draft of the inventory will be distributed for members to complete and return. Michele will compile the responses and distribute them at the next meeting. This inventory will be helpful in informing the Commission staff and committee members about the areas of expertise represented on the committee.	
6. Commission Report	<p>Commission Executive Director Lin Batten reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ At the January meeting, the Commission approved the purchase of a cargo van from Sacramento City Unified School District's School Readiness Program. This van will be used to promote the Commission via logos and messaging on the exterior and to transport supplies to various community events. ➤ At the January meeting, the Commission approved funding recommendations for several mini grants. ➤ The Commission staff is investigating the possibility of purchasing a mobile health clinic van from First 5 Fresno. ➤ Commission staff is beginning the planning process for the next Strategic Plan (2011-2013). A series of staff meetings will be held to develop the timeline and work plan for this process. Advisory Committee staff will participate and the committee will be updated on the progress. Program Planner Carmen Garcia-Gomez is the lead staff on this project. The committee's plans for updating the Community Vision Document will need to work within the Strategic Planning timeframe being developed. ➤ Sacramento Regional Transit is initiating a community input process for its Master Plan. They have contact First 5 Sacramento about getting input from underserved populations. There may be an opportunity to partner with RT when the Advisory Committee seeks public input for the Community Vision Document. 	

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	Additional details on many of the items listed above, including Commission agenda and meeting materials are available here: http://sackids.saccounty.net/meetings/commission-meeting/index.html .	
7. Commission Staff Reports		
7a. Children's Health Initiatives	Program Specialist Cathy Spivey reported that the first Bright Futures health screening event will be held in Galt on January 25, 2008. Health and behavioral screenings will be conducted. A dentist is still needed to provide dental screenings; Terry Jones offered to try to recruit someone to participate. Flyers and posters in English and Spanish are currently being developed to promote Bright Futures events.	
7b. Community Building Initiative	Lin reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Five mini grants totaling \$21,450 were approved at the January Commission meeting. ➤ A work group will be formed to examine ways to clarify the intent of the larger CBI grants (called Children's Action Grants in the 2004-2007 cycle). An Advisory Committee member and staff are invited to participate on this work group. ➤ The 2008 mini grant application is available. Members are encouraged to promote the availability of these grants in their communities. ➤ Members interested in participating in a CBI reviewer training at the end of January should contact Michele. 	
7c. School Readiness	Program Planner Carmen Garcia-Gomez reported that the release of the Cycle 2 School Readiness Initiative funding application by First 5 California has been delayed. It is unclear when it will be released, but it should be soon. It is also unclear how much the requirements of this application will differ from previous requirements.	
8. Work Group Reports		
8a. Evaluation Committee	Evaluation Committee member Terry Jones stated that he had nothing additional to report.	
8b. Financial Planning Committee	Financial Planning Committee member Ernie Brown reported that the committee has not met since November. The next meeting will be January 17 th . The committee will meet every other month in 2008, rather than monthly.	
8c. Fluoridation Work Group	Fluoridation Work Group member Terry Jones reported that the fluoridation contract with Zone 41 has been signed. Once implemented, almost 2/3 of Sacramento County will be fluoridated. Next steps for fluoridation efforts will focus on convincing the remaining water districts and purveyors to participate. Terry also reported that there will be a meeting on dental access later this month. Michele will get details on this event and send them to committee members.	
9. Membership Report	Michele reported that the seats for the Adult and Aging Commission and the Mental Health Board are still vacant. Two new community members have been appointed by the Commission. There are five additional seats available for community members.	
10. Future agenda topics	None.	
11. Announcements	Member Gloria Torres announced that there will be a dental screening event at the Native American Health Center this weekend.	
12. Public comments	None.	
13. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.	Next Meeting: February 8, 2008.