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MINUTES: March 14, 2008

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

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

Staff: Alan Lange, Michele Watts

Commission Staff: Lin Batten, Julie Beyers, Kim Dahl, Julie Field, Carmen Garcia-Gomez, Debra Payne, Cathy Spivey

Guests: None

Issues	Discussion	Actions/Recommendations
1. Call to Order. Welcome & Introductions.	The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM. Self-introductions were made.	
2. Chair's Report	The Chair announced that the Advisory Committee members will be among the outstanding volunteers recognized by the Board of Supervisors on April 22, 2008 for their support of the work of the Commission in 2007. Instructions and parking passes were distributed to members, who are all strongly encouraged to attend.	
3. Minutes of February 8, 2008	The minutes of February 8, 2008 were approved as written.	M/S Ernie Brown/Effie Hubbard Ruggles to approve the minutes as written. Approved.
4. Commission Strategic Planning Update	<p>The Advisory Committee will work with the Commission to conduct a Community Assessment in April and May. Surveys will be conducted by members and other volunteers at community events and other places where parents frequent. Members and volunteers have been identified who are fluent in Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese to conduct surveys in these languages. Additional language needs are Russian/Ukrainian and Hmong.</p> <p>The Chair announced that there are two seats for Advisory Committee members on the Commission Strategic Planning Work Group, which will meet several times in the fall of this year. He will make appointments to these seats at the April meeting and members interested in serving on the work group are encouraged to discuss this with staff and/or the Chair.</p>	
5. Members' Expertise Inventory	Michele announced a change of plans on the inventory project. In order to supplement the information provided in the inventories, members are asked to send their resumes. Michele will add relevant resume content to the inventory to enhance its level of detail, and usefulness.	
6. Commission Report	<p>Commission Executive Director Lin Batten reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ As mentioned under agenda item 4, the Commission has approved the process for the next Strategic Plan Update.➤ The Commission approved funding for six outdoor tot lots and one indoor tot lot.➤ First 5 Sacramento and California will be present at the Black Expo on March 28-30, 2008. Members are encouraged to attend this event.➤ The First 5 Statewide Conference will be held May 22-23, 2008. Two spaces are available for the Advisory Committee to attend; in the past, one staff person and one member have attended. However, Michele may not be able to attend due to scheduling conflicts, so two members are welcome to attend. Betsy Uda and Maisha Dottery expressed interest. Michele will follow up with them on the details.➤ Harvey Karp, author of <u>The Happiest Baby on the Block</u>, spoke to Commission staff and guests. He is a great speaker with lots of good information for parents. There are videos available for check-out for interested members. <p>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 .</p>	

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7. Commission Staff Reports		
7a. Children's Health Initiatives	<p>Program Planner Debra Payne reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Training sessions for baby-friendly hospitals are underway. Bi-monthly classes will occur from March through August to train hospital staff on practices to support breastfeeding. Beginning this fall, the training will be offered as a regular course within the Los Rios Community College District. ➤ On April 19, 2008, "Healthy Kids Natomas" will be held. Anyone interested in this event who would like promotional flyers (in multiple languages) should contact Lauren Deekman at 808-8761. <p>Program Specialist Cathy Spivey reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The next Bright Futures screenings event will be held April 29, 2008. Thirteen agencies will participate and a dentist has also volunteered. Flyers promoting the event are available in English and Spanish. ➤ After April, the next Bright Futures event will be in July. 	
7b. Community Building Initiative	<p>Program Planner Julie Beyers reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The next mini grant application deadline is April 4, 2008. ➤ Funding recommendations for the current round on mini grant applications will be presented to the Commission for approval on April 7, 2008. ➤ A work group to discuss the future direction of the Children's Action Grants will begin meeting soon. Advisory Committee member Betsy Uda will serve on this committee, which will be reporting its findings and any recommendations it develops to the Commission this summer. 	
7c. School Readiness	<p>Program Planner Carmen Garcia-Gomez reported that the application (the Cycle 2 Reapplication) for match funding from First 5 California for the School Readiness Initiative is due April 4, 2008. A more standardized, countywide initiative will be implemented in the next cycle.</p>	
8. Work Group Reports		
8a. Evaluation Committee	<p>Evaluation Committee member Terry Jones reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ WRMA, the evaluation consultants, are beginning the first round of the Parent Interview for the longitudinal study of families receiving services from First 5 Sacramento. Interviewers have been hired and trained, including those who are conversant in Russian/Ukrainian, Spanish and Vietnamese. ➤ WRMA is also working on the survey for the Advisory Committee's Community Assessment and there will be a training for members on how to conduct the surveys as well. 	
8b. Financial Planning Committee	<p>Financial Planning Committee member Ernie Brown stated that the committee's next meeting will be April 20, 2008.</p>	
8c. Fluoridation Work Group	<p>Fluoridation Work Group member Terry Jones reported that letters and phone calls to the non-fluoridated water districts in the county have not convinced these entities to apply for fluoridation funding. Another letter will be drafted encouraging the districts to participate in a cost estimate proposal for fluoridating the remaining areas targeted by the Commission. \$7 million remains available for fluoridation efforts in the funding cycle, so the work group is motivated to find a way to get the remaining water districts on-board.</p>	
9. Membership Report	<p>Michele reported that the seats for the Adult and Aging Commission and the Mental Health Board are still vacant. There are five additional seats available for community members. Michele reminded members that Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, is due April 1, 2008 and she distributed copies of the form to members who still needed to complete one.</p>	
10. Future agenda topics	<p>None.</p>	
11. Announcements	<p>None.</p>	
12. Public comments	<p>None.</p>	
13. Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.</p>	