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MINUTES: March 13, 2009

Attending Members: Ernie Brown, Beth Hassett, Bobbie Hooker, Effie Hubbard-Ruggles, Matt Mengelkoch, Amy Lin Tan, Alondra Thompson, Gloria Torres, Betsy Uda, Kathleen West

Absent Members: Maisha Dottery, Terry Jones

Staff: Michele Watts

Commission Staff: Lin Batten, Nancy Benton, Julie Beyers, Erin Blount, Doreen Diehl, Julie Field, Linda Fong-Somera, Carmen Garcia-Gomez, Verronda Moore, Debra Payne, Cathy Spivey

Guests: Kayle Olvera (Inter-Tribal Council)

Issues	Discussion	Actions/Recommendations
1. Call to Order. Welcome & Introductions.	The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM. Self-introductions were made.	
2. Chair's Report	No report.	
3. Minutes of February 13, 2009	The minutes of February 13, 2009 were approved as written.	M/S Betsy Uda/Matt Mengelkoch to approve the minutes of February 13, 2009. Approved.
4. Member Expertise Project Wrap-Up	Michele distributed the final version of the inventory and thanked everyone for their contributions to the project. The inventory will be updated periodically. The inventory will be a useful tool to identify members' expertise.	
5. Community Building Initiative Training	<p>CBI Program Planners Julie Beyers and Linda Fong-Somera presented and over view of CBI and the types of grants available. CBI grants are intended to improve the well-being of children and families by building social capital. Social capital is the glue that holds communities together, creating support and a safer environment for members. Community grants of up to \$5000 funds activities such as interactive learning sessions focused on topics such as nutrition and health, playgroups and parental support groups, and other projects. Community grants are available three times a year. Phase 2 grants of up to \$30,000 are being offered for this first time this spring. These larger grants fund previous community grantees to continue their community building efforts on a larger scale. All CBI applicants receive support from staff in applying and successful grantees continue to receive a great deal of technical assistance throughout their projects. To date, 134 projects have received a total of approximately \$450,000.</p> <p>Committee staff Michele Watts presented an overview of the review process for CBI. Applications are reviewed by a panel comprised of CBI Program Planners, Advisory Committee member(s), and other community building expert(s). The review panelists score applications individually and then come together as a group to discuss each one and develop final scores and recommendations. CBI staff then conduct telephone interviews with applicants that are being considered for funding. The final funding decision is made by the Commission. Advisory Committee members are encouraged to consider participating in the CBI review process. Michele invited interested members to attend the next community grants review session to learn more about how the process works.</p>	
6. Commission Report	<p>Executive Director Lin Batten reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The Commission did not meet in March.➤ At the April Commission meeting, the annual evaluation report and increased funding for effective parenting will be considered for approval.➤ Budget issues: On May 19th, California voters will be asked to approve a proposition redirecting over half of First 5 funds to the state for the next five years. These funds would be earmarked for state programs serving children 0-5. Vague wording in the proposition is cause for concern, as it does not clearly state the negative impact on local programs, just that funding is needed to help children at the state level. In addition to potential loss of funds due to Proposition 1D, a decline in tobacco purchases is	

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	<p>expected due to the new federal tobacco tax to fund SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance Programs). First 5 Sacramento's combined losses would be about \$10 million in the upcoming fiscal year alone (down from \$16.5 million this year to \$6.5 to \$7.0 million in FY 2009/10). First 5 Sacramento staff and Commissioners are prohibited from lobbying on any issue, but the First 5 California Association is permitted to do so and is working on materials to oppose Proposition 1D.</p> <p>Additional details on some items listed above, including Commission agenda and meeting materials are available here: http://www.first5sacramento.net/.</p>	
7. Commission Staff Reports		
7a. Children's Health Initiatives	<p>Program Planner Debra Payne reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Healthy Kids Day, Cover the Kids annual health insurance outreach and enrollment event, will be held May 30, 2009. ➤ First 5 Sacramento is working on plans to offer a high quality training opportunity, "The Happiest Baby on the Block," which teaches parents and caregivers strategies to soothe a crying baby. Multiple trainings will be offered. ➤ An RFA to fund capital costs for one or more dental clinics will be released soon. ➤ An RFQ to identify a research group to study access to dental care will be released soon. ➤ Responses to the third tot lots RFA will be reviewed in April. ➤ The Fluoridation Work Group continues to identify strategies to fluoridate the rest of Sacramento County. There are currently ten districts in populated areas of the county that are not fluoridated. <p>Program Specialist Cathy Spivey reported that the last Bright Futures event was a success, with 118 dental and 300 vision screenings conducted. The next Bright Futures event will be April 25, 2009 in Rancho Cordova.</p>	
7b. Community Building Initiative	No report: all CBI business was covered earlier in the agenda.	
7c. School Readiness	<p>Program Planner Doreen Diehl reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Applications from new school districts are still being reviewed for the Cycle 2 School Readiness Initiative. ➤ First 5 Sacramento and the Sacramento County Office of Education will co-host a Kindergarten Transition Summit on April 25th. ➤ The Child Development Policy Institute is hosting an event, Preparing Your Program for New Opportunities, on May 2nd. 	
7d. Effective Parenting Initiative	<p>Program Planner Verronda Moore reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Responses to an RFQ from firms seeking to provide an Effective Parenting Initiative social marketing campaign will be reviewed later this month. A Stakeholders Advisory Committee has already been formed to develop initial messaging ideas and identify key populations to target. ➤ Funds to reopen the south area Crisis Nursery will be requested from the Commission at the April meeting. 	
8. Work Group Reports		
8a. Evaluation Committee	<p>Evaluation Committee alternate member Ernie Brown announced the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ At the last meeting, the committee discussed new indicators for the next Strategic Plan. ➤ At the next meeting, the committee will review the draft "Report of Evaluation of 2007/08 Services." Advisory Committee members are strongly encouraged to read this report once it is finalized and presented to the Commission. 	
8b. Financial Planning Committee	Financial Planning Committee member Ernie Brown announced that their next meeting will be March 19, 2009.	
9. Membership Report	Michele reminded members that if they have not yet completed Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, for 2008, they must do so.	
10. Future agenda topics		
11. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Alondra Thompson thanked First 5 Sacramento staff who attended the Perinatal Disparities Health Conference, "A Healthy Baby Begins with You." The focus of the conference, reducing African American infant mortality, is important and it was good to see First 5 Sacramento in attendance. ➤ Gloria Torres announced that Buena Vista Child Care Center will host an open house later this month. Everyone is invited. 	
12. Public comments	None.	
13. Adjournment	The Chair thanked members for staying an extra 10 minutes and adjourned the meeting at 4:10 PM.	Next Meeting: April 10, 2009.