

**FIRST FIVE SACRAMENTO COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
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**MINUTES: June 8, 2007**

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

**Absent Members:** None.

**Staff:** Michele Watts

**Commission Staff:** Felicia Billoups, Debra Payne

**Guests:** Barbara Curry (Black Infant Health Community Advisory Board), Janet Kinsey (Health Net), Carolyn Rich Curtis (Healthy Marriage Project), Sharon Saffold (DHHS Maternal Child Health Division), Evelyn Stone (Health Net)

Issues	Discussion	Actions/Recommendations
<b>1. Call to Order. Welcome &amp; Introductions.</b>	The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM. Self-introductions were made.	
<b>2. Chair's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Chair participated in a Cap to Cap visit to Washington DC, where he and others met with legislators regarding the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and California AB 834, an act relating to dental disease prevention programs.</li> <li>➤ A recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report on tooth decay indicates that while most age groups have experienced declines, tooth decay has increased for children under 5.</li> <li>➤ The American Dental Association has released a letter regarding fluoride intake for infants. The letter emphasizes the importance of universal fluoridation of community drinking water and advises that non-fluoridated water should be used in making infant formula. Copies of the letter were distributed to members.</li> <li>➤ Committee member Jillian Faucett shared that Delta Dental distributed a series of educational videos at a recent community health fair at the Pannell Center. One of the videos addressed the fact that cavities are contagious, which sparked some debate at Jillian's office, illustrating that additional community education is needed to on this topic. It was suggested that First 5 Sacramento could help spread this message, particularly to child care providers.</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Minutes of May 11, 2007</b>	The minutes of May 11, 2007, were approved as written.	<b>M/S</b> Betsy Uda/Rod Howze to approve the minutes as written. <b>Approved.</b>
<b>4. Advisory Committee role re Best Practices: Work Plan Action Steps</b>	<p>The Advisory Committee reviewed the proposed new work plan action steps relating to best practices:</p> <p>1. "Staff will maintain a record of presentations for review by the committee during the next Strategic Planning Cycle" will be added to the 2007 Work Plan for both Action Steps Under Goal 3 (Base recommendations and actions in knowledge of best practice models and research in child development relevant to children 0-5 and their families), Objective 3A (Ensure Advisory Committee's knowledge of best practice models and relevant developmental research).</p> <p>2. In the 2008 Work Plan, Under Objective 3B (Recommend to the Commission that funding proposals reflect best practice models), two action steps that will enable the Advisory Committee to more actively participate in the identification of best practices will be added: (1) "Work with Commission staff to have a presentation of best practices to be included in the Implementation Framework prior to its presentation to the Commission;" and (2) "Develop timeline for identifying best practices based upon Commission Strategic Planning schedule/calendar."</p> <p>One grammatical correction was also made. Copies of the revised 2007 Work Plan will be distributed to members at the next meeting.</p>	<b>M/S</b> Jillian Faucett/Rod Howze to (1) approve additions to the 2007 Work Plan re. best practices and (2) agree to include additions to the 2008 Work Plan re. best practices when it is developed in Fall 2007. <b>Approved.</b>

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<b>5. Member Presentation: Perinatal Health Issues</b>	Committee members Effie Hubbard Ruggles and Alondra Thompson made a presentation on Infant Mortality Rates (IMR), focusing on disparities between African American IMR and other ethnicities. The presentation included review of the Perinatal Periods of Risk approach, a tool for identifying areas of concentration to eliminate disparities. Copies of the presentation are available from staff.	
<b>6. Report on the First 5 California Statewide Conference</b>	<p>Committee Vice Chair Tosca Toussaint and staff Michele Watts attended the First 5 California Statewide Conference May 31- June 1, 2007 in Orange County, along with Commission staff. They each reported a highlight of the conference:</p> <p><u>Dr. Post Keynote Presentation</u> (reported by Tosca)  This presentation focused on the emotional development of young children and the negative impact that family stress can have on healthy attachment. Dr. Post emphasizes working with parents and treating the whole family, rather than just the child. He is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and founder of the Post Institute (<a href="http://www.postinstitute.com">www.postinstitute.com</a>).</p> <p><u>Equity Principles</u> (reported by Michele)  First 5 California developed "Equity Principles" to serve as a framework for ensuring cultural competency in its programs. First 5 Sacramento adopted those principles as well. First 5 California is now working to determine specific ways the principles can be put into action, with the assistance of a consultant. Michele noted that this could address concerns expressed by the RFP/A review panelists, who wanted the cultural competency elements of the proposals they reviewed to be more concrete. It will be interesting to see the outcome of this First 5 California project, which could be helpful in the next RFP/A process.</p> <p>Michele distributed a list of handouts provided at the conference. Members interested in receiving copies of any handouts were asked to mark their requests and return the list to Michele.</p>	
<b>7. Commission Report</b>	<p>Program Planner Debra Payne made the Commission report on the Executive Director's behalf.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CBI Mini Grants and Children's Action Grants were approved.</li> <li>➤ The budget for the 2007 Children's Celebration, which will be held October 13<sup>th</sup>, was approved.</li> <li>➤ A request for additional funds to cover Sacramento Suburban Water District's cost overruns on its fluoridation project was approved.</li> <li>➤ Additional funding for Baby Friendly Hospitals was approved.</li> </ul> <p>Additional details on the items listed above, including Commission agenda and meeting materials are available here: <a href="http://sackids.saccounty.net/meetings/commission-meeting/index.html">http://sackids.saccounty.net/meetings/commission-meeting/index.html</a>.</p>	
<b>8. Commission Staff Reports</b>		
<b>8a. Children's Health Initiatives</b>	Contract negotiations for "Cover the Kids" are underway.	
<b>8b. Community Building Initiative</b>	The CBI Grantee Showcase is this evening. Alondra will emcee this event.	
<b>8c. School Readiness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Planning for a coordinated, countywide School Readiness Initiative continues.</li> <li>➤ The next "Leading Ladies for School Readiness" event is June 29, 2007, when the tool kit for this project will be rolled out. On May 30, 2007, Effie participated in a radio interview about this new initiative, which promotes school readiness within African American churches and communities.</li> </ul>	
<b>9. Work Group Reports</b>		
<b>9a. Evaluation Committee</b>	Terry distributed the written Evaluation Committee report, but did not review it with members due to lack of time. No one had any questions about the report.	
<b>9b. Financial Planning Committee</b>	The committee has not met since the last report.	
<b>9c. Fluoridation Work Group</b>	The work group has not met since the last report.	
<b>10. Membership</b>	➤ The Adult and Aging Commission and Mental Health Board seats remain vacant. Michele made a recruitment presentation to the	

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<b>Report</b>	<p>Adult and Aging Commission in May; she was able to clarify that the Commission's representative on the Advisory Committee need not be a grandparent of a 0-5 year-old. Michele is awaiting a response from the Mental Health Board regarding when she can make a recruitment presentation to that group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There are six vacancies for community members with personal or professional experience with young children and families.</li> <li>➤ The Commission approved the bylaws amendments, which will extend the committee term limit to three two-year terms. Copies of the new bylaws were distributed.</li> </ul>	
<b>11. Future agenda topics</b>	<p>Alondra inquired about when the committee will engage in discussion of ways the First 5 Sacramento Commission may be able to support smaller organizations that are at a disadvantage in the competitive grant-making process, an issue that came up at a previous meeting. Michele noted that while this topic is not currently scheduled for a specific meeting, it can be included in either the retreat agenda (October) or the November meeting.</p>	
<b>12. Announcements</b>	<p>Rod Howze announced that Laura Coulthard has been promoted to Deputy Director at Sacramento County DHHS and Director of Child Protective Services.</p> <p>Betsy Uda will attend a conference about early child development at the end of June.</p>	
<b>13. Public comments</b>	<p>Carolyn Rich Curtis requested an opportunity to present on the Healthy Marriage Project at a future meeting.</p>	
<b>14. Adjournment</b>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.</p>	<p><b>Next Meeting: August 10, 2007, 2:30 PM – 4 PM.</b></p>