

FIRST FIVE SACRAMENTO COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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NOTES: November 17, 2006

Attending Members: Jude Antonyappan (Chair), Al Blum, Ernie Brown, Matt Mengelkoch

Absent Members: Effie Hubbard Ruggles (excused), Terry Jones (excused), Theresa Roberts (excused), Amy Lin Tan (excused), Tosca Toussaint (excused), Betsy Uda (excused), Kathleen West (excused)

Staff: Michele Watts

Commission Staff: Felicia Billoups, Doreen Diehl, Linda Fong-Somera, Margaret Mysicka

Guests: Faye Kennedy (Center for Collaborative Planning), Alondra Thompson (nominee), Manuel Valencia (nominee)

Issues	Discussion	Actions/Recommendations
1. Call to Order. Welcome & Introductions.	The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:38 PM. Self-introductions were made.	
2. Chair's Report	The Chair reported that there will not be a quorum at the meeting.	
3. Minutes of October 13, 2006	No action due to lack of quorum.	
4. Commission Staff Reports		
4a. Children's Health Initiatives	Program Planners Doreen Diehl and Felicia Billoups reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The planning process for a 2007 Nutrition Summit is underway. - Applications submitted in response to the Breastfeeding Support Services RFA are in the process of being scored. - Debra Payne recently completed the America's Promise application, which recognizes the 100 Best Communities Young People. Sacramento County was among the 100 Best Communities last year and hopes to receive this honor again. 	
4b. Community Building Initiative	CBI Program Planner Linda Fong-Somera reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Mini Grants</u>- The 12th round of mini grant applications were reviewed in October. The Commission approved the three applications recommended for funding on November 6, 2006. The next mini grant deadline is February 7, 2007. - <u>Children's Action Grants</u>- The Mandatory Children's Action Grant Application Workshop was October 30, 2006. Approximately 50 individuals attended. In addition to the workshop, individual groups can receive technical assistance. The application deadline is December 15, 2006. Funding is available for up to 9 grants of \$75,000 each. The application review will be held in January 2007. 	
4c. School Readiness	School Readiness Program Planner Doreen Diehl reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The First 5 California School Readiness Programs funding RFF has been released. In its reapplication, Sacramento County will seek to create a countywide approach to school readiness, with greater consistency of programs across school districts. - There will be a regional technical assistance session on school readiness evaluation in December. - The Preschool Bridging Model pilot project in Elk Grove is ramping up. 	
5. Work Group Updates		
5a. Evaluation Committee	Evaluation Committee member Al Blum reported that William McDonald and Associates will serve as the new evaluation contractor. He noted that current contractor Harder and Company will continue to serve the Commission as well, as a subcontractor of McDonald and Associates.	
5b. Financial Planning Committee	Financial Planning Committee member Ernie Brown reported that the committee has not met since his last report.	
5c. Fluoridation Work Group	No report.	

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6. Commission Report	<p>Margaret Mysicka, Administrative Services Officer III, made the Commission report in Lin's Batten's absence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>State Evaluation</u>- First 5 has served 15 million children statewide. African American children, however, are underserved by First 5, receiving fewer services than they should based upon their percentage of the overall population. The evaluation also highlighted the fact that a greater emphasis should be placed upon serving more children 0-3, in addition to children 3-5. - <u>State Audit Findings and Implications</u>- (1) First 5 California's funding of preschool ads was not a misuse of funds, (2) other questionable contracting practices were identified, (3) First 5 Sacramento will use the findings of this audit to review its own practices and ensure adherence to high standards of accountability. <p>Commission agenda and meeting materials are available here: http://sackids.saccounty.net/meetings/index.html</p>	
7. Membership Report	<p>Michele reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>New Members</u>- Three nominations will be presented to the Commission for approval: Jillian Faucett, representing Early Care and Education; Alondra Thompson, representing Perinatal Health; and Manuel Valencia, representing Education. The new members bring a great deal of expertise to the committee. b. <u>Term Limit Policy</u>- Eliminating the committee's term limit policy was informally proposed at the October meeting. It was agreed that additional information regarding this option would be provided. Michele provided a document summarizing the policies of the Human Services Coordinating Council, First 5 Sacramento Commission, and the Member Advisory Boards. HSCC, First 5 Sacramento, and half of the Member Advisory Boards have term limits. There was brief discussion of the different policies. It was suggested that the committee could leave the term limit policy in place put extend the length of each term from two years to three years. Due to the lack of quorum, no action was taken. A document summarizing the committee's options will be provided for the December meeting. 	
8. Advisory Committee Proposal and Application Review Process Update	<p>The review panels met November 8-9, 2006. Scores, strengths and weaknesses identified by the panels have been forwarded to the Commission staff and the internal review is underway. The Commission will consider recommendations for funding at two hearings in January, on the 8th and 22nd.</p> <p>Felicia thanked the members of the review panels and the staff for their efforts.</p>	
9. Work Plan 2007	<p>Michele presented the draft 2007 Work Plan. The action steps contained in the work plan reflect the Commission's strategic planning process and the input provided by Advisory Committee members at the October meeting. Due to the lack of quorum, no action was taken. The approval of the work plan will take place at the December meeting.</p>	
10. Future Agenda Topics & Announcements/ Comments	<p>The election of officers will occur at the December meeting.</p>	
11. Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.</p>	<p>Next Meeting: December 8, 2006, 2:30 PM – 4 PM.</p>