

First 5 Tuolumne County Commission
Minutes of Meeting 1:00 p.m., February 10, 2010
Tuolumne County Health Department – Conference Room
20111 Cedar Road North, Sonora, CA 95370

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Commissioner Bass (in the absence of the Commission Chair and Vice Chair).

Attendees were welcomed by Commissioner Bass and introductions were made.

Commissioners Present: Ashton, Bass, Braia, Denney, Kearns

Commissioners Absent: Alford, Branscum

Ex-Officio Members Present: Hoffman-Brady, Seegers, Thompson, Williams

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Schroeter, Sells

Staff Present: Kruse, Sprouse

Members of the Public Present:

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Action Items

1. Action on Approval of Minutes for December 9, 2009

Motion: to accept the minutes

Moved: Commissioner Kearns

Seconded: Commissioner Ashton

Motion carried, 3 ayes; Commissioners Bass and Braia abstaining, Commissioners Alford and Branscum being absent from the vote.

2. Consideration of approval of a contract with Mind Matters Clinic, Inc, for \$8,000 to provide services for children with autism and ADHD and their caregivers.

Sheila Kruse reviewed the contract benchmarks, evaluation requirements and timeline and the discussions with the clinic staff regarding referral mechanisms. Jan Kearns requested that the language in the contract be clarified consistently as to the age of children that could be served (up to their 6th birthday).

Motion: to approve the contract, with the requested change made.

Moved: Commissioner Braia

Seconded: Commissioner Ashton

Motion carried, 5 ayes; Commissioners Alford and Branscum being absent from the vote.

3. Consideration of action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to appoint Jan Kearns for a first full term as First 5 Commissioner.

Sheila Kruse reviewed the By-Law elements regarding the process for Commission recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Motion: to recommend Jan Kearns to the Board of Supervisors for a full term as a First 5 Commissioners.

Moved: Commissioner Denney

Seconded: Commissioner Braia

Motion carried, 4 ayes; Commissioner Kearns abstaining; Commissioners Alford and Branscum being absent from the vote.

Reports

4. Outcome Evaluation Summary Report for FY 08-09.

Sheila Kruse presented the report to the Commission and responded to questions. Commissioner Bass commended staff for the report.

5. Benchmark Report Mid-Year FY 09-10

Sheila Kruse presented the report to the Commission and responded to questions.

Discussion Items and Information Items

6. Form FPPC 700 reminder

Sheila Kruse reminded the Commissioners that the deadline for filing annual Form 700 was April 1, 2010 and requested that they get originals to her for filing with the Elections Department (or copies, if originals have already been filed..)

7. Executive Director Report (Kruse)

Sheila Kruse apprised the Commission of the following state issues:

- Governor's budget proposal in regards to First 5 fund balances and future funds
- LAO's current recommendation regarding First 5 funds
- First 5 CA proposed Signature Programs and the small county response
- Convening of the Small County Augmentation Workgroup
- WIC dental partnerships
- CA Cancer Research Act

Sheila also addressed the following local issues:

- "Give Kids a Smile" event on February 5th was very successful, treating 58 local children over 2 days;
- Five Mind Matters training events are scheduled in Tuolumne County in February, funded with NE Technical Assistance Funds;
- The First 5 Tuolumne website will have a new oral health page, which will be linked to the First 5 CA website through a pilot geo-tracking program.
- Sheila shared a letter from Emily Branscum stating her intent to end her term effective July 1, 2010, due to professional obligations.

8. Ad-Hoc Committee Assignments: Scoring Team

Commissioners and Ex-Officios indicated their availability to serve on a scoring team in March 2010 for community grant applications.

9. Strategic Planning and Financial Planning Discussion #2

Sheila Kruse led a discussion regarding the strategic approach for the next multiple-year funding cycle, building on the decisions and questions raised in the first strategic planning discussion in December 2009. She presented: (1) the current Strategic Plan result areas and desired outcomes; (2) a number of funding strategies to consider; (3) an overview of current funding; and (4) current

demographics for the children ages birth-five in the county. Discussion ensued. The consensus decisions were:

- The Commission supports a collaborative versus competitive approach.
- Where possible, build in some degree of flexibility to allow the Commission to take advantage of new resources or leveraging opportunities that may emerge.
- Understand that the services that emerge from the community decision-making may not be “new” but may be core service elements that are currently funded.
- Ensure that funding decisions allow for effective implementation and measurable outcomes. Communicate clearly that the Commission is not looking to allocate a reduced amount of available funds evenly between existing grantees.
- Consider asking the collaborative working group to identify the priorities, rather than having the Commission put initial limitations on the funding areas.
- Build in a process of reporting back to the Commission at key decision intervals to ensure communication in both directions.

Sheila Kruse will return with a final plan for Commission approval at the April meeting, with a proposed schedule of community planning meetings to begin in the summer of 2010.

10. Financial Report: Nov and Dec 2009

Sheila Kruse presented the combined November and December 2009 financial report.

13. Commission Reports

Commissioner Bass reported on the Tuolumne County Strategic Planning process that is currently underway and encouraged Commissioners to attend the meetings or to provide input through the on-line option. She noted that there had been no public discussion addressing the needs of young children at the public meetings to date, except in relation to other topics such as economic development.

14. Ex-Officio Reports

Adrienne Webster noted that she will inform the Commission of the opening date of the new Child Development facility at Columbia College, which will be fairly soon.

Evelyn Thompson reported that ICES, in collaboration with SELPA (Special Education), sent out 700 surveys to assess the need for child care for special needs children. ICES staff members are also developing a guide for opening child care centers (addressing issues such as licensing, fire regulations, required planning and licensing for city and county, etc.). ICES recently partnered with the County of Tuolumne staff in addressing childcare issues in disaster planning (including GIS mapping). Ms. Thompson also gave a brief update on pending workshops.

Time and location for next meeting: 1:00 p.m., April 14, 2010, Tuolumne County Health Department Conference Room.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.