



Children & Families Commission
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COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 27, 2009
 West Modesto Community Center
 401E Paradise Road, Modesto, CA 95351

Members Present: Vicki Bauman, Vito Chiesa, David Cooper, Denise Hunt (Chair), Mary Ann Lee, Nelly Paredes-Walsborn, George Skol, Dan Souza, and John Walker.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: John Sims, Executive Director; Erica Inacio, Administration; Tina Jamison, Accountant; Kirsten Jasek-Rysdahl, Program Evaluator; Luis Molina, School Readiness Coordinator; Dan Rosas, Program Monitor; and Jack Doering, Counsel.

I. Chair Hunt called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Chair Hunt welcomed those in attendance and introduced Supervisor Chiesa. Supervisor Chiesa represents District 2 and is replacing Supervisor Monteith on the Commission.

Commission and staff members were introduced.

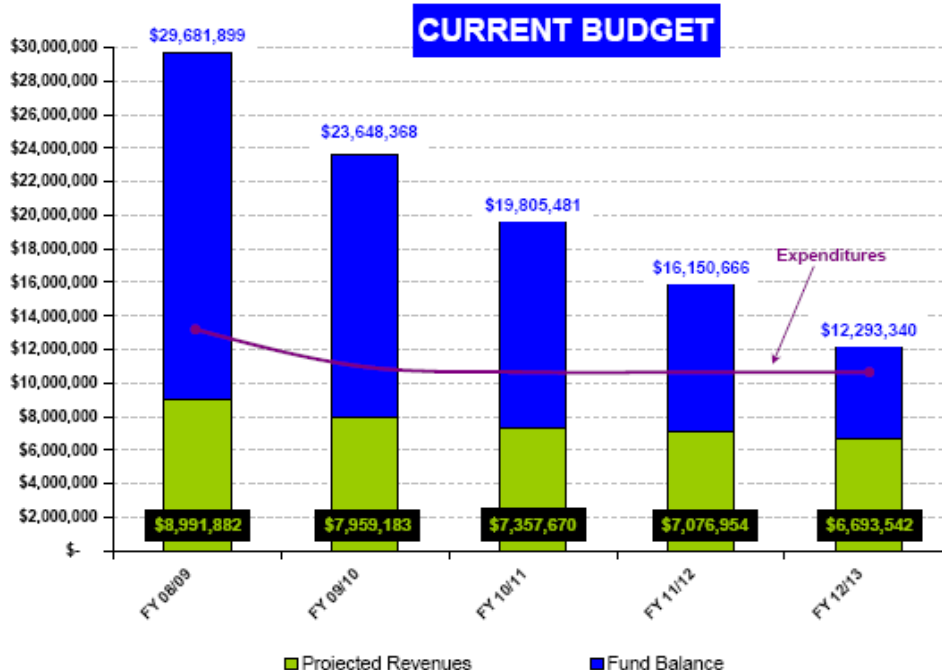
II. Commission members and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

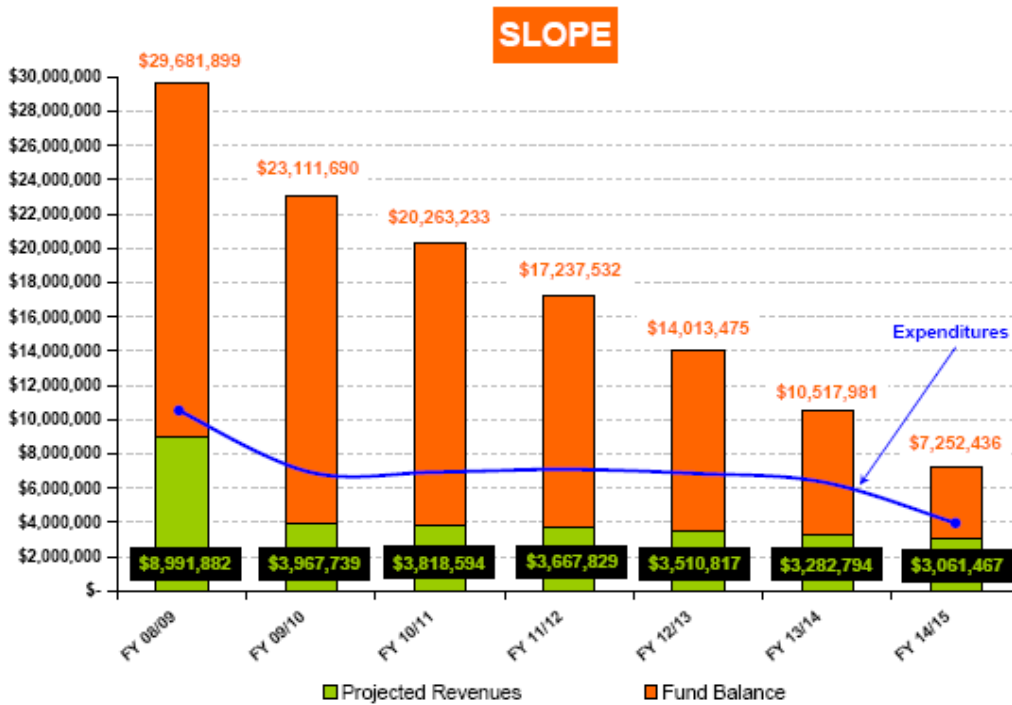
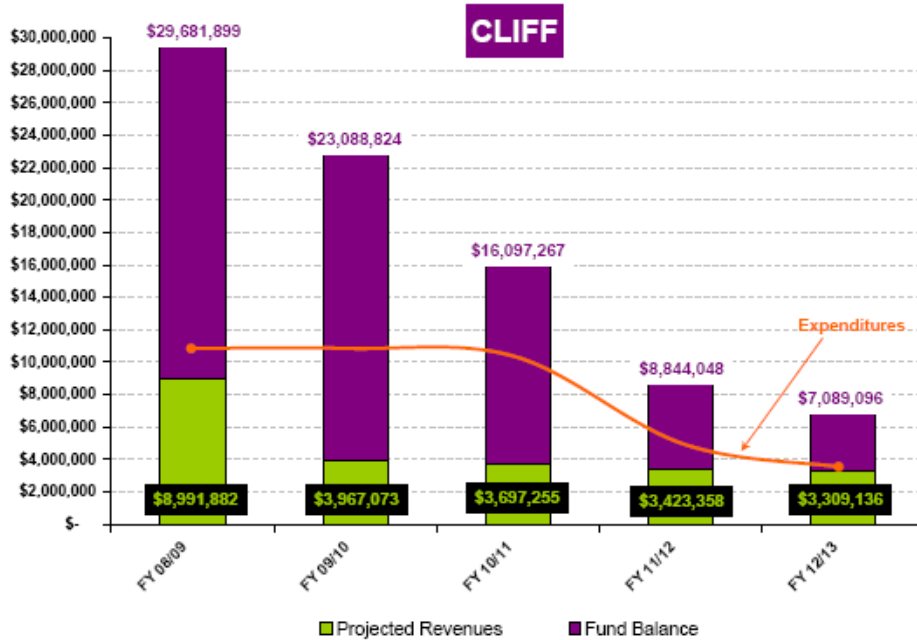
III. Chairperson Hunt presented Supervisor Monteith with a “thank you” plaque for his service in the Commission. Supervisor Monteith thanked the Commission and staff for their services to the community and recognized the challenges ahead.

IV. Public Comment – None.

V. Legislative Update – John Sims, Executive Director, presented the Commission with information on the current Commission budget and provided two other scenarios identified as “Slope” and “Cliff”. The scenarios identify the two different directions the Commission can take as it addresses potential changes to Proposition 10 funds. The State is considering diverting Prop 10 funds to address the state budget deficit and as a result Prop 10 funds may decrease by up to 50% if not more. The ballot initiative authorizing the state to divert Prop 10 funds can be on the ballot by June 1, 2009.

The following graphs are the different scenarios presented for informational purposes only.





VI. Consent Calendar

The Consent Calendar was approved. This motion included item VIII, 3 (Correspondence from Carol Shipley).

Moved Skol, Seconded Paredes-Walsborn. – Unanimously approved; abstained Chiesa.

VII. Agenda Items

A. The Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2009.

Approved on consent.

B. Executive Director's Office

1. The Commission authorized staff to pay up to \$249,082 to First 5 California for health care premiums in fiscal year 2008-2009 for Stanislaus County children ages 0 through 5 who are new enrollees in the State Healthy Families Program contingent upon:
 - Development of a reconciliation or invoicing process acceptable to the Executive Director documenting that local funds are used only for Stanislaus County children ages 0-5 who are new enrollees in the Healthy Families Program;
 - No voter approval, prior to June 30, 2009, of a statewide ballot initiative reducing County Commission revenues or reserves.

The Commission authorized staff to make a \$249,082 budget amendment / transfer from the Contracts Adjustment line item to the 2008-2009 Contract Schedule.

Approved on consent.

2. The Commission authorized the General Services Agency Purchasing Division to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) on behalf of the Children and Families Commission (and in collaboration with the Community Services Agency) for the provision of services to children by Family Resource Centers for the contract period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

It is estimated that the total cost of the contracts that may be awarded as a result of issuing this RFP will be up to \$6,178,071 over the three-year period or up to \$2,059,357 annually. The Children and Families Commission will contribute up to \$1,559,357 per year or a total of up to \$4,678,071 for the three-year period for these costs. The County will utilize federal Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) and state Child Abuse Prevention Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT) funding in the amount of \$500,000 per year or up to \$1,500,000 for the three year period for these costs. These financial supports may be revised in future years as circumstances warrant.

Approved on consent.

3. The Commission heard a presentation on the Family Justice Center. The center is envisioned to be a "one-stop shop" help center for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and elder abuse. The center would house a multi-disciplinary team of professionals under one roof and is expected to reduce the number of times victims have to tell their story and get the help they need.

The presentation was for informational purposes, but the Commission was made aware of the FJC's intent to ask the Commission for 3 year-funding of approximately \$1,000,000.

4. The Commission reviewed the Strategic Plan and decided to schedule a planning session to redefine its Strategic Plan. Staff will survey Commissioners on their availability and schedule the planning session.

C. Committee Reports

1. The Commission accepted the minutes for the Operations Committee meeting of January 14, 2009.

Approved on Consent.

2. The commission accepted the minutes for the Administrative Committee meeting of January 13, 2009 (including its Quarterly Financial Report).

Approved on Consent.

3. The commission accepted the minutes for the Executive Committee meeting of January 20, 2009.

Approved on Consent.

D. Program Reports

1. The Commission accepted the monthly reports from the CARES Project of the Child Development Training Consortium for the months of November and December 2008.

Approved on Consent.

VIII. Correspondence - **Approved on Consent**

1. Accepted a letter from Pam Reeder, President, Stanislaus Family Child Care Association, encouraging continued support of the local CARES Project.
2. Accepted a "thank you" letter from Tom Ciccarelli, President/CEO, United Way of Stanislaus County.
3. Accepted a letter from Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney, regarding the Family Justice Center.

IX. Commissioners' Reports - None.

X. Staff Report

- Dan Rosas reminded the Commission on the upcoming 6th Annual Provider Conference.

Moved Souza, Seconded Cooper to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.