



Children & Families Commission
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COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 24, 2009
West Modesto Community Center
401E Paradise Road, Modesto, CA 95351

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

Members Absent: David Cooper.

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 4:00 p.m. Chair Hunt welcomed those in attendance. Commission and staff members were introduced.

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

III. Chairperson Hunt presented Luis Molina with a five-year service pin and certificate and thanked him for his years of service.

IV. Public Comment – None.

V. Consent Calendar

The Consent Calendar was approved.

Moved Skol, Seconded Walker. Unanimously approved.

VI. Agenda Items

A. The Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2009 and the Strategic Planning Session Minutes for March 7, 2009.

Approved on consent.

B. Executive Director's Office

1. The Commission authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Brown and Armstrong in the amount of \$12,000 for the 2008-2009 annual audit / administrative compliance review.

Approved on consent.

The Commission heard a presentation on First 5 California's 2007-2008 Annual Report as required by Section 130140 (a)(1)(H) of the California State Health and Safety Code. The report is submitted to the Legislature each January.

The report summarized expenditures by result area, services in each of the result areas, and the ethnicity/race of recipients.

After the presentation, a public hearing was conducted to receive public comments. The public hearing was opened at 4:21 p.m. and hearing no comments closed at 4:22 p.m.

2. The Commission heard a presentation on the sixth annual conference results (Healthy Children / Healthy Smiles), which was held on February 28, 2009.

The conference had 296 attendees and 21 community partner exhibits. There were 2 keynote speakers and 3 breakout workshops. Overall evaluation results indicated contentment with the facility, presenters and content. The conference's total cost was around \$22,273, an average cost of \$62 per registrant.

Commissioners who attended the conference complimented staff on conference organization and topic selection.

3. The Commission reviewed the results of the Strategic Planning session held on March 7, 2009. The Commission briefly reviewed its new strategic results, goals and objectives along with new implementation strategies and funding criteria.

The Commission was provided with a draft timeline summarizing the implementation of the plan, decision making process addressing possible passage of Prop 1D, and the impact to the future funding of current Prop 10 funded programs.

C. Committee Reports

1. The commission accepted the minutes for the Executive Committee meetings of February 17 and March 16, 2009, including the monthly contract financial report.
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 January and February 2009.
Approved on Consent.

VII. Correspondence - **Approved on Consent**

1. Accepted a "thank you" letter from Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney.
2. Accepted a letter of support for the CARES Project from Cheryl Williams-Jackson, Child Development Faculty at Modesto Junior College.

VIII. Commissioners' Reports - None.

IX. Staff Report

- Jack Doering, Commission Counsel, shared with the Commission a memo from The First 5 Association explaining the prohibition of direct advocacy or use of public tax funds to take a position on Proposition ID. Mr. Doering also explained that the Commission could provide informative, neutral points of view but could not promote one side or the other. However, as a private individual, First Amendment Rights could be used to take a position.

Moved Chiesa, Seconded Lee to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.