



**Children & Families Commission**  
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**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, April 28, 2009**  
**Petersen Event Center**  
**720 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Modesto, CA**

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

**Members Absent:** Dr. John Walker

**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 4:05 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. Public Comment

- Leah Silvestre, Director, updated the Commission on the recent fire that took place at the Parent Resource Center. Administrative services will be temporarily relocated to 918 Sierra Drive in Sierra Vista's facilities. Parent services will continue to be provided at PRC's 6<sup>th</sup> Street site.
- Judy Huerta, School Readiness Coordinator for Turlock Unified School District, invited Commission members and the public to attend the "Daddy and Me Day" event at Osborn School in Turlock on May 1 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

IV. Consent Calendar

The Consent Calendar was approved.

**Moved Skol, Seconded Cooper. Unanimously approved.**

V. Agenda Items

A. The Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2009.  
**Approved on consent.**

B. Executive Director's Office

1. The Commission heard a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Program Evaluation Report. Section 130100 of the California Health and Safety Code requires the Children and Families Commission to "use outcome based accountability to determine future expenditures." This provision of law has been interpreted to require evaluations to be conducted of programs funded with Proposition 10 funds.

The Commission was briefed on the format of the evaluation and staff highlighted services provided in each of the result areas by the 27 programs evaluated. A total of 54,600 participants received services in FY 2007/2008.

It was recommended that the Commission:

- Provide training for evaluation capacity building.
- Conduct an economic impact analysis.
- Provide technical assistance / training in the areas of cost aversion / saving or cost-benefit analysis.
- Utilize information obtained through the evaluation, research, best practices, and observations of its partners to improve outcomes.

- Provide trainings in those areas deemed important by the Commission and community.
- Review the funding allocated to Improved Systems of Care.
- Implement an intuitive and comprehensive countywide data collection and reporting system.

The Commission accepted the report.

**Moved Paredes-Walsborn. Seconded Chiesa. Unanimously approved.**

2. The Commission heard a presentation on the Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission Strategic Plan. According to Section 130140 of the California Health and Safety Code, "the county commission shall, on at least an annual basis...review its county strategic plan and...revise the plan as may be necessary or appropriate."

The Commission reviewed the Strategic Plan for 2009-2011. A couple of corrections on Commissioner term dates were identified and will be corrected. After discussing the content and format of the Strategic Plan, the Commission conducted a public hearing as required by State law.

The Public Hearing was opened at 4:47 p.m. Hearing the no comments, the hearing was closed at 4:48 p.m.

The Commission adopted the 2009 – 2011 Strategic Plan.

**Moved Skol. Seconded Paredes-Walsborn. Unanimously approved.**

#### C. Committee Reports

1. The commission accepted the minutes for the Administrative Committee meeting of April 6, 2009, including the monthly contract financial report.  
**Approved on Consent.**
2. The commission accepted the minutes for the Operations Committee meeting of April 8, 2009,  
**Approved on Consent.**
3. The commission accepted the minutes for the Executive Committee meeting of April 20, 2009.  
**Approved on Consent.**

#### D. Program Reports

1. The Commission accepted the monthly report from the CARES Project of the Child Development Training Consortium for the month of March 2009.  
**Approved on Consent.**

#### VI. Correspondence - **Approved on Consent**

1. Accepted a letter for request for funding from the Stanislaus County Office of Education to assist with the development of a countywide Preschool for All Plan.

#### VII. Commissioners' Reports

1. Commissioner Souza shared with the Commission that the Hughson Health Fair drew more than 500 participants to the event.
2. Chair Hunt informed the Commission about a prevention summit taking place on May 12<sup>th</sup> which focuses on emotional health and wellness in the community. There is a \$25 registration fee.

#### VIII. Staff Report

- John Sims provided the Commission with an assessment of how current Prop 10 funded programs align with the new Strategic Plan. The assessment is for informational purposes and is not meant to be the only information to be used to determine program funding. The assessment is designed to encourage discussion on how programs align with the Commission's Strategic Plan.
- The Commission was provided with a quarterly financial report.

- John Sims informed the Commission that the Family Resource Center Request for Proposals process has been completed and that staff is currently in the process of negotiating contracts. The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to take action to approve the funding on May 19 and the Commission will see the item on their agenda on May 26, 2009.
- Dan Rosas shared with the Commission different media coverage on Proposition 1D.

IX. Adjourned the regular meeting into closed session at 5:13 p.m. to discuss a public employee performance evaluation (Executive Director) per Government Code 54954.5(e).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. with no action taken in the closed session.