



**Children & Families Commission**  
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**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 23, 2010**  
*West Modesto Community Center – Finley Conference Room*  
*401E Paradise Road, Modesto 95354*

**Members Present:** Vicki Bauman, Vito Chiesa, David Cooper (Chair), Denise Hunt, Mary Ann Lee (Vice-Chair), Nelly Paredes-Walsborn, George Skol, Dan Souza, and Dr. 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 Cooper called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Chair Cooper welcomed those in attendance. Commission and staff members were introduced.
- II. Commission members and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Public Comment - None.
- IV. Consent Calendar  
The Consent Calendar was approved.  
**Moved Skol, Seconded by Commissioner Paredes-Walsborn. Unanimously approved.**
- V. Agenda Items
  - A. The Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2010.  
**Approved on consent.**
  - B. Executive Director's Office
    1. The Commission heard a presentation on the California First 5 2008-2009 Annual Report. As required by Section 130140(a)(1)(H) of the California State Health and Safety Code, County Commissions are to hold a public hearing on the State Commission's annual report (which is submitted to the Legislature each January).  
  
The Commission heard a presentation on the report. The presentation compared Stanislaus County's program expenditures to that of the State. The percent of services by category and race were also compared. After the presentation, the Public Hearing was opened at 4:15 p.m. Hearing no comments the Public Hearing was closed at 4:16 p.m.  
  
A copy of the report can be accessed at  
<http://www.cfcf.ca.gov/pdf/press/FY0809AnnualReportFINAL012710.pdf>.
    2. The Commission heard a presentation from Ruben Imperial from Behavioral Health and Recovery Services on Proposition 63 - Prevention and Early Intervention Implementation Report. The presentation explained the planning process, the strategic objectives, and its components.  
  
In addition, the core programs were highlighted as:
      - Childhood adverse experience intervention
      - Child and youth resiliency and development
      - Adult resiliency and social connectedness
      - Older adult resiliency and social connectedness
      - Health / Behavioral health integration
      - School / Behavioral health integrationThe presentation also summarized outcomes and evaluation as it pertained to performance measures.

3. Dr. Jamie McCreary and Harold Stanislaw, CSU, Stanislaus – School Readiness Evaluation Team, presented the recommendations for the Core 4 programs. From 26 different school readiness services, four were identified with strong links to desirable Kindergarten outcomes.
  - Pre-literacy activity program accompanied by a free/low-cost book distribution
  - Parenting program in which teaching occurs through observations of parents interacting with their children
  - Behavioral health screenings and services for children in preschools and at home.
  - Kindergarten transition camp lasting four weeks or longer

The Commission was also provided with a Core 4 implementation timeline. The timeline explains the process to allocate funds to 12 School Readiness sites. The Commission discussed how many sites to be served by the new program.

Commissioner Souza made a motion to approve the establishment of a Core 4 school preparedness program at the 10 school sites previously served by the SR program.

**Commissioner Lee seconded. Unanimously approved.**

#### C. Committee Reports

1. The commission accepted the minutes for the Administrative Committee meeting of March 11, 2010, including a monthly contract financial report as of February 28, 2010.  
**Approved on Consent.**
2. The commission accepted the minutes for the Operations Committee meeting of March 11, 2010.  
**Approved on Consent.**
3. The Commission accepted the minutes for the Executive Committee meeting of March 15, 2010.  
**Approved on Consent.**

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

1. The Commission accepted a “thank you” card from Theresa Lee, CARES participant.
2. The Commission accepted a “thank you” letter from Cindy Duenas, Executive Director for Center for Human Services.
3. The Commission accepted a letter of support for continued funding of El Concilio from Dale Butler.
4. The Commission accepted a letter of support for continued funding of El Concilio from Antonio Lopez, Director of Early Childhood Care and Education from National Council of La Raza.
5. The Commission accepted an e-mail of support for El Concilio to submit a new proposal to continue providing family counseling services, from Vicki Fontana of the Hughson Family Resource Center.

#### VII. Commissioners' Reports

- None.

#### VIII. Staff Report

- Dan Rosas presented the evaluation results for the Growing Young Minds 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference held on February 27, 2010. There were approximately 370 attendees and 21 community partner exhibits. Ninety-seven percent of the attendees were female and more than 54% were Hispanic/Latino. The area of expertise for the attendees ranged from college students to teachers and administrators. The main factor in registering for the conference was professional development and more than 66% felt that the conference was excellent. The commission spent an average of \$52.53 per participant.

Chair Cooper agreed that the conference was impressive, well organized and prepared.

- To aid him in evaluation staff recommendations, Supervisor Chiesa asked that fellow Commissioner's explain their reasoning when voting to change or oppose recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.