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## Commission Meeting

January 25, 2011 @ 3:00 p.m.

Tehama County Department of Education @ 1135 Lincoln Street - Red Bluff  
In The Assembly Room

### MINUTES

**Attendance:** Paula Brown Almond, Tony Cardenas, Cynthia Cook, Beverly Grace, Mildred Johnstone, Valerie Lucero, and Charlene Reid.

Absent: Larry Champion and George Russell

#### 1. PUBLIC COMMENT

2. **CONSENT AGENDA:** These items include routine fiscal and administrative actions to be approved by a single majority vote.

- 2.1. Minutes from November Meeting
- 2.2. General Warrant Register
- 2.3. Claims

Commissioner Beverly Grace made the motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted; Commissioner Tony Cardenas seconded, motion carried 7/0.

#### 3. REGULAR AGENDA:

3.1. INFORMATIONAL: Director's Report

##### Work plan highlights:

- Policies & Procedures Review
- Collaborative proposal application analysis (CARES Plus) and writing process
- Collaborative partner meetings and teleconferences
- Quarterly program & fiscal progress reporting
- Evaluation work plan review

##### Council & Committee meetings:

- Administrative Oversight Team; Local Child Care Planning Council

Any questions, please contact Director.

##### Local Partnerships:

- CalWORKS Unit and School Readiness referral process
- Early Childhood Education Career Ladder Project

- New School Readiness Playgroup in Rancho Tehama had eight children attend! Target population is 2-4 year olds using evidence-based curriculum.

### **State Partnerships:**

- Commission Staff will attend the Staff Development Summit 2011: Changing Realities, Emerging Opportunities, Proven Strategies on January 26-28, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City, San Mateo
- Commission staff is providing input to materials being prepared by the Association to assist with developing fact sheets and other materials to help explain First 5 to the legislature and other stakeholders. The materials will reflect what we do and who is affected by the local funding commitments.
- Monitoring of state budget and its effects on First 5 Funding and local programs. June ballot initiative may be designed to take a significant amount of funding from Prop 10 revenues.

As quoted from language in the proposed budget:

*“The Governor’s Budget proposes using \$1 billion in both state and local Proposition 10 funding reserves, in lieu of General Fund, to fund Medi-Cal health services for children through the age of five. The proposal also would allow 50 percent of future state and local revenues to fund General Fund-supported early childhood services. These shifts in funding would require voter approval.”*

Alerts regarding First 5 and legislative proposal to cut funds are coming from various sources. Executive Director Snider sent an email to all local partners and the 0-5 community regarding our plans to communicate to them after the First 5 Association conference where we’ll learn more about what their plan is and the resources that are available to each county.

Camilla Delsid from Northern Valley Catholic Social Service and First 5 Butte attended a meeting at Assemblyman Jim Nielsen’s office to communicate what our rural areas are doing and what the impact would be if legislators are successful in taking Prop 10 funds from counties.

Executive Director Snider will be meeting with other small county ED’s to discuss an “equitable” way for a reduction plan. Regional designs for educating the public of the legislative plan will also be discussed.

### 3.2. INFORMATIONAL: First 5 California Signature Programs Update (**enclosure**)

- Teacher Quality Improvement Systems - Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Education Standards (CARES) Plus: First 5 Tehama submitted an application to act as lead agency and build on successes of past CARES program operated through Tehama County Department Education. Organized by First 5 Tehama, key funding and collaborative partners would work to close gaps in order to create an integrated professional development system for early educators. The local program, “Quality

Counts”, would support early learning educators working toward degree obtainment and improve school readiness for the children in their programs. Twenty-seven counties along with 10 public entities applied for the funding.

- Child Early Learning Program: no update at this time
- 3.3. INFORMATIONAL: Distribution of Conflict of Interest Forms (Collecting at February meeting) – The new form can be accessed at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=500> – this form is required every year. Commissioners were asked to bring completed forms to the February 15, 2011 meeting. An email was sent to all commissioners, First 5 Tehama staff, and consultants on January 13 indicating the access site and completion date.
- 3.4. INFORMATIONAL: Code of Ethics Certification (every 2 years) (Collecting at February meeting) – An email was sent to all commissioners (December 14, 2010) on how to access the Code of Ethics training supported by Tehama County. The web-based training takes about two hours to complete and requires a login. Commissioners were asked to contact the commission office if they have questions or require additional assistance. At the end of the training, please print the certificate of completion and bring a copy to the February 15 commission meeting.
- 3.5. INFORMATIONAL: Project Updates
- Tehama County Health Services Agency & Northern Valley Indian Health, Inc. – Mobile Dental Clinic – Mary Jacobson, coordinator, reported on the status of our tri-county collaborative project.
    - Dr. Lewis, NVIH Director presented a PowerPoint regarding services in Tehama County. NVIH qualifies for encounter billing so rate of reimbursement is higher for all services. Two dentists have recently come to Red Bluff because of the loan repayment program due to Tehama County’s designation as a Dental Health Professional shortage area.
    - Dr. Lewis also reported that NVIH has begun construction on a 15 chair dental clinic that will be located on the corner of State and Main Streets in Red Bluff (near Home Depot).
    - Commission requested Executive Director Talk with Glenn and Butte counties to see if there is interest in co-funding an anesthesiologist for oral surgery purposes. Also looking into what the Nomlaki Tribe’s new dental clinic will offer and perhaps including them in the partnership.
- 3.6. FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:
- ACTION: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report
- Commissioner Cynthia Cook made the motion to approve the Financial Committee’s report as submitted; Commissioner Paula Brown-Almond seconded, motion carried 7/0.

3.7. ACTION: Ad-Hoc Membership Committee Report

- Committee Recommends Public-at-Large Membership Candidates, Cynthia Cook, who submitted her interest in continuing in her public at-large position and a new candidate, Sister Patricia Manoli was recommended to replace exiting member, Mildred Johnstone.

Commissioner Charlene Reid made the motion to approve the Membership Committee's recommendation as submitted; Commissioner Beverly Grace seconded, motion carried 6/0 – Cynthia Cook abstaining.

3.8. INFORMATIONAL: State Budget Updates/Impacts for pregnant women and children age 0-5 – see discussion under Director's report.

3.9. INFORMATIONAL: Commissioner Updates

- Charlene Reid – The Department of Social Service is looking at ways to bear impact of proposed cuts to their program.
- Cynthia Cook – PATH's proposed homeless facility (to be located on Breckenridge at Main in Red Bluff) is on the City Council's agenda – the building will have forty beds and shower facilities. Supporters were urged to attend.

3.10. ADJOURNED

Farewell reception in honor of Mildred Johnstone was held after the meeting. Her 12 years of service to the commission is much appreciated and she will be missed.

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