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"Making a positive difference in the lives of young children"

Commission Meeting MINUTES

February 15, 2011 @ 3:00 p.m.

Tehama County Department of Education
1135 Lincoln Street, **ROOM E** - Red Bluff, CA 96080

Attendance: Commissioners Paula Brown Almond, Tony Cardenas, Larry Champion, Cynthia Cook, Beverly Grace, Valerie Lucero, Sister Patricia Manoli, Charlene Reid and George Russell.

Absent: --

WELCOME: Sister Patricia Manoli, New Public At-Large Commissioner and Cynthia Cook, returning Public At-Large Commissioner

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 January 25, 2011 Meeting
- 2.2. General Warrant Register – no report
- 2.3. Claims – no report

Commissioner Cynthia Cook made the motion to accept the consent agenda as submitted; Commissioner Larry Champion seconded, motion carried 7/0.

3. REGULAR AGENDA:

3.1. INFORMATIONAL: Director's Report

Work plan highlights:

- First 5 Educational and Civic Engagement Activities
 - Researched potential impacts of governor's proposal to redirect Prop 10 funds
 - Reviewed with county counsel the grassroots efforts to educate our local community – it was determined that the efforts could be seen as lobbying and recommended our office withdraw our efforts and refer all individuals to the First 5 Association website.
 - Regional First 5 programs met with Representative LaMalfa – shared the regional impact report.

- Chairperson Lucero commented on recent activities and stated this could be seen as lobbying the public which is not allowed; however, individual commission members and staff could send letters or educational materials on their own time.
- Semi-Annual Evaluation/Outcomes Reports
- Grantee Cluster Meeting planning
- Commission Meeting prep

Council & Committee meetings:

- Public Health Advisory Board; Program Evaluation Committee meeting; Membership Committee.

Please contact Executive Director Snider if you have any questions or concerns regarding any of these activities.

Local Partnerships:

- Dental screening held at various sites on February 9, 2011; facilitated by Mary Jacobson, Jacki Roach and Michelle Rosauer. A total of 58 students were screened.
- A 15-week Spanish Nurturing Parenting class will begin March 2 in Corning. The series is a collaboration between Tehama County Mental Health, Corning Family Resource Center, Northern Valley Catholic Social Services, West Street School, Centennial High School and School Readiness.
- About 120 children received free dental exams and treatments Saturday, February 5 at the 6th Annual Give Kids a Smile Day held at the State Theatre and the Northern Valley Indian Health Clinic. Executive Director Snider and Commission Assistant Rhonda Meadows attended.
 - The Nomlaki Tribe (Rolling Hills Casino) opened a Red Bluff Dental Clinic with one in Corning to open soon. They have stated they are interested in working with First 5 Tehama and area oral health providers in Tehama County to optimize services.

State Partnerships/First 5 Association:

- Staff from county First 5 commissions attended workshops and training sessions designed to improve and enhance county commission operations and programs. To view presentation materials and other materials provided at the summit, visit the First 5 Association website at: <http://www.f5ac.org/item.asp?id=4526>

3.2. INFORMATIONAL: First 5 California Signature Programs Update

- Teacher Quality Improvement Systems - Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Education Standards (CARES) Plus: We have been informed that the award letters for CARES Plus (locally "Quality Counts") will be delayed from the original release date of February 15, 2011, to mid-March.

- Child Early Learning Program: no update at this time.
- 3.3. INFORMATIONAL: Project Updates – TABLED – SCOE will return in April.
- Shasta County Office of Education - Child Care Referral & Education: Partners for Quality Child Care
- 3.4. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Letter RE: Governor’s budget proposal to shift Prop 10 funds to State General Fund (**enclosure**)
- Commissioner George Russell made the motion to send letters to representatives LaMalfa and Nielsen after modifications and approved by Commission Chair Valerie Lucero at signing; seconded by Commissioner Beverly Grace, motion carried 7/0.
- 3.5. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Membership Committee Report
- Review changes to Conflict of Interest and Ethics policy (enclosure)
Motion to approve the Membership Committee’s recommendation for changes to the Conflict of Interest and Ethics policy as submitted made by Commissioner Sister Pat Manoli; seconded by Commissioner Larry Champion, motion carried 7/0.
 - Review proposed changes to the Bylaws (hand-out) – commission discussed possible demographics requirements – commission is hesitant to make changes that would restrict their ability to recruit new members when needed. The commission recommended the bylaws return to the membership committee for review and return with recommendations.

Commissioner Charlene Reid entered the meeting at this time.

- 3.6. INFORMATIONAL: Evaluation Committee Report (Michelle Rosauer)
- Semi-Annual Evaluation/Outcomes Report (hand-out)
 - K-Teacher Survey Results (every 2 years) (hand-out)
- The Evaluation Committee to look at new tools and trends to use for evaluating programs and possibly revising the K-Teacher Survey.

Commissioner Larry Champion left the meeting at this time.

- 3.7. INFORMATIONAL: State Budget Updates/Impacts for pregnant women and children age 0-5
- Commissioner Paula Brown-Almond: Early Childhood Services are being scrutinized every way financial with proposed cuts of 33-36%.
 - Commissioner Charlene Reid: Proposed cuts to Social Services going into effect will impact many families and children. CSBG and CAA cuts total more than 50%. These cuts are forcing program to look at doing business different.
 - Commissioner Valerie Lucero: Flu vaccines will not be provided through Tehama County Health Services Agency this year – private providers will have vaccine along with SECH at the Health Spree.

- 3.8. INFORMATIONAL: Collection of Conflict of Interest Forms.
- 3.9. INFORMATIONAL: Collection of Code of Ethics Certification (every 2 years).
- 3.10. INFORMATIONAL: Commissioner Updates
- Commissioner Valerie Lucero: Funding cuts at TCHSA will be widespread including Maternal Child Health funding.
 - Commissioner Tony Cardenas: The Corning Rotary will hold the Wine Festival 2/25-2/26 at the Rolling Hills Casino, Corning with corn chowder and a cook off offered.
- 3.11. ADJOURN
Next meeting March 22, 2011

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