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## Commission Meeting MINUTES

April 26, 2011 @ 3:00 p.m.

Department of Education @ 1135 Lincoln Street, **Gallery Room** - Red Bluff, CA 96080

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

Absent: Charlene Reid

### 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 March 22, 2011 Meeting
- 2.2. General Warrant Register
- 2.3. Claims

Commissioner George Russell made the motion to accept the consent agenda as submitted; Commissioner Paula Brown-Almond seconded, motion carried 5/0.

*Commissioners Tony Cardenas, Larry Champion and Sister Pat Manoli entered meeting after the vote.*

### 3. REGULAR AGENDA:

3.1. **INFORMATIONAL:** Director's Report

The Annual Child Care Provider Recognition evening is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. All commissioners are invited to this open house event at Tehama County Department of Education in the Assembly Room. Refreshments and opportunities to mingle provided.

#### **Work plan highlights:**

- Legislative conference calls & updates
- 0-5 Collaborative Systems review with partners
- Quarterly Program Progress Report Monitoring
- Fiscal & Audit prep for GASB 54 implementation
- Quality Counts program & evaluation planning

**Council & Committee meetings:**

- Northern California Child Development, Inc. Community Needs Assessment Committee meeting; Administrative Oversight Team Meeting; First 5 Association Meeting.

Please call me or come and see me if you have any questions or concerns regarding any of these activities.

**Local Partnerships:**

- School Readiness – Michelle Rosauer:
  - Report on Corning collaborative kindergarten meeting held by Corning Unified Elementary School District and facilitated by Mona Miller, Woodson Elementary Principal. The District is excited to have the School Readiness in Corning.
  - Michelle attended a staff meeting of Drug and Alcohol staff to train them about the Parent Education Opportunities flyers, the Families Resource Centers, CEL, Head Start referrals, and School Readiness and the applications they can use to refer families; especially resources as PSAP ends for families. The same training was provided to the Public Health staff.

**State Partnerships:**

- First 5 Association Meeting Report:
  - Realignment and the State Budget: Guest Speaker Kelly Brooks, Legislative Representative for CSAC, shared CSAC's response to the Governor's realignment proposal and the process that has been underway the last several months.
  - Commission representatives reported on local discussion about challenging AB 99. So far 4 independent commissions have filed suit; 3 are considering joining that suit; 2 BOS (Merced & Solano) filed suits and 4 others are considering joining that suit.
  - Report from the State Commission: State commission chose to cancel its April Meeting and ED Kris Perry was unable to attend at the last minute. Her rep, Vonnie Madigan (Deputy Director of Results & Evaluation). There has been little communication, support, or leadership especially in light of AB 99. New Chair Jennifer Kent, Associate Director at the California Department of Health Care Services was described to us as a "dismantler" and as not experience in the 0-5 arena. Vonnie recommended that commissions reach out and invite state commissioners to visit programs to gain a better understanding of our work. We asked Vonnie to pass on our concerns and especially the importance of training new commissioners in order gain the understanding that First 5's job is "development" not "dismantling".

3.2. INFORMATIONAL: Project Updates

- Child Care Referral and Education: Partners for Quality Child Care. Project Coordinator, Michelle Kinner presented the program update to the commission. Project provides outreach, support, and training activities for child care providers through home visits, outreach, workshops, and technical assistance.

- 3.3. INFORMATIONAL: State Commission Response to Small County Augmentation Letter
- Chairperson Val Lucero summarized and commented on content. Director Snider is checking with the other three small counties for possible next steps. Commissioner Manoli suggested the Commission respond stating our disappointment in the process that offered no opportunities for input on the subject of withdrawal of augmentation funds. Executive Director will draft a response letter.
- 3.4. INFORMATIONAL: First 5 California Signature Programs Update
- Teacher Quality Improvement Systems/ Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Education Standards (CARES) Plus – Locally “Quality Counts”: Contracts are being held up at the State level indefinitely. Director Snider reported that the program still has not sent out the funding letters and therefore, First 5 Tehama will be withdrawing if nothing is heard by the end of the week.
  - Child Early Learning Program: No update
- 3.5. INFORMATIONAL: State Budget Updates and Local impacts for pregnant women and children age 0-5
- Senate Bill 486 to Abolish Proposition 10 Commissions Withdrawn
    - Senate Bill 486 to abolish First 5 commissions and redirect Proposition 10 revenue to the state General Fund was pulled from the Senate Health Committee hearing, and has been made into a two-year bill that could be heard by Senate Health as early as January 2012 without being reintroduced. The bill may have faced considerable opposition at the hearing, and therefore was continued to next year.
  - Other updates – none heard
- 3.6. COMMITTEE UPDATES:
- a) Financial Committee Report – Financial Committee was unable to meet so full commission reviewed the documentation and information.
- DISCUSSION/ACTION: 3rd Quarter Financial Report - Commissioner Cynthia Cook made the motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Report as submitted; Commissioner Beverly Grace seconded, motion carried 8/0.
  - DISCUSSION/ACTION: FY 11/12 Preliminary Budget - Commissioner George Russell made the motion to approve the FY 11/12 Preliminary Budget as submitted; Commissioner Larry Champion seconded, motion carried 8/0.
- b) Membership Chair Report
- ACTION: Election of Officers – Membership Chair reported that current Chairperson, Commissioner Valerie Lucero; and current Vice-Chairperson, Commissioner Charlene Reid, have agreed to serve second terms. No other nominations were heard. Commissioner Cynthia Cook made the motion to approve the Membership Chair’s recommendations for nominations as submitted; Commissioner Larry Champion seconded, motion carried 8/0.

- 3.7. INFORMATIONAL: Reminder - Strategic Planning Meeting - May 24, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. @ Tehama County Department of Education in the Assembly Room.
- 3.8. INFORMATIONAL: Commissioner Updates
- George Russell – commented on the drawings displayed in the meeting room – Great job to Corning! Also announced that the Personnel Committee will review the Executive Director evaluation for Commissioner input in closed session at the June 28<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.
  - Sr. Pat Manoli – Loves the Tehama County community and wanted to share her experiences on the commission and is happy to be a part of this group.
  - Larry Champion – “Still an on-going waiting game with the budget”.
  - Val Lucero – in final interviews for Mental Health Director.
  - Bev Grace – Is a new Community Action Agency Board member as well as a N.C.C.D. I. Board member. Congratulations Bev!
- 3.9. ADJOURN
- Next meeting June 28, 2011

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