

**FIRST 5 SAN BENITO
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Randy Brown called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Randy Brown, Kendra Bobsin, Kim Dryden, Dr. Elizabeth Falade, Kathy Flóres, Dr. Marni Friedman* and Pat Loe**

County Personnel Present: Casey Castillo, First 5 Executive Director, Martha G. Ruíz, First 5 Staff Services Analyst, Joyce Swett, First 5 School Readiness Coordinator and Irma València, County Counsel

Guest(s): Stephanie Lane & Betty Mason, San Benito County Free Library, Linda Smith, R.O. Hardin Elementary School Principal

*Dr. Marni Friedman was absent from the meeting from 10:05 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.

**Pat Loe was absent from the meeting from 10:05 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE POSTING OF AGENDA

Confirmation was made of agenda posting in Suites 8 & 10 of the Early Learning Center site on Line Street.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Kendra Bobsin moved to approve the minutes for April 2008. Kim Dryden seconded. Ayes – Bobsin, Dryden, Brown and Falade. Opposed – None. Abstained – Flóres. Kendra Bobsin moved to approve the First 5 and School Readiness budget reports for March 2008. Kim Dryden seconded. Ayes – Bobsin, Dryden, Brown, Falade and Flóres. Opposed – None. Abstained – None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

6. COMMUNICATION

- a. There was no audience communication.
- b. There was no written communication.
- c. The Commission reviewed Casey Castillo's Executive Director Report: (see detailed handout).
 - First 5 California has agreed to extend funding for CARES (Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards) up through 2009. Counties requesting the additional funding have to submit their application to the State Commission by June 5th.
 - The San Francisco Chronicle published an article regarding First 5 San Francisco which has stirred a lot of interest in how Prop. 10 funds are being used.
- d. The Commission reviewed Joyce Swett's School Readiness Coordinator Report: (see detailed handout).
 - Assessment is commencing for all Hollister School District elementary schools. Although the number of children enrolled has increased, there is still a significant amount of estimated children who are eligible but not enrolled.

7. ACTION

- a. The Commission reviewed one application for membership. Kendra Bobsin made a motion, seconded by Kathy Flóres to appoint Judy Rodríguez to the First 5 San Benito Children and Families Commission. Ayes – Bobsin, Flóres, Brown, Dryden, Falade, Friedman and Loe. Opposed – None. Abstained – None.
- b. The Commission reviewed a consideration to approve an amendment to the Collaborative Partner Contract. Casey Castillo reported the consultant met the services outlined in the contract, however, now that the RFP process has been completed, more work is needed to assist applicants in securing outside funding. After some discussion, Kathy Flóres made a motion, seconded by Pat Loe to approve an amendment to the Collaborative Partner Contract increasing funding up to an additional \$10,000 and to extend the contract up through September 30, 2008. Ayes – Flóres, Loe, Bobsin, Brown, Dryden, Falade and Friedman. Opposed – None. Abstained – None.
- c. The Commission reviewed a request to consider adoption of the First 5 Bay Area Region Policy Framework. The Bay Area Region is proposing to hire consultants to draft a regional policy framework which is expected to place First 5 agencies in a stronger position to advocate for children and families. The Bay Area Region is comprised of 12 counties and it has not been determined how the cost would be split amongst the counties. The Commission took exception with the Bay Area's proposal since First 5 California already has a policy framework in place for the state. After some discussion, Pat Loe made a motion, seconded by Kathy Flóres to support First 5 California and not break off into individual regions with their own platform policies. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: Ayes – Loe, Flóres, Bobsin, Brown, Dryden, Falade and Friedman. Opposed – None. Abstained – None.
- d. Next on the agenda were the FY08-11 Direct Service Grants. Due to potential conflict of interest, Dr. Falade, Kathy Flóres and Pat Loe excused themselves from the meeting. Irma València from County Counsel advised the Commission to file separate motions for each agency recommended for funding.
 - i) Although not recommended for funding, Dr. Friedman made a motion, seconded by Kendra Bobsin to direct staff to work with Aromas-San Juan Unified School District on identifying needs and future services for their region. Ayes - Friedman, Bobsin, Brown and Dryden. Opposed – None. Abstained – None.
 - ii) Kendra Bobsin made a motion seconded by Dr. Friedman to approve funding Chamberlain's Mental Health for FY08-11 in the amount of \$80,900 each year. Ayes - Bobsin, Friedman, Brown and Dryden. Opposed – None. Abstained – None.
 - iii) Kendra Bobsin made a motion seconded by Dr. Friedman to approve funding the Bi-National Center for the Development of Oaxacan Indigenous Communities in the amount of \$39,685 for FY08-09 with possible grant augmentation and contract extension up through 2011 pending in July 2008. Ayes - Bobsin, Friedman, Brown and Dryden. Opposed – None. Abstained – None.
 - iv) Dr. Friedman made a motion seconded by Kendra Bobsin to approve funding the Family Resource Center in the amount of \$68,000 for FY08-09 with possible grant augmentation and contract extension up through 2011 pending in May 2009. Ayes - Friedman, Bobsin, Brown and Dryden. Opposed – None. Abstained – None
 - v) Dr. Friedman made a motion seconded by Kendra Bobsin to approve funding the Emmaus House for FY08-09 in the amount of \$44,000, FY09-10 in the amount of \$42,000 and FY10-11 in the amount of \$41,000. Ayes - Friedman, Bobsin, Brown and Dryden. Opposed – None. Abstained – None.
 - vi) Kim Dryden made a motion seconded by Kendra Bobsin to approve funding the Hazel Hawkins Foundation for FY08-09 in the amount of \$57,500, FY09-10 in the amount of \$57,302 and FY10-11 in the amount of \$57,500. Ayes – Dryden, Bobsin, Brown and Friedman. Opposed – None. Abstained – None.
 - vii) Kendra Bobsin made a motion seconded by Kim Dryden to approve funding the Hollister Youth Alliance for FY08-09 in the amount of \$55,196 with possible grant augmentation and contract extension up through 2011 pending in July 2008. Ayes – Bobsin, Dryden Brown and Friedman. Opposed – None. Abstained – None.
 - viii) Kim Dryden made a motion seconded by Dr. Friedman to approve funding the Rural Mobile Preschool for FY08-11 in the amount of \$65,000 each year. Ayes – Dryden, Friedman, Bobsin, and Brown. Opposed – None. Abstained – None.
- ❖ Casey Castillo will send a note of thanks along with a Borders Gift Card to the grant readers for their time and assistance. Due to a previous commitment Dr. Friedman excused herself from the remainder of the meeting. Kathy Flóres and Pat Loe then rejoined the meeting.

8. OTHER – Future Agenda Items

- Action
 - Consider FY07-08 Budget Revision – Gecko Preschool
 - Approval of CARES Contract for FY08-09
- The next Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 10:00 AM in Suite 9 of the Early Learning Center located at 1011 Line Street – Hollister.

9. CLOSED SESSION

None

10. ADJOURN

Kendra Bobsin made a motion for adjournment. Kim Dryden seconded the motion. Ayes – Bobsin, Dryden, Brown, Flóres and Loe. Opposed – None. Abstained – None. The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 AM.