

FIRST 5 SAN BENITO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kendra Bobsin called the meeting to order at 10:02AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Kendra Bobsin, Ricki Mazzullo, Randy Brown, Kim Dryden, Kathy Flóres and Dr. Marni Friedman*

Commissioners Excused: Dr. Elizabeth Falade, Pat Loe and Lou Medeiros

County Personnel Present: Casey Castillo, First 5 Executive Director, Martha G, Ruiz, First 5 Staff Services Analyst and Irma València, County Counsel

* Dr. Marni Friedman was absent from the meeting from 10:02 a.m. to 10:12 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

Casey Castillo passed out a revised First 5 Budget Report for June 2007. The changes were a decrease in Communication costs and an increase in Other Consultant costs for FY06-07 Evaluation Services. Kathy Flóres moved to approve the minutes for July 2007 as well as the First 5 and School Readiness budget reports for June 2007. Ricki Mazzullo seconded. Ayes – Flóres, Mazzullo, Bobsin, Brown and Dryden. Opposed – None. Abstained – None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Kendra Bobsin stated there would be no closed session (Items 9-10).

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). Casey highlighted the following sections on the First 5 Association's Prop. 10 Briefings report:
 - Page 11 notes the State Commission's cost for evaluation. Page 12 reports the State Commission approved \$20 million to compliment the Governor's pending health proposal. Page 7 outlines the State Commission's Strategic Plan Framework and Page 3 discusses the ABCD (Assuring Better Child Health and Development Screening) Initiative.
 - Casey reported County Commissions are asking the State to come up with initiatives which every county can participate in (i.e. school readiness, etc).
- d. The Commission reviewed Joyce Swett's School Readiness Report (see detailed handout).

7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. None.

8. ACTION

- a. Casey Castillo reported an application for Emerging Opportunity Funding was received from the San Benito County Free Library. The Library is seeking funds to purchase a "Bookmobile" van which will travel to various sites throughout the county. Casey noted the Library is requesting the Commission fund only 10% of the overall project cost since approximately 10% of the population served by the Bookmobile is expected to be between the ages of 0 to 5. The remaining 90% of the budget is expected to be funded through other sources. The Commission had concerns with rural areas being served adequately by the Bookmobile as well as the Library having a work plan with number of participants served and whether outside funding would be secured. After some discussion Ricki Mazzullo made a motion to approve the Library's request for Emerging Opportunity funding with matching funds for operation and a Scope of Work to include cooperation with other First 5 funded projects and a list of collaborative partners. Dr. Friedman seconded the motion. Before the motion was approved, Ricki amended her motion by adding the Library's amount of Emerging Opportunity funding for FY07-08 is \$37,924. Dr. Friedman seconded the amended motion. The vote was all in favor.

9. OTHER - FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- o Closed Session
 - Public Employee Evaluation: Executive Director
- o The next Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 10:00 AM in Suite 9 of the Early Learning Center located at 1011 Line Street – Hollister.

10. ADJOURN

Kathy Flóres made a motion for adjournment. Randy Brown seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37AM.