

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

REGULAR MEETING

**Meeting Minutes**  
September 6, 2006

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Excused: Dr. Elizabeth Falade

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

Guest: Paul Shen

\*Dr. Marni Friedman was absent from the meeting from 10:02 a.m. to 10:05 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**

Lou Medeiros moved to approve the minutes for August 2006 as well as the Prop. 10 & School Readiness budget reports for July 2006. Ricki Mazzullo seconded. Ayes – Medeiros, Mazzullo, Bobsin, Brown, Dryden, Flóres and Loe. Opposed – None. Abstained – None.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

- a. Kathy Flóres moved to add Action Item "*Gecko Preschool – Request for Budget Revision*" to the Agenda. Pat Loe seconded. The vote was all in favor.

**6. PRESENTATION**

- a. Larry Imwalle from the Action Council of Monterey gave an overview of their FY 2005-2006 Evaluation Report draft and asked the Commission to send him any comments and/or suggestions within the next 2 weeks. The Commission thanked Larry for his presentation.

## **7. COMMUNICATION**

- a. Dr. Friedman introduced medical student Paul Shen to the Commission.
- b. There was no written communication.
- c. The Commission reviewed the Executive Director Report: (see detailed handout)
- d. The Commission reviewed the Sustainability Coordinator Report: (see detailed handout)
  - In regards to item 3, a "Peer to Peer Mentoring" meeting will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Kellie developed a media connection with local newspapers to announce the approval of a grant from Target for "Raising a Reader".
- e. The Commission reviewed the School Readiness Coordinator Report: (see detailed handout)
  - The afternoon session of the First 5 Preschool will include a minimum of 5 children with special needs.
  - AB172 (Universal Preschool) has passed both houses and is pending final signing.
  - Classes for "Redirecting Children's Behavior" will be held for this fiscal year.
  - Implementation of the School Readiness "Raising a Reader" program will begin in October.

## **8. ACTION**

- a. Emergency Item: *Gecko Preschool – Request for Budget Revision*. Casey Castillo explained Gabilan Hills would like to replace the home visiting portion of their Gecko Preschool program with a second classroom session. The request is made because outcome results reveal that center-based students score higher than home-based students on final assessments. It has also been difficult to administer the home-based program. The funding amount would not change since costs would be shifted to their center based program. Kathy Flóres moved to approve Gabilan's Request for Budget Revision. Randy Brown seconded. The vote was all in favor.
- b. The Commission reviewed a draft of an agency endowment contract with the local Community Foundation. The Commission had suggestions for minor changes to the agency contract. Pat Loe moved to give the Executive Director permission to negotiate the contract with the Community Foundation and once approved move monies to the Community Foundation. Dr. Friedman seconded. The vote was all in favor. Randy Brown agreed to participate in the contract negotiation. The final contract will be brought back as an action item at a future meeting.

## **9. OTHER - FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- For review and approval
  - 05-06 Annual Report
  - 05-06 School Readiness Report
- The next Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at 10:00 AM. in Suite 9 of the Early Learning Center located at 1011 Line Street – Hollister.

## **10. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

## **11. ADJOURN**

Lou Medeiros made a motion for adjournment. Kim Dryden seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 AM.