

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

***SPECIAL* COMMISSION MEETING**

Meeting Minutes

March 10th, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dr. David Redman called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM

ROLL CALL / INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioners Present:

- ❖ Dr. David Redman
- ❖ Tracey Belton
- ❖ Mary Damm
- ❖ Elias Barocio
- ❖ Margie Barrios

Commissioners Absent:

- ❖ Mindy Sotelo
- ❖ Tina Garza
- ❖ Cristina Banuelos
- ❖ Marni Friedman

First 5 Staff Present:

- ❖ Carly Offermann
- ❖ Sarah Beatie

Guests:

Vicki Fortino

2. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

NONE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

4. FOLLOW-UP ON 211 SAN BENITO AND NEXT STEPS

Tracey Belton opens to floor for Vicki Fortino to give her updated on the status of 211 and where we are to go from here. She announces that she got the services for 211 turned back on. Interface allowed United for San Benito to turn it back on and have until July 2025 to figure it out. Missing information is because Lisa Faulkner and Raymond Garcia are no longer working for First 5 San Benito. Vicki thought that all was well, and First 5 San Benito was set to take over services. Her hope for today's meeting is that First 5 San Benito will fund the outstanding invoices from July 2024-November 2024 and Interface is willing to be patient on the payment. Vicki wants to make it right with the call center as 211 is a vital service for San Benito County. Vicki needs time to work out where the home for 211 will be if First 5 San Benito can no longer be the lead. Vicki is here for questions we may have.

Redman said we discussed that 211 was supportive. We do not have the capacity to be the main host for it at this time given the absence of an Executive Director.

Vicki's last convo with Lisa was for the relaunch. We have a case to say we would pay up until November because that was when they were notified, we could not continue. There's a case to not pay December 2024-February 2025, but not for July 2024 to November 2024.

We have 5 pending invoices, which equal a little over \$14k in total. The ask from Vicki is that we pay that amount so that United for San Benito to move forward. That is Vicki's hope.

Redman any other comments?

Commissioner Mary Damm asked to look at the budget.

Carly Offermann shows special projects line item upped to include the pending 14k. Carly put it at \$20k to account for the outstanding invoices should First 5 move forward with paying them.

Commissioner Mary Damm expresses there was an obligation, it was assumed that First 5 would take over. No other way to see that anything else was planned.

Vicki: mentioned the CPUC, that needs to remain with First 5 until June 30th even through the MOU will be with United for San Benito. CPUC needs to be kept on for the remainder of the year.

No further discussion, voting begins.

Tracey Belton made a MOTION to resend the previous recommendation from February 19th meeting.
SECOND: Mary Damm All in favor, MOTION PASSED.

Tracey Belton made a MOTION to pay the five pending invoices with Interface. We will remain the lead entity for CPUC until June 30, 2025.
SECOND: Mary Damm All in favor, MOTION PASSED.

Vicki wants to reiterate that payments can be made by June 30th if we want to spread it out.

Redman and Mary agree that we will pay them all at once or before June 30, 2025.

Vicki appreciates the support.

5. ADJOURN

No further business coming before the Commission, meeting adjourned at 12:21pm.