



**September 29, 2008
Commission Meeting Minutes**

Commission Members Present in Ukiah:

Jeremy Mann	Alison Glassey	Lucresha Rentería
Paul Tichinin	Diane Pauli	David Colfax

Commission Members Present in Fort Bragg: None

Commission Members Absent: Mary Elliot, Jim Levine, Tammy Scott

Staff Present in Ukiah:

Anne Molgaard	Candace Pomilia	Natalie Swiencki
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Staff Present in Fort Bragg: None

Public Present in Ukiah: Donna Pierson-Pugh, Jill Carey, Suzy McConnell, Andrew Vogler

ITEM 1 Welcome and Introductions by Commission Chair, Jeremy Mann

ITEM 2 Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items: None

ITEM 3 Consent Calendar

- A. Approve Meeting Agenda
- B. Approve Draft Minutes of August 18, 2008 Commission meeting

Motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar: Motion/Tichinin, Second/Pauli (Glassey, yes; Mann, yes; Pauli, yes; Rentería, yes; Colfax, yes; Tichinin, yes). Passed.

Anne Molgaard thanked Andrew Volger for his year of service as a VISTA member with the MCOE School Readiness Program. Suzy McConnell, his supervisor at MCOE, presented a plaque of appreciation to Andrew. Andrew spoke a few words about FIRST 5 Mendocino and how our work together throughout California deeply impressed him.

Maximize Operational Effectiveness (ITEMS 4 –5)

ITEM 4 Director's Report

Executive Director Anne Molgaard presented highlights of recent activities:

1. Director Molgaard reported that the Pediatric Dental Initiative has treated 450 children since opening their doors and that she still serves on the PDI board. FIRST 5 Mendocino was asked to attend the October 16th annual luncheon where an annual award will be handed out. Marin and Napa are now using PDI. Public attendee Jill Carey asked if there was transportation assistance available for children and parents.

Director Molgaard explained that there is assistance available and the dentists can refer the person to available transportation assistance.

The S.H. Cowell Foundation will be visit PDI on Saturday, October 18. They will continue to Ukiah to meet with all their Mendocino County grantees at Plowshares for lunch. Anne opened the invitation to all Commissioners.

2. FIRST 5 Mendocino is recruiting for its 2009 VISTA positions which will start service in December of 2008. Ashley Hileman has accepted the Nutrition and Fitness position which will be housed in the FIRST 5 Mendocino office. FIRST 5 is still recruiting for the Outreach position, Hunger Prevention position, Child Abuse Prevention position, 2 School Readiness positions, and an Oral health position.
3. FIRST 5 has contracted with many of the Family Resource Centers. The FRC's are building a network such as the community clinics forming ARCH. The Network hired former Commissioner Carol Morhorst as a consultant. Diane Pauli wants to have a meeting at an FRC so she can see the outcome of the funding.
4. Director Molgaard reported that she is sitting on the Policy Council on Children and Youth sub-committee to make recommendations to PCCY at how to distribute Office of Child Abuse Prevention funding.
5. Food for All Mendocino is forming to prevent hunger in Mendocino County. Made up of NCO, food stamps staff, Public Health, UC Cooperative Extension, etc.
6. FIRST 5 staff met with Mel Lightbody, County Librarian, about the Imagination Library. Follow-up meetings are scheduled with the individual branches, Friends of the Library, and the board-appointed Library Advisory Committee. will meet with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Advisory Board. Outreach Coordinator Natalie Swiencki is working on a brochure and campaign planning.
7. Commissioner Pauli asked about Raise and Shine class attendance. Director Molgaard responded that the college classes were drawing a lot of students and had been over-enrolled each time.
8. FIRST 5 California is ending its current contracts in order to design its roadmap to the future. The state is forming a committee to study and compare the data, looking at what's going on in world, and deciding what to spend their funds on—Legacy Programs.

As of June 30th, 2009 all state funding will end, which means CARES and Special Needs Project will not be funded. School Readiness will continue until June 2010.

There will be at least one year of no state match for any program.

ITEM 5 Fiscal Reports

The County of Mendocino has not yet closed their books. We must await its year-end figures to reconcile our books.

Children Ready to Learn (ITEMS 6)

ITEM 6 Changing Demographics of Children

Paul Tichinin presented - Who says we're not getting our money's worth from our public school system? Highlights included: California is educating 53% more kids than ever; in 25 years there has been a 382% increase in different languages; 89% increase in the number of children with special needs; California schools run the largest food service delivery program and transportation system; California ranks 50th of 50 states in staff to

student ratio; reading scores have gone up, math scores gone up, secondary math and science up; students taking 40 % more college bound classes than 4 years ago; more students are passing the high school exit exam.

Commissioner Pauli points out that Ukiah Unified had a consistent 2% population increase which made planning much easier. The decrease in students reflect the high housing costs for young families and the downward economy, especially on the north coast. Births projected to increase over the next 8 years. FIRST 5 Mendocino needs to consider birth rate increase.

Diane commented that “it isn’t just a numbers game, but rather the societal fabric has changed.”

Knowledgeable, Nurturing Community (ITEMS 7-8)

ITEM 7 Anderson Valley Family Resource Center Building

Donna Pierson-Pugh re-visited their request for \$28,348 to purchase Anderson Valley Family Resource Center building. The FRC acts as a hub to the community in Anderson Valley as houses such programs as Threads of life, the car seat program, and the Young Mothers program. Anderson Valley School District is offering \$19,000 toward the purchase of building, they are asking for the remaining \$28,348 from FIRST 5 Mendocino.

Commissioner Colfax commented that the documents in the proposal are sloppy, the center profile does not give convincing information, and that FIRST 5 is being asked to take on larger portion of funding than AVUSD.

Anne asks if there would be a full time 0-5 administrator. What would happen if building not being used for 0-5, take the building back? Donna states the programs will continue. David states he may be concerned about “mission drift”.

Discussion ensued. Paul proposes we give a 3 year interest free forgivable loan, still a grant but if AV comes back and states they are not offering services 0-5 then AV owes F5 money for the building as F5 doesn’t want/need building.

Motion was made to grant the money in the form of a 3 year forgivable loan in the amount of \$33,900 based on 0-5 using this facility: Motion/Tichinin, Second/Colfax (Glassey, yes; Mann, yes; Pauli, yes; Rentería, yes; Colfax, yes; Tichinin, yes). Passed.

ITEM 8 Partnership with the Courts

A brief discussion regarding Presiding Judge Cindy Mayfield’s correspondence. What could FIRST 5 Mendocino do to help our mutual clients? Staff will speak with Carol Park to see how we might leverage funding and energy.

Healthy Children (ITEM 9)

ITEM 9 Healthy Kids Mendocino (HKM)

Megan Van Sant from Healthy Kids Mendocino shared a story about the Bradley Family in Laytonville. Both kids were covered under HKM and otherwise wouldn't have been able to get the needed medical care.

HKM Policy and Planning Committee voted to increase the family premium for upper level income families. Monthly family contribution for cal-kids is \$7 per child per month, increased to \$20 per kid per month. Steady increase in the number of kids enrolled. Moving forward with school based enrollment partnered with MCOE who has employee outreach in the class room.

HKM won California State Associations of California challenge award for 2008.

Recognition on Nov. 4 at Board of Supervisors' meeting.

Commissioners expressed concern about the high level of disenrollment. In order to understand the data more deeply, Megan pulled 20 individuals that should have been enrolled for a year to see what was going on. Out of the 20, 14 were still enrolled.

HKM staff contacted all the families. Out of 6 families, 3 had a gap in coverage and re-enrolled, they were well aware they weren't covered. One family had moved, one was under-income and so went on MediCal. One family could not be located.

Dr. Mann had thought that everyone would be tracked and reminded about enrollment, payments, etc. HKM doesn't have access to all data so it is impossible to track everyone. HKM will upgrade its reminder system and will report back.

Nuestra Casa received foundation funding to partner with the Cancer Resource Center to train with individuals to make the most of their medical coverage/appointment.

HKM will partner to improve smart insurance and health care utilization among its clients.

ITEM 10 Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Mann went to Chicago at the request of Dr. Chasnoff (fetal alcohol syndrome specialist).

Commissioner Pauli – will be great grandma in March. She has watched Sid the Science Kid, a PBS program funded through First 5 California, with her granddaughter. It is a high quality program.

Commissioner Glassey noted that on Oct. 27 both Commissioner Colfax and she will be in Board of Supervisor hearings.

ITEM 11 Upcoming Meetings and Announcements

Staff noted the following events:

- **PDI'S 3RD ANNUAL LUNCHEON AT CHARLIE'S AND OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, October 16, 2008, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM. Charlie's Restaurant at Windsor Golf Club, 1320 19th Hole Drive, Windsor; PDI: 1360 19th Hole Drive, Windsor.

- **NUESTRA CASA'S LA BODEGA V**

Saturday, October 11, 2008, 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Frey Vineyards, 14000 Tomki Road in Redwood Valley, CA 95470.

- **FIRST 5 MENDOCINO COMMISSION MEETING**

Monday, October 27, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

- **FIRST 5 MENDOCINO COMMISSION MEETING**

Monday, December 8, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.