



**March 26, 2007 Commission Meeting  
Minutes**

**Commission Members Present in Ukiah:**

Jeremy Mann                      Mary Elliott  
Diane Pauli                        David Colfax

**Commission Members Present in Fort Bragg:**

Lucresha Rentería (arriving at 1:25)      Betty Smith      Paul Tichinin

**Staff Present in Ukiah:**

Anne Molgaard, Executive Director  
Kirsten Jack, Executive Secretary  
Beth Howson, Nutrition & Fitness Coordinator  
Nina deCordova Wright, Program Officer

**Staff Present in Fort Bragg:**

Sara Hilgendorf, Outreach Coordinator  
Sabra Lugthart, Communications Coordinator

**Public Present in Ukiah:**

Linda Nagel                        Camille Schraeder                      Karin Wandrei  
Jill Carey                            Tammy Scott

**I. Welcome and Introductions by Commission Chair Jeremy Mann**

**II. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items**

Linda Nagel, Mendocino County Child Care Planning Council member, provided Commissioners with an update concerning large Family Child Care fees. There was a discrepancy between the County and State definitions of Family Child Care centers, the planning department was very responsive and adjusted their fees downward.

Tammy Scott, former Commissioner, asked the Commission to consider her reinstatement as a FIRST 5 Mendocino Commissioner. Commissioner Tichinin suggested that this discussion be continued at our next Executive Committee's meeting in April.

**III. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve Agenda
- B. Approve Draft Minutes of 2/26/07 Commission Meeting

Motion made to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion/Pauli, second/Tichinin. (Mann, yes; Tichinin, yes; Smith, yes; Pauli, yes; Rentería, yes; Elliott, yes; Colfax, yes). Passed.

**IV. Business Items**

**A. Reports**

### 1. Director's Report

Director Anne Molgaard clarified the various items in her written report, including a discussion concerning the recent protest filed by SRI International to the First 5 California evaluation services request for proposals.

### 2. Fiscal Reports

After review and discussion, a motion was made to approve the Fiscal Reports for January 2007. Motion/Tichinin, second/Elliott. (Mann, yes; Colfax, yes; Pauli, yes; Smith, yes; Rentería, yes; Elliott, yes; Tichinin, yes). Passed.

### 3. Community Outreach

Communications Coordinator Sabra Lugthart presented the Commission with a PowerPoint presentation of FIRST 5 Mendocino's Annual Report. Commissioner Mann encouraged staff to share our PowerPoint presentation with partners and community members.

Community Outreach Coordinator Sara Hilgendorf reviewed items in her written report, highlighting the upcoming TV Turn Off Week, which included a brief discussion on the scheduled events.

### 4. Raise & Shine

Program Officer Nina deCordova Wright reported on the international Triple P conference, focusing on remarkable preliminary results from the population-level trial of Triple P in South Carolina. She also reported on a recent training in Triple P Levels 2 & 3 and an upcoming "refresher training" for last year's Level 4 & 5 trainees.

Camille Schraeder of Redwood Children's Services then told the Commission how important attendance at the Triple P conference had been for RCS. The staff member who attended learned how effective Triple P is for children with autistic spectrum disorders and other serious mental health challenges. As a result, RCS has decided to train all staff members assigned to interact with children to use Triple P methods. In addition, RCS hopes to raise funds and collaborate with other agencies to bring "Teen Triple P" to Mendocino County. (RCS cares for about 130 children in group homes, and also provides mental health care to about 150 children living in the community.)

Ms. Schraeder then reported on her efforts to secure Title IV-E funding through the division of Social Services for Triple P training for the staff of DSS, Family Resource Centers, and other agencies. She commented on the need to saturate the community with a critical mass of Triple P trainees, and thanked Commissioners for bringing this program to Mendocino County.

Commissioner Rentería then asked for clarification about the role of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire: Social-Emotional (ASQ:SE) in the referral process. Nina explained that the ASQ:SE *can* be used in referring children, but does not *need* to be used in referring children. She also promised, at Commissioner Renteria's request, to provide an update on the referral process and other issues to the Virtual Door, a group of mental health professionals that meets monthly in Fort Bragg.

Commissioner Pauli asked for a report on the Positive Parenting class at Mendocino College. Anne reported that the first class began with 24 participants and ended with 24 participants – indicating that the material was well received. Nina reported that ten parents and child care providers had signed up for the second class, and that more were expected to join. Commissioner Smith asked for an update on holding the same class at College of the Redwoods. Nina told her that the one Fort Bragg provider who could teach the course was not willing to begin until September at the earliest.

Commissioner Smith then asked for clarification of a comment in the monthly packet that FIRST 5 and its partners were “determining how to shift from a centralized, coordinator-dominated structure to something more behavioral and more self-regulating.” Anne and Nina explained that this program is shifting to a more effective model of service delivery in which: (1) the program is broadly marketed; (2) families go directly to providers of their choice; (3) there is no need for a centralized coordinator to receive referrals, shepherd families through the system, or monitor their satisfaction; and (4) partners have sufficient incentives, financial and otherwise, to play the roles we need them to play.

**B. Grantee Progress Reports**

Director Molgaard distributed a Grantee Progress Report and discussion followed.

**C. Strategic Planning for 2007-2010**

Commissioners discussed the details of the upcoming countywide Community and Key Leader Surveys. Information received will be included in FIRST 5 Mendocino’s strategic planning process.

**D. Commissioner Reports**

None.

**V. NEXT MEETINGS**

A. Executive Committee Meeting: April 18, 2007

B. Commission Meeting: April 30, 2007