



October 17, 2016

Commission Meeting Minutes
Mendocino Office of Education

Commission Members Present

Lucresha Rentería	Jim Flaherty	Paul Tichinin
Ben Anderson	Dan Hamburg	Tammy Moss Chandler

Commission Members Absent

Jeremy Mann	John Passalacqua	Bryan Lowery
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Public Present who signed in

Julie Grover (new NCO AmeriCorps)

ITEM 1 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Rentería called the meeting to order at 1:22 p.m. and welcomed visitors. The Commission, staff, and guests made introductions.

Commissioner Rentería introduced Roseanne Ibarra as the new Executive Director for FIRST 5 Mendocino and Tammy Moss Chandler as the new Commissioner for FIRST 5 Mendocino.

Commissioner Flaherty joined the meeting at 1:30

ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED

Commissioner Rentería asked for public comment. None received.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR (Action)

Meeting Agenda
Draft Minutes from June 3, 2016 Planning Meeting

Motion made to approve the Consent Calendar.
Motion/Tichinin, Second/Flaherty (all ayes, no nays) Motion Passed.

REDUCED SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND IMPROVED PARENTING

ITEM 4 RECOGNITION OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS

Executive Director Ibarra thanked the AmeriCorps members, Stephanie Zazueta, Maria Avalos and Tanya Ayala for their services and awarded them with a certificate from Congressman Huffman's office thanking them as well.

ITEM 5 FISCAL REPORTS (Action)

Executive Director Ibarra explained to the Commission that in the June fiscal report, they were \$84,000 in the red at the end of the fiscal year due to not having received their receivables which would have been the Prop 10 Allocation for the month of June, as well as payments from their early start contracts. The audit reflects they did receive it.

Motion to accept the Fiscal Report for May and June 2016
Motion/Anderson, Second/Flaherty (all ayes, no nays) Motion passed.

ITEM 6 **INDEPENDENT AUDIT** (*Action*)

Commissioner Tichinin commented that the best thing for the audit to have is “no findings” at the end of the report.

Motion to accept the Independent Audit
Motion/Tichinin, Second/Anderson (all ayes, no nays) Motion passed.

ITEM 7 **2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT** (*Action*)

Jenna Munos, Administrative Fiscal Manager, presented to the Commission the total expenses for 2015-16 which includes total grant expenses and expenses that would come out of Prop 10 funds.

Support /Shared Programs

69% of the budget went to shared/support programs such as the Family Resource Center (FRCs) grants, Title IV-E trainings, The Sandbox grant and start-up loan, outreach, the Parenting Apart Workshop (PAW) and Supervised Visitation (SV). A total of \$928,751 was spent on shared and support programs. There were a total of 366 children who received services from the FRCs countywide; the majorities being served were parents. Title IV-E is a federal grant that is used to train practitioners and other agencies, which serve foster care children and families, in the Positive Parenting Program method. Child Welfare Services Agencies and Ukiah Unified School District are currently being trained. 14 parents were provided access to an immigration attorney. 51 people conducted SVs and 114 parents attend PAW.

Improved Parenting

18% (\$233,231) went into improved parenting; serving a total of 4,546 children and 1,220 parents. For Imagination Library (IL), they reached a total of 4,222 children with the help of Women, Infants and Children (WIC), rotaries, and Mendocino Community Health Clinic (MCHC). 216 children from Mendocino County were served at Pediatric Dental Initiative (PDI) and a total of 397 Kits for New Parents were provided to parents through local agencies and physicians. 133 parents and 108 parents were served by Triple P groups and other services provided.

Decrease Substance Abuse

5% (\$69,556) went into decrease substance abuse; serving a total of 60 children and 83 parents. The three grants they have are, Family Dependency Drug Court (FDDC), Ford Street Project and Triple P Recovery Support. FDDC served 40 parents through their Peer Mentor Program and there were 32 children of those parents who attended. Ford Street project served 14 parents and 20 children and had a 33% success rate. Triple P Recovery Support held 3 groups, 1 inland and 2 on the Coast. A total 26 parents completed the group and 5 children were those of parents who completed the group.

Population served was a total 5,008 children through 2015-16 and 3,104 were served through their programs and grants. Commissioner Tichinin asked how it would break down compared to the county population. Jenna clarified she wasn't sure but she could find out. Commissioner Flaherty noted that on the parents it was at 58.5% that were of unknown race and asked if it was due to parents not disclosing their demographics. Jenna commented that a large part of their unknown demographics come from their FRC's because while they report on their walk-ins they do not always get their demographic information due to the kind of services they are providing. Executive Director Ibarra informed the Commission that Lydia Lopez, ARC FRC Program Manager, shared that she feels unsure about asking those walk-ins to report their demographics because it might be something that will keep them from going back again for services.

Motion to accept and approve the 2015-16 Annual Report with the addition of the comparison to the county population
Motion/Flaherty, Second/Hamburg (all ayes, no nays) Motion Passed.

ITEM 8 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** (*Action*)

Commissioner Rentería let the Commission know that the Executive Committee has nominated Commissioner

Tichinin as the Chairperson and she will be the Vice Chair. Commissioner Mann can no longer be on the Executive Committee. There are now two open seats.

Motion for Commissioner Tichinin to be the Chairperson and Commissioner Rentería to be the Vice Chairperson

Motion/Anderson, Second/Flaherty (all ayes, no nays) Motion Passed.

ITEM 9 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE (Action)

Commissioner Rentería asked the Commission to let Executive Director Ibarra know if the schedule will work for the Commission.

Motion to approve the 2017 Commission Meeting Schedule

Motion/Anderson, Second/Flaherty (all ayes, no nays) Motion Passed.

ITEM 10 RESOLUTION 16-01 – SUPPORT FOR THE INTEREST OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN CANNABIS RELATION POLICY (Action)

Resolution 16-01 stems from the fact that the Commission has been asked to take a position on some of the local measures, such as to oppose Measure AF and to support Measure AI. The Commission may take a position on the measures but Prop 10 dollars cannot be used to advocate one way or another. If they do take a position on that measure, it would just be a matter for their record. Neither she nor staff can go and speak on it. The language on Resolution 16-01 is very broad and essentially is looking at protecting children given the items that are on the ballot for this year.

Advocates want to ensure that children and youth are not targeted by cannabis marketing and businesses. They also want the distance from child related business (child care centers, parks, etc.) to be at least 1,000 feet from a dispensary, currently being discussed that it should only be 600 feet. Executive Director Ibarra is not sure if the Commission wants to take a position on the distance issue or not but felt as if she should bring it up and get a few opinions.

Commissioner Hamburg commented that he supports the Commission protecting children and believes the language on the resolution is great. He does not want the Commission to get into supporting one piece of legislation over another unless it was clear that one was attempting to exploit children and the other one isn't trying to do so. Commissioner Tichinin also likes the language and the inclusion of sufficient warning for pregnant women. Executive Director Ibarra commented she is concerned about how parents can get information and know what is safe for them and their children.

Commissioner Tichinin asked if this will be brought to the state commission as well because if it passes at state level, other First 5's should be a part of it. Executive Director Ibarra commented that other First 5's have called to ask what Mendocino County is doing. First 5 Humboldt is doing public forums on safety and how to talk about the issue with their children. Commissioner Flaherty asked if there was a going to be a similar resolution at the state wide conference and if they should wait once the conference concludes to see if there is one. Commissioner Tichinin commented that he believes they should do it before the state conference just to have it in place.

Commissioner Flaherty mentioned he would like to expand the wording in the last whereas in the resolution about the agricultural regulations because he feels as if it relates to the health of children in the terms of chemical exposure. Commissioner Tichinin suggested changing it to "legalization, cultivation, regulation, taxation of recreational cannabis and there is an urgent need to protect the health and safety interests of young children as these policies are developed; and". Commissioner Moss Chandler suggested adding to the "now therefore be it resolved". Commissioner Tichinin continued to change the wording to "to protect the health and safety interests of young children..." in the last whereas and "...from exposure to cannabis cultivation, cannabis marketing, proximity to smokers..." in the now therefore be it resolved.

Motion to adopt Resolution 16-01 with the additions of health and safety in the last whereas and cannabis cultivation in the now therefore be it resolved

Motion/Tichinin, Second/Flaherty (all ayes, no nays) Motion Passed.

Commissioner Moss Chandler left the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

ITEM 11 **DIRECTORS REPORT**

Executive Director Ibarra reported on the Community Resiliency Model Training (CRM) that was done the previous Friday, October 14, 2016. She also thanked Commissioner Flaherty for being there and supporting the staff. They had 20 more attendees than originally planned but were able to ensure they could attend without any problems. Majority of the F5M staff also attended. Townley Saye, Raise & Shine Program Manager, commented that she thought it was great to see many partners in the training who have previously done Triple P trainings. She felt as if it would benefit them really well as Triple P facilitators.

The two trainers were Elaine Miller-Karas, Executive Director of Trauma Resource Institute and Susan Walker Wilson. Elaine is the Cofounder of the CRM method which was founded in 2010. There are currently three academic studies to get it on track to becoming evidence based. The overall message from this training is that a person's response to stress or trauma is biological and not a mental weakness. It teaches the individual how to tap into their resiliency skills. It was a one day training that is a prerequisite for the Train the Trainer that will happen in February. They do need 30 people to commit in order to go onto that training and be able to go out into the community and deploy this information to individuals.

F5M is currently in the process of getting their contracts out. They are working with FDDC to get the Peer Mentor grant started once again which will be a total of \$18,696.

They are also funding the Substance Use Disorders and Treatment (SUDI) with a total of \$12,400 to serve Spanish speaking parents. The closest site is Turning Point located in Santa Rosa and the funds will serve up to the 3 clients who are pregnant women, custodial parents and guardians of children ages 0-5.

The contract for Title IV-E has doubled this year which is great. Townley has already sent out the training schedule for the remainder of this fiscal year.

They are also working on getting the FRC's contracts which will serve 8 FRCs for fiscal year 2016-17. It will average to about \$17,000 each depending on the services they offer. They are requiring that they do the basic information referral for F5M programs as well as Triple P.

Executive Director Ibarra has now been the ED for F5M for 30 days. She has been holding regular staff and manager's meetings to ensure that she knows what everyone has been working on lately. She has also met with majority of the Commissioners individually. She wants to create a fundraising plan for both IL and the ARC FRC. She also wants to focus on The Sandbox which is currently under Non-Profit and she wants to ensure they are using the Non-Profit status effectively and pursuing as many grants as possible. She is also looking for other funding sources.

Healthy Mendocino Steering Committee conducted a health needs assessment creating Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). They have 5 priority areas: Housing, Poverty, Mental Health, Childhood Obesity/Family Wellness and Childhood Trauma. Executive Director Ibarra has been attending the Childhood Trauma and she has assigned the manager's to attend the other meetings to ensure F5M is represented. It is not entirely clear what the outcome will be however, it is a great opportunity for them to represent 0-5 and collaborate with other agencies. It is also good information gathering for staff to inform our planning for F5M.

By attending these meetings, Executive Director Ibarra has discovered that 2-1-1 Mendocino needs improvement. They are currently responsible for updating the information but they seem to be struggling with a few things so that is something she is hoping to get fixed.

The Commission approved \$10,500 for special funding for emergency needs that arise in the community. They have currently received two inquiries. The first from Inland Emergency Winter Shelter for \$10,000 which will only be for Ukiah and staff informed us that the Community Center of Mendocino is facing financial hardship and they may need to close. The community center has not come forward with a request themselves. Commissioner Tichinin commented that he would like to ensure that the Inland Emergency Winter Shelter is serving children 0-5 and pregnant women.

Executive Director Ibarra will be out October 24th -25th for the First 5 Association Executive Director Retreat in Sacramento. She will be meeting with Senator McGuire on October 27th.

First 5 California Summit is on November 8-10 in Sacramento. F5M staff is attending as well as one Commissioner.

The MacCallum House fundraiser for IL is on November 16 at 5:30 p.m.

ITEM 12 **COMMISSIONER REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

Commissioner Anderson announced that they are trying to expand their substance abuse treatment and are currently in the process of figuring out ways to do so.

Commissioner Rentería adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.