

COMMISSION MEETING
March 7, 2017 – 5:30-7:30pm
601 Texas Street, Conference Room B, Fairfield, CA 94533

CALL TO ORDER / SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Public Comment

Information

This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on matters not listed on the Agenda that are otherwise within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Please submit a Speaker Card and limit your comments to 3 minutes.

II. Consent Calendar (5 min)

Action

- A. Approve the March 7, 2017 Commission Meeting Agenda
- B. Approve the January 10, 2017 Commission Meeting Minutes

III. Solano Race Equity Activities (30 min)

**Information/
Discussion**

- A. Receive an update on activities in Solano to support race equity
Michele Harris, Executive Director; Jayleen Richards & Amber Siddle-Manas, Solano County Public Health

IV. First 5 Solano FY2017/18 Proposed Budget and Allocations of Funding (45 min)

Action

- A. Consider approval of the First 5 Solano FY2017/18 Proposed Budget
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- D. Consider approval of an allocation of funding of up to \$20,000 to Child Start, Inc., for Pre-K Academy services in Vallejo for FY2017/18
Megan Richards, Deputy Director

Discussion

V. Committee Reports (5 min)

- A. Systems and Policy Committee (Commissioner Hannigan)
No action items
- B. Program and Community Engagement Committee (Commissioner Ayala)
No action items

VI. Executive Director's Report (5 min)

Michele Harris, Executive Director

Information

VII. Commissioner Remarks (5 min)

Information

VIII. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location (5 min)

Information

The next Commission meeting will be held on April 4, 2017 at 5:30 PM at 601 Texas Street, Conference Room B, Fairfield. Future agenda items include: Committee Reports, Systems Change Update

ADJOURN

Vision: All Solano County children are loved, healthy, confident, eager to learn, and nurtured by their families, caregivers and communities. **Mission:** First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission is a leader that fosters and sustains effective programs and partnerships with the community to promote, support and improve the lives of young children, their families and their communities.

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**First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission
Commission Meeting**

January 10, 2017, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present: Marisela Barbosa (Chair) (Exited 5:40PM), Liz Niedziela (Vice Chair), Elise Crane (Arrived 5:40PM), Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Dan Ayala, Dana Dean, Jerry Huber, and Aaron Crutison

First 5 Solano Staff present: Michele Harris, Megan Richards, Juanita Morales, Gene Ibe, and Andrew Boatright

Members of the public present: Cinda-Rae Clemente (Solano Family Children's Services), Kathy Lago (Solano Family Children's Services)

Chair Barbosa called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and welcomed Commissioner Lisette Estrella-Henderson to the Commission.

I. Public Comment

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the January 10, 2017 Commission Meeting Agenda

Motion: Approve the Commission Meeting Agenda for January 10, 2017.

Moved by Commissioner Ayala; Seconded by Commissioner Dean

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Barbosa, Crutison, Dean, Estrella-Henderson, Huber, Niedziela

Nay: None

Abstain: None

B. Approve October 4, 2016 Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve the Commission Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2016.

Moved by Commissioner Ayala; Seconded by Commissioner Dean

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Barbosa, Crutison, Dean, Estrella-Henderson, Huber, Niedziela

Nay: None

Abstain: None

C. Approve October 22, 2016 Commission Retreat Minutes

Motion: Approve the Commission Meeting Minutes for October 22, 2016.

Moved by Commissioner Ayala; Seconded by Commissioner Dean

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Barbosa, Crutison, Dean, Estrella-Henderson, Huber, Niedziela

Nay: None

Abstain: None

III. Election of the 2017 First 5 Solano Commission Officers

Motion: Approve election of the 2017 First 5 Solano Commission Officers – Liz Niedziela for Chair, Erin Hannigan for Vice-Chair

Moved by Commissioner Ayala; Seconded by Commissioner Dean

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Barbosa, Crutison, Dean, Estrella-Henderson, Huber, Niedziela

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Chair Niedziela noted that the Systems & Policy Committee will be comprised of Commissioners Niedziela, Barbosa, and Hannigan, who will chair the committee. She also noted the Program & Community Engagement Committee will be comprised of Commissioners Estrella-Henderson, Crutison, and Ayala, who will chair the committee.

IV. Communications Update

Juanita Morales presented the First 5 Solano 2017 Calendar to the Commission. Ms. Morales highlighted the Calendar's inside cover as a one-stop resource – Help Me Grow Solano and general resources. Ms. Morales noted that the calendar has a monthly thematic structure. Ms. Morales gave an overview of each month's highlighted theme and how it relates to parents and caregivers. Ms. Morales noted the calendar can serve as a tool for Commissioners and the community leaders to draw a focus on how and what to do to engage children in the home and in the community. Ms. Morales described how the additions to the beginning and ending pages of the calendar highlight examples regarding social emotional learning, emergency planning and preparedness, and early literacy connections.

V. Help Me Grow Solano Update Presentation

Megan Richards introduced Kathy Lago & Cinda-Rae Clemente from Solano Family and Children's Services (SFCS). Ms. Lago gave an overview of the core components regarding Help Me Grow Solano's operation, which follows a national model of coordinated identification and referral. Ms. Lago has taken on the Executive Director role at SFCS, the organization operating the Help Me Grow Solano referral program. Ms. Lago noted that a survey of several Help Me Grow operations across the state of California served as a means for collaborating and gleaning ideas for better methods of service. Ms. Lago described the transition to house the Help Me Grow Solano call center as a good fit for the childcare resource and referral agency, SFCS, and the Help Me Grow model.

Cinda-Rae Clemente spoke about the skillsets required for hiring as well as staffing to meet the needs the call center to become a rich resource service. Ms. Clemente noted that training continues for staff to best assist the families they serve. Ms. Clemente detailed the follow-up process that Help Me Grow Solano employs to ensure there were no breaks in service during the transition.

Ms. Clemente noted the toll-free phone number for Help Me Grow is answered by English, Spanish, and Tagalog speaking workers. The nearly 300 resources available at Help Me Grow Solano staff have at their disposal allows for a broad spectrum of needs to be met for the community. Referrals are in the form of phone, fax, or e-mail, via the Help Me Grow Solano website and may be for a single-need referral or multi-need.

Commissioner Niedziela offered information regarding a connection with the Solano Mobility Call Center.

Michele Harris noted First 5 Solano would reconnect with the 211 service to confirm its ties to the Help Me Grow Solano call center.

Megan Richards noted that if any Commissioners have opportunities for presentations, Help Me Grow Solano/SFCS and First 5 Solano staff would be happy to participate.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Systems and Policy Committee (Commissioner Niedziela)

No Meeting

B. Program and Community Engagement Committee (Commissioner Hannigan)

No Action Items

VII. Executive Director's Report

Michele Harris noted Measure A and B did not pass. Hewlett Foundation 50th Anniversary Symposium was visited by Joanie Erikson and Megan Richards. Ms. Richards summarized her visit noting that relationship-building with funders is essential to building awareness of our organization and becoming a presence regionally before an opportunity for giving is presented to such funders.

VIII. Commissioner Remarks

Commissioner Huber noted that if the Affordable Care Act appeal goes through, an \$800 million hit to those with Medi-Cal would occur.

IX. Future Agenda Items

The next Commission meeting will be held on March 7, 2017 at 5:30 PM at 601 Texas Street, Conference Room B, Fairfield. Future agenda items include: FY2017/18 Budget, Committee Reports.

Adjourn

Chair Niedziela adjourned the meeting at 6:52 pm.

Andrew Boatright, Office Assistant III

Approved:



CHILDREN ARE OUR BOTTOM LINE

DATE: March 1, 2017
TO: First 5 Solano Commission
FROM: Michele Harris, Executive Director
SUBJ: **Solano Race Equity Activities**

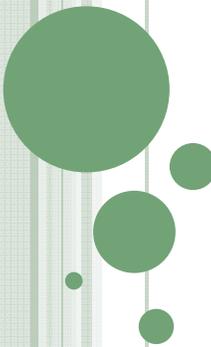
Agenda Item III: Receive an update on activities in Solano to support race equity

In December 2015, the Commission added *Equity* as a Core Value in the 2016 Strategic Plan Update.

In 2016, Solano County created a Race Equity Team, led by Health & Social Services Public Health Division, that joined the 2016 California Alliances for Race & Equity headed by the Government Alliance on Race Equity (GARE). The team underwent a year long process to create a Solano specific Race Equity action plan which is now in the implementation phase.

This presentation is to provide an update and information to the Commission and spark discussion on how this may be incorporated into the Commission's work.

Attachment A: Advancing Racial Equity in Government Presentation

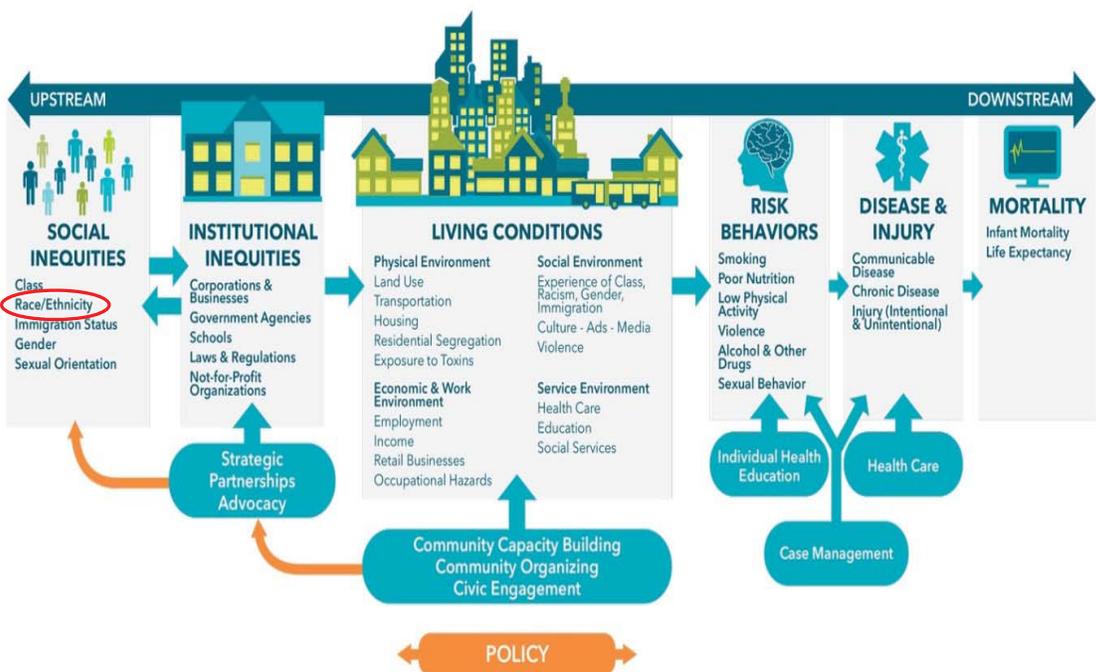


ADVANCING RACIAL EQUITY IN GOVERNMENT

An introduction to efforts in Solano County

March 7, 2017

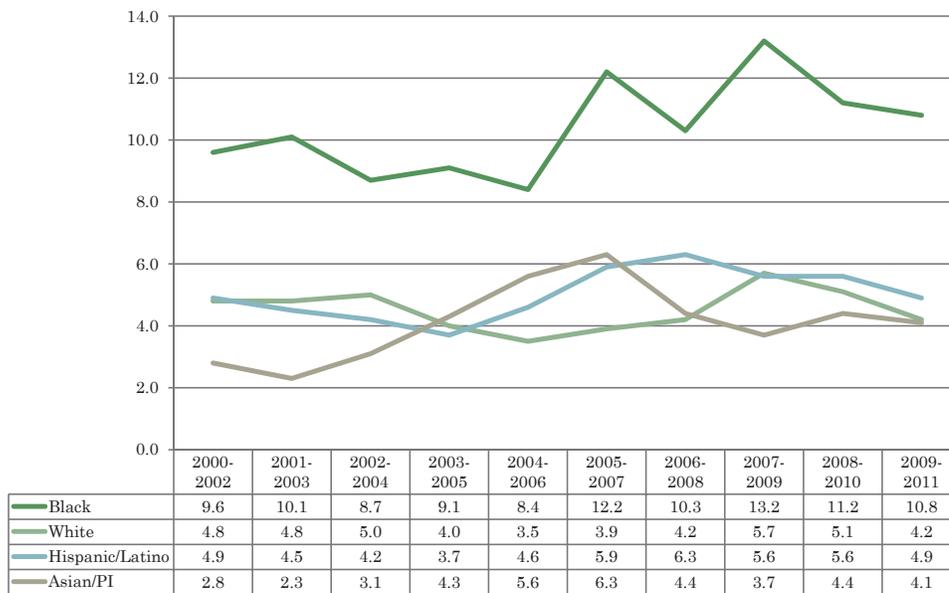
FRAMEWORK FOR ADVANCING EQUITY



Source: California Department of Public Health; Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative

SOLANO COUNTY INFANT DEATHS PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS, THREE-YEAR AVERAGE, 2000-2011

BY RACE/ETHNICITY



Source: California Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics, Death Statistical Master Files

2016 FIRST 5 SOLANO STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

One of the core values listed in the 2016 First 5 Solano Strategic Plan Update is Equity.

Race Equity, specifically, is when race no longer is a determinant of life outcomes.



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Core Values
Collaboration
Innovation
Community
Engagement
Respect for Diversity
Advocacy
Integrity
Accountability
Sustainability
Equity
Integration



2016 CALIFORNIA ALLIANCES FOR RACE & EQUITY



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2016 SOLANO COUNTY RACE EQUITY TEAM

The 2016 Solano County Race Equity Team includes members from each of the following County agencies:

- Public Health
- Behavioral Health
- Employment & Eligibility
- Medical Services
- Public Defender
- Solano Coalition for Better Health

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STEP 1: ASSESS SOLANO COUNTY ALONG A RACIAL EQUITY CONTINUUM



○ Culture

- ★ Organizational Commitment
 - Leadership & Management

○ People

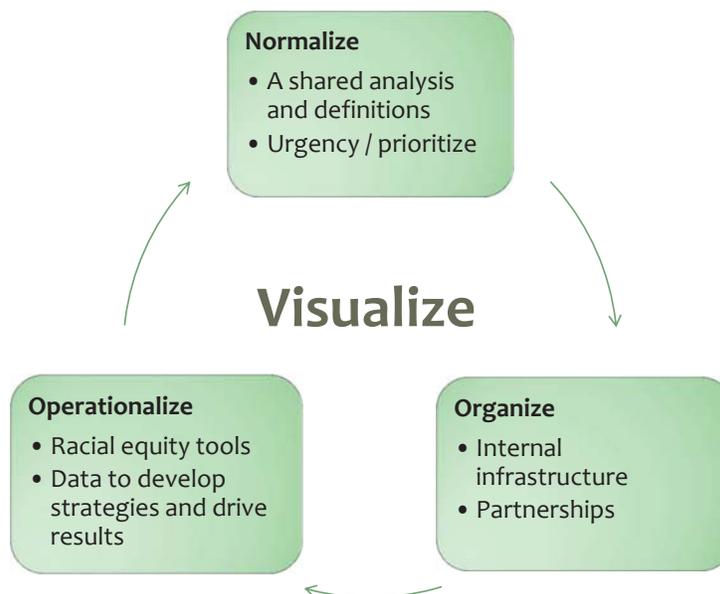
- Workforce Competencies, Hiring, Recruitment, & Retention
- Community Access, Involvement & Partnerships

○ Structures

- Budgeting & Contracting
- ★ Communications
 - Data Collections & Evaluation

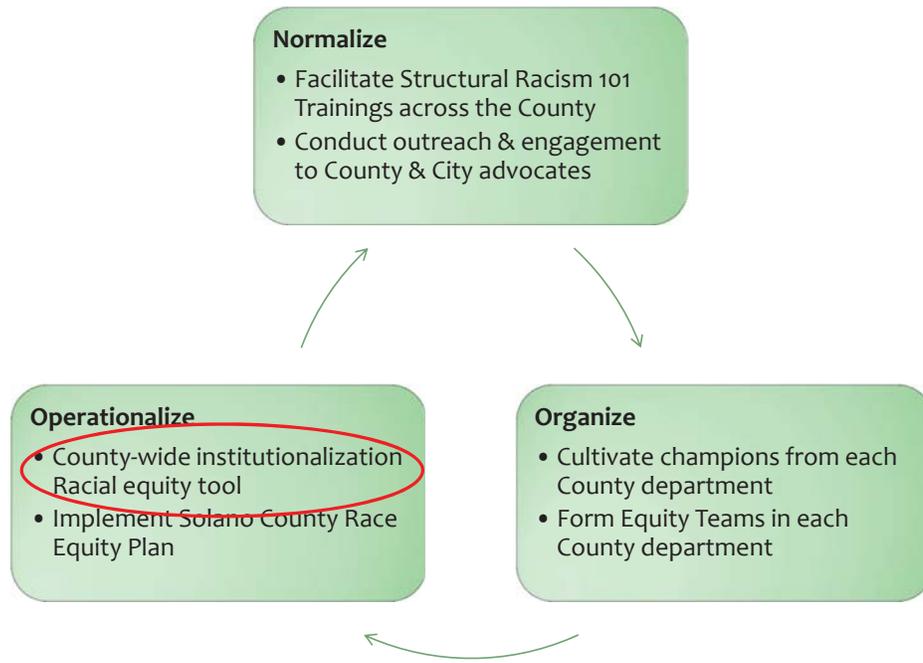
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NATIONAL BEST PRACTICE FOR ADVANCING EQUITY



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NEXT STEPS FOR ADVANCING EQUITY IN SOLANO



THE RACE EQUITY TOOLKIT

Solano County Racial Equity Toolkit

The vision of the Solano Advancing Racial Equity Workgroup is to eliminate racial inequity in our communities. To do this requires ending individual racism, institutional racism and structural racism. The Racial Equity Toolkit lays out a process and a set of questions to guide the development, implementation and evaluation of policies, initiatives, programs and budget issues to address the impacts on racial equity.

When Do I Use This Toolkit?
 Early. Apply the toolkit early for alignment with departmental racial equity goals and desired outcomes.

How Do I Use This Toolkit?
 With Inclusion. The analysis should be completed by people with different racial perspectives.

Step by Step. The Racial Equity Toolkit is made up of six steps from beginning to completion:

- Step 1. Set Outcomes.**
Leadership communicates key community outcomes for racial equity to guide analysis.
- Step 2. Involve stakeholders. Analyze data.**
Gather information from community and staff on how the issue benefits or burdens the community in terms of racial equity.
- Step 3. Determine Benefit and/or Burden.**
Analyze issue for impacts and alignment with racial equity outcomes.
- Step 4. Advance Opportunity or Minimize Harm.**
Develop strategies to create greater racial equity or minimize unintended consequences.
- Step 5. Evaluate. Raise Racial Awareness. Be Accountable.**
Track impacts on communities of color overtime. Continue to communicate with and involve stakeholders. Document unresolved issues.
- Step 6. Report Back.**
Share information learned from analysis and unresolved issues with Dept. Leadership and stakeholders.

Racial Equity Toolkit Assessment Worksheet

Department/Division: _____
Team Lead(s): _____
Team Members: _____

Describe the proposed policy/initiative/program/budget proposal for which this tool is being utilized:
Select One: Policy Initiative Program Budget Issue
Title: _____
Description: _____

Step 1. Set Outcomes.

1a. Which equity opportunity areas will be primarily impacted by the above proposal?

Are there any other areas that may also be impacted? Some suggestions include:

<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development/Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/> Children/Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

1b. What are the intended results in the community, and how will you track if those results are being achieved? (consider both qualitative and quantitative data)

DATE: February 27, 2017
TO: First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission
FROM: Megan Richards, Deputy Director
CC: Michele Harris, Executive Director
SUBJECT: First 5 Solano FY2017/18 Proposed Budget and Allocations of Funding

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Source of funding: Combined First 5 Solano 2016-2018 Program Investment Plan and MHSA leveraged funds

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Source of funding: First 5 Solano 2016-2018 Program Investment Plan

Motion D: Consider approval of an allocation of funding of up to \$20,000 to Child Start, Inc., for Pre-K Academy services in Vallejo for FY2017/18

Source of funding: First 5 Solano 2016-2018 Program Investment Plan

Budget Process & Timeline

The First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission FY2017/18 Proposed Budget was submitted by the required due date to the County Administrator (February 27, 2017). Commission staff have notified the CAO's office that the First 5 Solano budget will be finalized after the Commission reviews and approves its budget at the March 7, 2017 Commission meeting. First 5 Solano's Proposed Budget will go before the Solano County Board of Supervisors in June 2017 as part of the overall annual FY2017/18 County Budget.

Budget Summary

The FY2017/18 Proposed Budget represents the second year of the Commission's 2016-2018 Program Investment Plan. This budget includes approximately \$4.68 million in projected expenditures and

approximately \$3.9 million in projected revenues, requiring the utilization of \$771,000 of the Commission's estimated fund balance of approximately \$7.7 million to fully fund the Commission's operations and contractual commitments. This budget represents a 2% projected decrease in expenditures, and a projected 5% decrease in revenues from FY2016/17.

Overall revenues are projected to decrease \$199,642 (5%) from last year and overall expenses are projected to decrease \$76,452 (2%) from the prior year.

Budget Assumptions

The FY2017/18 Projected Budget is built on certain assumptions:

- Proposition 10 tobacco tax revenues will be available as projected;
- First 5 California will meet its match funding obligations for IMPACT;
- The Commission extends the Memorandum of Understanding with H&SS for MHSA funds and those funds will be available as projected;
- The State and Federal Budgets do not impact overall County, school and community services, and in turn impact First 5 Solano and its grantees.

Should any of these assumptions change, the Commission will have the opportunity to consider changes to this Budget as needed and appropriate.

Revenues

Overall revenues are projected to decrease by \$199,642 (5%) from FY2016/17 estimates.

This projected decrease is primarily due to the decrease in the Proposition 10 tobacco tax revenue projections which remain the majority of overall revenues (75%). There are a number of new and existing factors when calculating future revenue projections of Proposition 10 tobacco tax:

- *Existing* - Regular decline in revenue: The Department of Finance (DOF) is continuing to incorporate a 2.8-2.9% decline in revenue annually due to the decrease in smokers. This is comparable to previous projections.
- *New* - Increase in tobacco age to 21: In May 2016, Governor Brown signed a bill that increased the tobacco age from 18 to 21. The DOF has estimated a 5% decrease in revenue based on this change.
- *New* - Taxation of E-cigarettes: Proposition 56, passed by voters in November 2016, had multiple components, one of which was to extend the tobacco tax to e-cigarettes. This will generate revenue, however, due to complications of figuring out a tax structure and unknown amount of sales, it is difficult to project the actual revenue. At this time the DOF is estimating an approximate 1% increase in revenue, but has stated that this estimate is very unpredictable.
- *New* - Backfill of Proposition 56: Proposition 56 also implemented an additional \$2 per pack tax on tobacco products. While none of this tax goes to First 5's, there is a clause for the backfill of any loss of Proposition 10 funds due to people quitting smoking from the additional cost. While the long term consequence of the backfill is to keep Prop 10 funding whole, the implementation requires a 1 year "study period" to determine the loss, with the backfill occurring the following year. This means that for FY2017/18, there will be an approximate 17% reduction in revenue, which will be backfilled in FY2018/19. This will continue year over year, essentially creating a 1-year dip in revenue in FY2017/18.

Interest income is up slightly to 0.75% and represents less 1% of overall First 5 Solano revenue. Mental Health Services Act funds account for 15% of the overall revenues. First 5 California state match programs went up slightly to 7% with additional revenue via the IMPACT Hub. Lastly, 1% of revenues are

a county contribution for First 5 Solano staff to manage the Family Strengthening contracts for the 6-18 population and other donations and miscellaneous revenue.

Expenditures

First 5 Solano’s FY2017/18 Proposed Budget represents an overall decrease of \$76,452 (2%) in expenditures as the Commission enters the second year of its 2016-2018 Program Investment Plan. The majority of expenditures (86%) remain program expenditures. Approximately 3% of expenditures are dedicated to evaluation and data collection. Administrative expenses constitute 11% of the expenditures, which is well below the Administrative Cost cap of 15%.

Direct Service Programs

Direct service program expenditures of \$3,066,000 are included in the proposed budget following the Commission’s 2016-2018 Program Investment Plan with minor adjustments as described below. This budget includes the additional MHSA leveraged funding that First 5 Solano manages for the PEAK program (addressed in Motion B) and shifts \$6,000 from Family Support to Pre-K Academies which is discussed below (and addressed in Motion D).

Pre-K Academies

Due to some changes in contractual obligations for Dixon Family Services, the funding amount needed for FRCs has decreased by approximately \$6,000. It is recommended that these funds transferred to funding for Pre-K Academies. This will facilitate holding 2 additional sessions in Vallejo via Child Start (see Motion D below).

Internally Run Programs

The FY2017/18 Proposed Budget also includes several internally run programs, including the Co-Sponsorship of Conferences/Training Fund, Community Engagement, and Systems Change efforts. Overall, this Budget decreases the internally run program costs by \$54,000 based on actual expenses for FY2016/17 and project expenses for FY2017/18.

**Table 1
FY2017/18 Internally Run Programs**

Description	FY2016/17 Amount	FY2017/18 Amount	
Co-Sponsorship of Conferences & Training	25,000	25,000	
Community Engagement	88,000	102,000	
Systems Change/Collaboration	500,000	432,000	Variance
Total Projected Internally Run Programs Budget	\$613,000	\$559,000	-\$54,000

Community Engagement: The Community Engagement Activities budget is requested for \$102,000 which is a slight increase from FY2016/17. As staff have been implementing the Systems Change Plan and exploring new ways to engage the community, such as through Pandora radio, the need has been identified to slightly increase this budget. The breakdown of Community Engagement budget is represented in Table 2 below:

**Table 2
FY2017/18 Community Engagement Budget**

Description	FY2016/17 Amount	FY2017/18 Amount
Community Engagement/April Children's Month Grants	10,000	10,000
Parent Information Calendar-New Print	25,000	35,000
Kit for New Parent Customization	5,000	9,000
Event Partnerships	12,000	8,000
Promotional Materials	14,000	14,000
Messaging	22,000	25,000
Total Projected Community Engagement Budget	\$88,000	\$102,000

Systems Change/Collaboration: The Systems Change and Collaboration budget is requested at \$432,000. This is a slight decrease from the FY2016/17 budget based on projections from current year actual spending. In addition, staff have incorporated the Collaboration Budget into the System Change budget as the majority of activities that were taking place via Collaboration are inextricable from the work of Systems Change.

The breakdown of the Systems Change budget is represented in Table 4 below:

**Table 3
FY2017/18 Systems Change Budget (including Collaboration)**

Description	FY 2016/17 Amount	FY17/18 Amount
Staffing		
Executive Director @ 0.3 FTE	53,500	55,770
Deputy Director @ 0.2 FTE to 0.25 FTE	35,200	42,030
Policy Manager @ 0.5 FTE	68,300	59,200
Operations		
Collective Impact	100,000	75,000
Systems Change Grantee Participation Grants	70,000	45,000
Grant writing & Business Challenge Grants	40,000	40,000
Professional Services	35,000	35,000
Systems Change Supports	45,000	45,000
Collaboration/Community Training and Capacity Building	50,000	32,000
Internal Training/Regional Travel	3,000	3,000
Total Projected Systems Change Budget	\$500,000	\$432,000

Evaluation and Data Collection

The FY2017/18 proposed budget for evaluation/data collection services remains at \$140,000.

Staffing

The FY2017/18 proposed budget includes 6.0 FTEs (reduced by 1.0 FTE in FY2016/17) and 2 Extra Help staff (1 College Intern and 1 Office Assistant II). The proposed budget of \$831,684 for staffing is a \$31,133 or 4% decrease from the FY2016/17 budget. The decrease is primarily due to multiple new staff hired in at lower step levels than previous staff. Note that the reduction in salary/benefits was expected to be slightly larger; however, increased countywide retirement and insurance costs offset some of the cost savings.

Services and Supplies

Operational costs are projected to decrease by \$5,482 primarily due to decreases in county assigned costs.

FY2017/18 Proposed Budget Conclusion

Overall, the First 5 Solano FY2017/18 Proposed Budget implements the second year of the 2016-2018 Program Investment Plan. Revenues are projected to decrease \$199,642 (5%) from last year and overall expenses are projected to decrease \$76,452 (2%) from the prior year resulting in requiring the utilization of \$771,000 of the Commission's estimated fund balance of approximately \$7.7 million. The Commission's Long Term Financial Plan Model has been updated reflecting the FY2017/18 Proposed Budget (Attachment B).

Allocations of Funding

In April 2016, the Commission allocated funding for the majority of services in the 2016-2018 Program Investment Plan for FY2016/17 and FY2017/18. Commission staff subsequently contracted for those services through the County contracting process. However, funding for the Early Childhood Mental Health Services Act was allocated and contracted on a timeline following the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) three-year timeline and allocated in April 2014 for FY2014-17. These services have not yet been allocated for FY2017/18. To continue Early Childhood Mental Health Services following the Commission's current 2016-2018 Program Investment Plan, staff are bringing forward Motions B & C described below.

Motion B: Consider a one-year extension of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Health and Social Services (H&SS) for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) leveraged funds for FY2017/18

This would allow the Commission to continue to leverage MHSA funds up to \$600,000 to match up to \$460,282 in the Commission's Program Investment Plan for Prevention and Early Intervention Early Childhood Mental Health Services that align with the new MHSA three-year integrated plan. These services include those that are currently provided through the PEAK program outlined in the allocations 1-3 below.

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Allocations of funding to these 4 agencies would allow continuation of Early Childhood Mental Health Services in the community at the rate they are currently funded. Items 1-3 are part of the Partnership for Early Access for Kids (PEAK) program and matched by MHSA. Item 4 provides part of the county match for Medi-Cal mental health treatment services.

Due to recent changes in the community make-up of early childhood mental health providers and changes in allocations of funding, there remains \$583,086 of unallocated funding [\$253,118 First 5 and \$329,968 MHSA] for which staff is evaluating the current need in the community. Staff will bring forward additional recommendations as the needs arise.

Motion D: Consider approval of an allocation of funding of up to \$20,000 to Child Start, Inc., for Pre-K Academy services in Vallejo for FY2017/18

In fall 2016, the Commission approved an allocation for Vallejo City Unified School District to conduct 2 Pre-Kindergarten Academies in FY2017/18. However, the Commission gave further direction to seek additional Academies in Vallejo. Staff first approached Vallejo City Unified School District who does not have the capacity to provide additional sites at this time, so staff approached Child Start Inc, who provided Academies in Vallejo during FY2016/17. Child Start Inc., is interested in providing the services in Vallejo; to make it cost effective to hire teachers they must run 2 sessions (AM & PM session). The total cost of 2 sessions is \$20,000.

Due to a reduction of one session in Benicia due to low enrollment (from 2 to 1 session) and a previously unallocated \$3,998, \$13,998 of the \$20,000 needed has been identified as available in the pre-k academy budget. Another \$6,002 was needed to fully fund 2 additional sessions in Vallejo. As noted in the budget section above, FRC funding was decreased by \$6,000 and this funding was shifted to Pre-K Academies, providing the remainder of the funding to fully fund 2 additional sessions in Vallejo.

Next Steps

Next steps on the implementation of the FY2017/18 Budget and the second year of the 2016-2018 Program Investment Plan include:

- Confirm the FY2017/18 Proposed Budget with the County Administrator's Office and bring it forward to County budget hearings in June
- Follow county contracting procedure for the allocations of funding so there is no gap in services for FY2017/18
- Continue implementation of internal programs, including Co-Sponsorship of Trainings and Conferences, Community Engagement, and Systems Change
- Begin planning for funding for July 2018 and beyond.

Attachment A: FY2017/18 First 5 Solano Proposed Budget

Attachment B: First 5 Solano Long Term Financial Plan Model Updated February 2017

Attachment C: FY2017/18 First 5 Solano Proposed Budget Presentation

**First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission
Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

Department 1530 - Summary
Budget Report - First 5

Attachment A

Number	Description	FY2016/17 Approved Budget	FY2017/18 Requested Budget	Variance	Percent Change	Comments
Subobjects 1000 - Salary and Benefits						
1110	Salary/Wages RE	648,151	534,271	-113,880	-18%	
1121	Salary/Wages EX	28,000	34,070	6,070	22%	1 intern and 1 OA II for 16 hours/week
1210	Retirement-Employer	110,843	104,432	-6,411	-6%	
1211	PARS Retirement	7,216	4,554	-2,662	-37%	
1212	Deferred Comp-County Match	520	260	-260	-50%	
1213	OPEB	12,962	10,685	-2,277	-18%	
1220	FICA-Employer	48,912	39,622	-9,290	-19%	
1230	Health Ins-Employer	97,428	86,456	-10,972	-11%	
1231	Vision Care Insurance	1,176	1,008	-168	-14%	County assigned benefits for permanent staff
1240	Compensation Insurance	9,157	5,543	-3,614	-39%	
1241	Lt Disability Insurance ER	2,498	2,031	-467	-19%	
1250	Unemployment Insurance	302	319	17	6%	
1260	Dental Ins-Employer	8,400	7,104	-1,296	-15%	
1290	Life Insurance-Employer	1,620	1,329	-291	-18%	
1999	Salary Savings	-114,368	0	114,368	-100%	
	TOTAL	862,817	831,684	-\$31,133	-4%	

Subobjects 2000 - Services and Supplies						
2021	Communication-County Telephones	3,516	3,745	229	7%	county assigned cost
2022	Communication-Telephone System	400	400	0	0%	
2023	Communication-Voice Mail	395	493	98	25%	county assigned cost
2026	Cell Phone Allowance	1,860	1,860	0	0%	ED/DD
2050	Insurance-Risk Management	1,442	3,003	1,561	108%	county assigned cost
2051	Liability Insurance	3,834	4,408	574	15%	county assigned cost
2140	Maintenance Bldgs & Improv	1,000	1,000	0	0%	
2170	Memberships	7,226	7,500	274	4%	First 5 Association dues
2175	Miscellaneous Expense	250	250	0	0%	
2180	Books and Subscriptions	500	500	0	0%	
2200	Office Expense	4,000	4,000	0	0%	
2203	Computer Components	3,000	3,000	0	0%	1 computer refresh
2205	Postage	200	200	0	0%	
2210	Central Duplicating Service	1,000	1,000	0	0%	
2221	Records Storage	200	100	-100	-50%	
2236	Consulting Service	3,000	3,000	0	0%	
2245	Contracted Services	4,000	3,000	-1,000	-25%	
2250	Other Professional Services	28,000	28,000	0	0%	Com stipends/ED fund
2266	Central Data Processing Services	46,137	34,119	-12,018	-26%	county assigned cost
2280	Publications and Legal Notices	1,000	1,000	0	0%	
2281	Advertising/Marketing	1,000	1,000	0	0%	
2285	Rents & Leases-Equipment	5,000	5,000	0	0%	copier lease
2295	Rents & Leases-Buildings	1,500	1,500	0	0%	
2310	Education & Training	4,000	4,000	0	0%	
2312	Special Departmental Expense	500	725	225	45%	
2335	Travel Expense	4,000	3,500	-500	-13%	
2337	Refreshments	1,000	1,000	0	0%	
2338	Employee Recognition	225	0	-225	-100%	reclassified to special departmental expense
2339	Management Business Expense Allowa	0	1,300	1,300		reinstated County benefit
2354	Automobile Allowance	0	3,900	3,900		reinstated County benefit
2355	Personal Mileage	3,300	3,000	-300	-9%	
	TOTAL	131,485	126,003	-\$5,482	-4%	
	TOTAL SALARY AND SUPPLIES	994,302	957,687	-\$36,615	-4%	

**First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission
Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

Department 1530 - Summary
Budget Report - First 5

Attachment A

Number	Description	FY2016/17 Approved Budget	FY2017/18 Requested Budget	Variance	Percent Change	Comments
Subobjects 3000 - Other Charges						
3007	Collaboration	32,000	0	-32,000	-100%	reclassified to Systems Change
3009	Health Insurance	121,000	121,000	0	0%	SKIP
3010	Co-sponsor Conferences/Trainings	25,000	25,000	0	0%	
3011	School Readiness Grants	200,000	206,000	6,000	3%	Pre-K Academies
3012	Pre-Natal Grants	35,000	35,000	0	0%	SCBH
3014	Early Mental Health Grants	1,030,000	1,030,000	0	0%	PEAK
3016	Family Support/Parent Education Grants	672,044	666,577	-5,467	-1%	FRCs
3018	Child Care Grants	446,805	465,101	18,296	4%	HS wrap-around; IMPACT, Beck rent; HUB
3051	Data Collection/Evaluation	140,000	140,000	0	0%	ASR & Persimmony
3053	Community Engagement	88,000	102,000	14,000	16%	
3054	Systems Change	293,000	275,000	-18,000	-6%	\$432k total, rest in salary and benefits
3690	Interfund Services	45,000	47,741	2,741	6%	office lease
3691	Interfund Services - Acctg & Audit	34,300	34,000	-300	-1%	
3692	Interfund Services - Legal Services	15,000	12,500	-2,500	-17%	
3694	Interfund Services - Professional	489,735	487,956	-1,779	0%	H&SS CWS/EPST
3696	Interfund Services -Small Projects	1,000	1,000	0	0%	
3697	Interfund Svces - Postage	1,000	1,000	0	0%	
3698	Interfund Services - Labor	1,000	1,000	0	0%	
3710	County Administrative Overhead	67,044	49,385	-17,659	-26%	county assigned cost A-87
	TOTAL	3,736,928	3,700,260	-\$36,669	-1%	

Subobjects 5000 - Other Financing Uses						
5040	Trans Out-POBs	26,876	23,707	-3,169	-12%	county assigned cost
	TOTAL	26,876	23,707	-\$3,169	-12%	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	4,758,106	4,681,654	-\$76,452	-2%	
Subobjects 9400 & 9500 - Revenues						
9401	Interest Income	35,656	52,500	16,844	47%	Interest increase to 0.75%
9569	State - Other	3,176,200	2,935,715	-240,485	-8%	Prop 10 revenue
9591	Other Revenue	251,047	276,543	25,496	10%	IMPACT
9690	Interfund Svces Provide - County	41,841	40,344	-1,497	-4%	1570 revenue
9694	Interfund Svcs Pro Svcs -	600,000	600,000	0	0%	MHSA
9703	Misc Revenue	5,000	5,000	0	0%	PKBC/donations; small grants
	TOTAL REVENUES	4,109,744	3,910,102	-\$199,642	-5%	

First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission
2016 LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE
Model Revision February 2017

CATEGORY	FY2012-2016	FY2016-2018		FY2018/19 and Beyond							
	Y4	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10
	Actual FY2015/16	Budgeted FY2016/17	Proposed FY2017/18	Projection FY2018/19	Projection FY2019/2020	Projection FY2020/21	Projection FY2021/22	Projection FY2022/2023	Projection FY2023/24	Projection FY2024/25	Projection FY2025/26
REVENUE											
Fund Balance (Beginning)	8,812,636	8,107,069	7,701,192	7,164,325	6,976,518	6,646,760	5,959,693	5,164,836	4,264,715	3616550	4170762
Tobacco Tax - Prop 10	3,568,435	3,176,200	2,935,715	3,404,710	3,264,168	3,158,083	3,055,445	2,956,143	2,860,068	2,767,116	2,677,185
Interest	55,056	35,656	52,500	53,732	52,324	49,851	44,698	38,736	31,985	27,124	31,281
Matching Funds	825,397	851,047	876,543	248,750	248,750	-					
Other	11,600	46,841	45,344		-	-					
Unexpended funds returned to LTFP		237,664	234,051	205,000	205,000	205,000	205,000	205,000	357,838	320,539	343,961
TOTAL REVENUE	4,460,488	4,347,408	4,144,153	3,912,192	3,770,242	3,412,933	3,305,143	3,199,879	3,249,892	3,114,780	3,052,427
Total Available Resources	13,273,124	12,454,477	11,845,345	11,076,518	10,746,760	10,059,693	9,264,836	8,364,715	7,514,607	6,731,329	7,223,189
APPROPRIATIONS											
<i>Program</i>											
Salaries, Benefits, Services and Supplies	363,078	446,371	415,648	375,000	375,000	375,000	375,000	375,000			
Priority 1 - Health and Well Being	1,803,086	1,366,000	1,366,000	766,000	766,000	766,000	766,000	766,000			
Priority 2 - Early Care & Education	684,428	676,000	701,000	676,000	676,000	676,000	676,000	676,000			
Priority 3 - Family Support & Parent Education	942,564	860,000	854,000	860,000	860,000	860,000	860,000	860,000			
Priority 4 - First 5 Futures	227,827	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Priority 4 - Systems Change		450,000	432,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000			
Other	344,172	283,000	247,000	283,000	283,000	283,000	283,000	283,000			
Evaluation & Data Collection	209,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000			
Total Program	4,574,155	4,221,371	4,155,648	3,550,000	3,550,000	3,550,000	3,550,000	3,550,000	-	-	-
<i>Administrative</i>											
Total Administrative	591,900	531,914	525,372	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000			
Administrative Percentage	11%	11%	11%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%			
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	5,166,055	4,753,285	4,681,020	4,100,000	4,100,000	4,100,000	4,100,000	4,100,000	3,898,057	2,560,567	2,477,349
Net Increase/Decrease	(705,567)	(405,877)	(536,867)	(187,808)	(329,758)	(687,067)	(794,857)	(900,121)	(648,165)	554213	575078
Fund Balance (Ending)	8,107,069	7,701,192	7,164,325	6,976,518	6,646,760	5,959,693	5,164,836	4,264,715	3616550	4170762	4745840

Assumptions:	Prop 10 revenue estimates by BOE through FY2019/20 then decline at 3.25% Expenditures continue at currently FY2016/17 funded level Only Secured Matching Funds in Revenue and Expenditure Interest at rate of 0.75%
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FIRST 5 SOLANO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

BUDGET PRESENTATION
FISCAL YEAR 2017/18

MARCH 7, 2017



- Motion A: Consider approval of the First 5 Solano FY2017/18 Proposed Budget



- Motion B-D: Consider a one-year extension of the Memorandum of Understanding with H&SS; and Allocations of Funding as outlined in the Staff Report

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COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS

- Proposed FY2017/18 Budget submitted February 27, 2017 as part of the overall County Budget process
- Commission approves budget March 7, 2017
- Supplemental budget due May 2017 (Optional)
- Incorporated in County Budget June 2017
- Funds assigned to County Reserve cannot be accessed once the Budget is approved

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BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

- Proposition 10 tobacco tax revenues available as projected
- First 5 California meets its match obligations for IMPACT
- Commission extends the Memorandum of Understanding with H&SS for MHSA funds and those funds will be available as projected
- The State and Federal Budgets do not significantly impact overall County, school, and community services, and in turn impact First 5 Solano and its grantees

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FY2017/18 BUDGET COMPONENTS

Revenues

- Proposition 10 State Disbursement
- State Match Funds
- Interest Income
- MHSA Funds
- Donations/Grants/Other

Expenditures

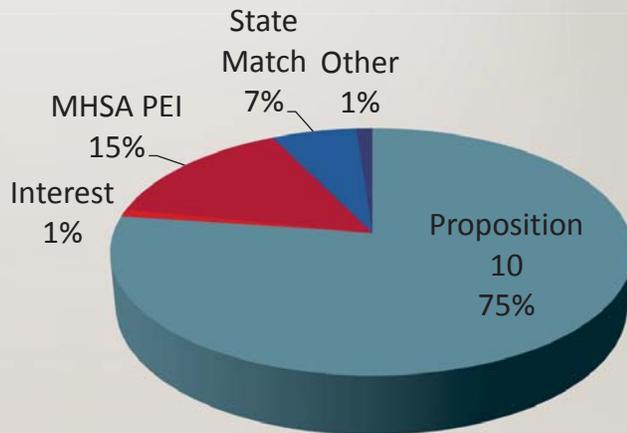
- Program
- Administration
- Evaluation

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FY2017/18 PROJECTED REVENUE

- Prop 10 revenue projections-See variances on next slide
- Maintains MHSA revenue
- Increased interest income: From 0.5% to 0.75% yield
- State match revenue for IMPACT
- Other: donations, county services



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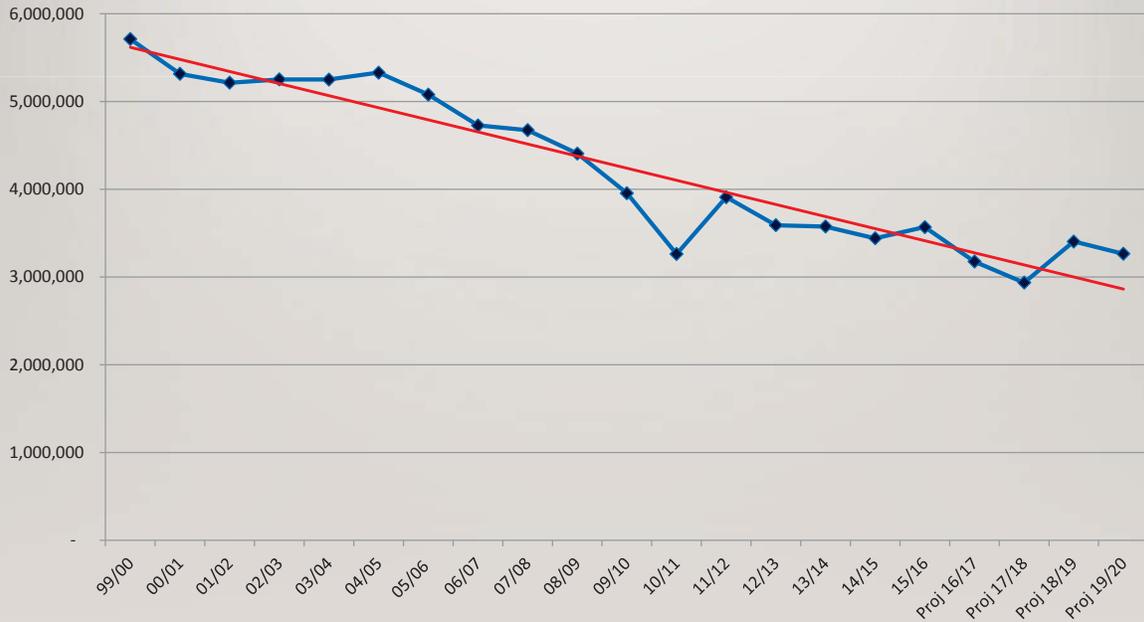
VARIANCES IN PROP 10 REVENUES

- *Existing* - Regular decline in revenue
- *New* - Increase in tobacco age to 21: estimated a 5% decrease
- *New* - Taxation of E-cigarettes: approximate 1% increase, but very unpredictable
- *New* - Backfill of Proposition 56: creates a 1-year dip in revenue in FY2017/18

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PROP 10 REVENUE OVER TIME



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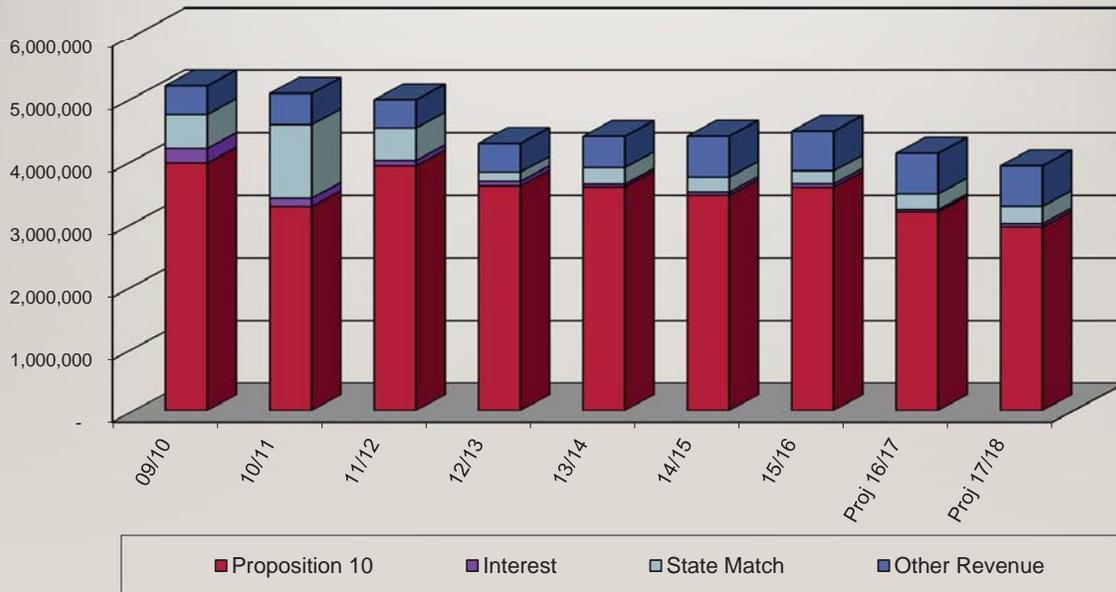
FY2017/18 PROJECTED REVENUE

Proposition 10 State Disbursements	+	\$2,935,715
Interest Income	+	52,500
MHSA/PEI Funds	+	600,000
State Match Revenue	+	276,543
Other: Donations/Small Grants/County Services	+	45,344
FY2017/18 Revenue Budget	=	3,910,102
FY2016/17 Revenue Budget	-	4,109,744
5% Revenue Difference	=	-\$199,642

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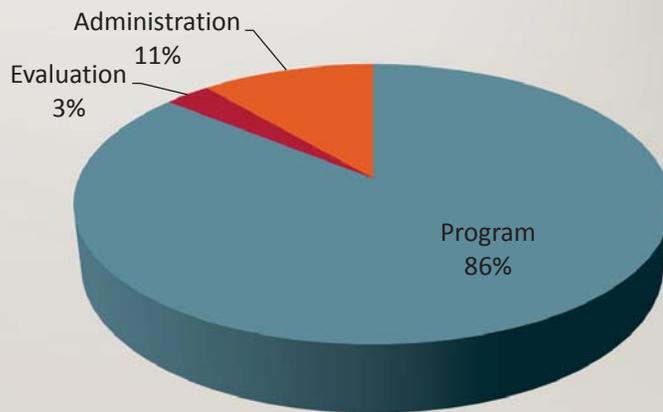


REVENUE OVER TIME



FY2017/18 PROJECTED EXPENDITURES

- No substantive change
- Shift \$6,000 from Family Support to Pre-K Academies
- Slight decrease in internal programs



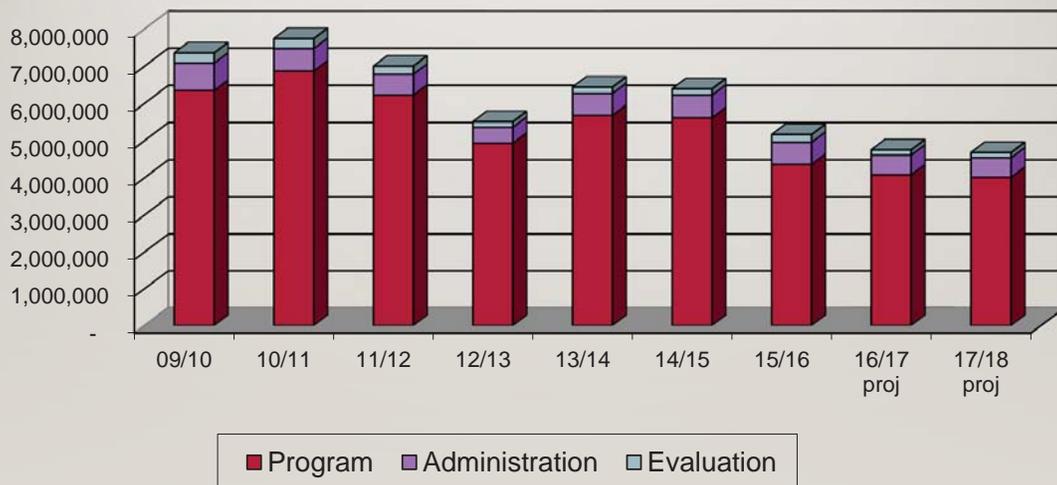
FY2017/18 EXPENDITURES

Program Expenditures	+	\$4,086,371
Evaluation & Data Collection Expenditures	+	140,000
Administrative Expenditures	+	525,372
FY2017/18 Expenditure Budget	=	\$4,681,020
FY2016/17 Expenditure Budget	-	4,753,285
2% Expenditure Difference	=	-\$76,452

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EXPENDITURES OVER TIME



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FY2017/18 INTERNAL PROGRAMS

Description	Amount
Co-Sponsorship of Conferences & Training	25,000
Community Engagement Activities	102,000
Systems Change/Collaboration	432,000
Total Internal Programs	\$559,000
Variance from FY2016/17	-\$54,000

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Description	Amount
Community Engagement Fund Grants	10,000
Parent Information Calendar-New Print	35,000
Kit for New Parent Customization	9,000
Event Partnerships	8,000
Promotional Materials	14,000
Messaging	25,000
Total Community Engagement Budget	\$102,000

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SYSTEMS CHANGE/COLLABORATION

Description	Amount
Executive Director @ 0.3 FTE	55,770
Deputy Director @ 0.25 FTE	42,030
Policy Manager @ 0.5 FTE	59,200
System Change Grantee Participation Grants	45,000
Collective Impact	75,000
Grantwriting & Business Challenge Grants	40,000
Professional Services	35,000
Systems Change Supports	45,000
Collaboration/Community Training & Capacity Building	32,000
Training	3,000
Total Systems Change Budget	\$432,000

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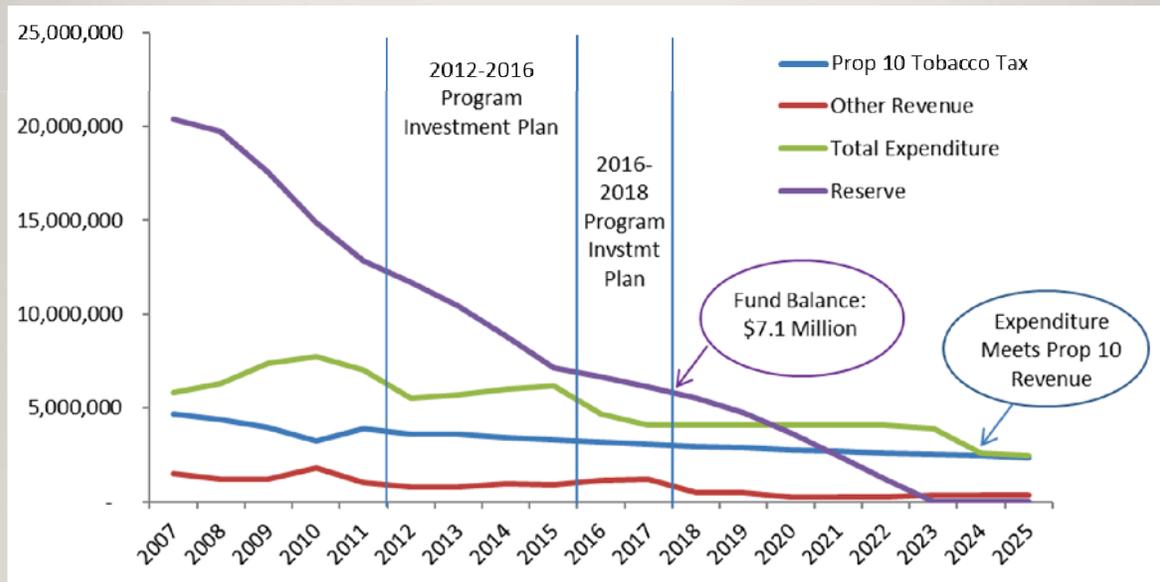
STAFFING

Program	
4.1 FTE Staff & 1 College Intern	564,108
Administration	
1.9 FTE Staff & 1 Extra Help	267,576
Total Staffing	831,684

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LONG-TERM PROJECTION- MARCH 2017



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FY2017/18 BUDGET NEXT STEPS:

- Approve FY2017/18 Budget March 2017
- Approve additional allocations of funding March 2017
- Implement second year of 2016-2018 Program Investment Plan July 2016:
 - Contracts for Community Programs
 - Internal programs: Community Engagement; Co-Sponsorship; Systems Change
- Begin Planning for July 2018 and Beyond

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Questions?



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CHILDREN ARE OUR BOTTOM LINE

SYSTEMS & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 15, 2017, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA 94533

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Introductions, Public Comment, Commissioner Comment,**
- II. Consent Calendar** **Action**
A. Approve the February 15, 2017 SPC Meeting Agenda
B. Approve the September 6, 2016 SPC Meeting Minutes
C. Receive the Commissioner Meeting Attendance Status Report
- III. Co-Sponsorship of Training and Conferences Fund Application** **Action**
Megan Richards, Deputy Director
Motion: Consider approval of a request from ZMB Consulting for an allocation of up to \$3,000 to provide two trainings to child care providers on how to work with children with disabilities in the areas of behavior management, communication, and nutrition
- IV. Systems Change Implementation Plan Update** **Discussion**
Michele Harris, Executive Director, Megan Richards, Deputy Director
Receive an update on the Systems Change Implementation Plan
- V. First 5 Solano Staffing and Finance Update** **Discussion**
Megan Richards, Deputy Director
Receive a report on First 5 Solano staffing and financials, including an update and discussion on FY2017/18 Recommended Budget
- VI. Children Now Solano County Scorecard** **Information**
Megan Richards, Deputy Director
Receive the Children Now Solano County Scorecard
- VII. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location** **Information**
The next Systems and Policy Committee is scheduled to meet next on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 3:00 PM, at 601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA. Future agenda items include: Co-Sponsorships of Training and Conferences, and Staffing and Finance Update

ADJOURN

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**First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission
Systems & Policy Committee Meeting**
February 15, 2017, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present: Erin Hannigan (exited 4:15PM), Marisela Barbosa

First 5 Solano Staff present: Michele Harris, Megan Richards, Juanita Morales, Gene Ibe, Lorraine Fernandez, and Andrew Boatright

Members of the public present: Dr. Zoe Bartholomew (Children's Alliance)

Chair Hannigan called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

I. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the February 15, 2017 SPC Meeting Agenda

Motion: Approve the SPC Meeting Agenda for February 15, 2017.

**Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Barbosa
Approved 2-0-0**

Yea: Commissioners Barbosa, Hannigan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

B. Approve the September 6, 2016 SPC Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve the SPC Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2016.

**Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Barbosa
Approved 2-0-0**

Yea: Commissioners Barbosa, Hannigan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

C. Receive the Commissioner Meeting Attendance Status Report

III. Co-Sponsorship of Training and Conferences Fund Application

Megan Richards gave an application by ZMB Consulting's interest in holding two potential trainings for child care providers to work with children with disabilities in the area of behavior management, communication, and nutrition. Dr. Zoe Bartholomew gave details regarding the trainings and the impact to providers attending the trainings as well as challenges the target providers may have in accessing further trainings.

Motion: Approve Co-Sponsorship of Training and Conferences Fund Application

Moved by Commissioner Barbosa; Seconded by Commissioner Hannigan

Approved 2-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Barbosa, Hannigan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

IV. Systems Change Implementation Plan Update

Michele Harris presented about the four areas of the systems change action plan and what has taken place since the implementation of the plan.

Systems being strengthened included JFK University is connecting students whose families have not attended college with Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) to create a career pathway program; Brandman University is fast-tracking a master's of social work program and creating a pathway in education to fill the need for social workers.

Ms. Harris gave an overview of expanding systems by detailing the approach First 5 Solano has employed in meeting with funders, including Northern California Grantmakers, Zellerbach Foundation, and the McKenzie Foundation. First 5 and other have been talking to foundations about funding of a fund development officer position with Children's Network to allow a joint effort with First 5 Solano to attract and direct new funding from foundations through First 5 Solano's systems change efforts. In addition, staff are working with school districts to prioritize of early learning in their Local Control Accountability Plans.

Ms. Richards presented an opportunity for the Commission regarding systems integration in the form of integrating developmental screenings into primary care clinics. This has been done in San Francisco and we now have the opportunity to explore implementation of integrating an app which would exponentially increase the number of screenings taking place. There would be a start-up cost, but on-going costs would be minimal. Commissioners agreed staff should explore this further.

Ms. Harris asked Commissioner if they would like to have a process to respond to regional requests for support, such as the one in the packet from Children Now. Commissioner Hannigan recommended First 5 Solano staff to create a legislative platform modified from Solano County's legislative platform to allow First 5 Solano to respond to items within the platform timely.

V. First 5 Solano Staffing and Finance Update

Michele Harris announced the addition of Program Manager Lorraine Fernandez to First 5 staff. Megan Richards gave an overview of changes to revenues projections for the next fiscal year. Ms. Richards noted the two additional Pre-K Academy sessions for Vallejo requested by Commissioners could be funded through \$4,000 of unallocated funds and \$6,000 from underused budget item “collaboration”.

VI. Children Now Solano County Scorecard

Megan Richards shared the Children Now Solano County Scorecard highlighting some of the successes and challenges identified in the scorecard.

VII. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location

The next Systems and Policy Change Committee is scheduled to meet next on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 3:00PM, at 601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA. Future agenda items include: Co-Sponsorships of Training and Conferences, and Staffing and Finance Update.

Adjourn

Commissioner Barbosa adjourned the meeting at 4:25 PM.

Andrew Boatright, Office Assistant III

Approved:

CHILDREN ARE OUR BOTTOM LINE

PROGRAM & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

February 2, 2017, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA 94533

CALL TO ORDER

I. Introductions, Public Comment, Commissioner Comment

II. Consent Calendar

Action

- A. Approve the February 2, 2017 PCE Committee Meeting Agenda
- B. Approve the December 15, 2016 PCE Committee Meeting Minutes

III. Compliance Action Plans

Information

Gene Ibe, Program Manager

Receive a report Compliance Action Plans for Dixon Family Services and Benicia Police Department Family Strengthening Services

IV. Update on Housing for Children and Families

Information

Daniel Del Monte, Community Services Coordinator, Solano County Health & Social Services

Receive an update on the status of housing for at risk children and families

V. Program Updates

Information

Juanita Morales, Program Manager

- A. Receive an update on Community Engagement Activities and provide feedback on New Parent Kit contents
- B. Receive an update on Early Learning System Activities

VI. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location

Information

The Program and Community Engagement Committee is scheduled to meet next on Thursday, March 16, 2:00 PM, at 601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA. Future agenda items include: Compliance Action Plans, Mid-Year Performance Measures Report, Community Engagement Update, and Early Learning System Activities

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First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission

Program & Community Engagement Committee

February 2, 2017, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA

Minutes

I. Introductions, Commissioner Comment, Public Comment

Commissioner Ayala called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.

Commissioners present: Dan Ayala, Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Aaron Crutison (arrived 2:33PM)

First 5 Solano Staff present: Michele Harris (Executive Director), Lorraine Fernandez (Program Manager), Juanita Morales (Program Manager), Gene Ibe (Program Manager), and Andrew Boatright (Office Assistant III)

Members of the public present: Blanche Hilman (Benicia Police Department), Daniel Del Monte (Health & Social Services), Cookie Powell (Dixon Family Services)

Commissioner Comment: None

Public Comment: None

I. Compliance Action Plans (Consent Calendar item tabled)

Gene Ibe presented Compliance Action Plans for Benicia Police Department and Dixon Family Services along with a brief history to inform the new PCE Committee members.

Blanch Hilman described the strategies and hiring being implemented to resolve the issues identified in the compliance action plan for Benicia.

Cookie Powell described the training being implemented to resolve the issues identified in the compliance action plan for Dixon.

II. Consent Calendar (item revisited)

A. Approve the February 2, 2017 Program & Community Engagement Meeting Agenda

Motion: Approve the Program & Community Engagement Meeting Agenda for February 2, 2017.

**Moved by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson; Seconded by Commissioner Ayala
Approved 2-0-0**

Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Estrella-Henderson

Nay: None

Abstain: None

B. Approve the December 15, 2016 Program & Community Engagement Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve the Program & Community Engagement Meeting Agenda for December 15, 2016.

**Moved by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson; Seconded by Commissioner Ayala
Approved 2-0-0**

Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Estrella-Henderson

Nay: None

Abstain: None

III. Program Updates (Update on Housing for Children and Families item tabled)

A. *Community Engagement Activities*

Ms. Morales provided a review of the First 5 California-sponsored Kit for New Parents and reviewed the items included in the standard kit. Ms. Morales provided details regarding the several items that Solano inserts into the kit to customize it for our county residents. The committee reviewed the customization items and recommended alternative items to be included in the kit; specifically, Commissioners Ayala and Estrella-Henderson selected a bib and plate, both with the First 5 Solano logo as items to be included in the kit for Solano residents.

B. *Early Learning System Activities*

Ms. Morales reported that there is a current opportunity for incentive layer funding from First 5 CA for the QRIS program. Solano currently does not meet the requirements to qualify for this funding, but will likely qualify next year. She also noted an upcoming webinar would further inform how much additional funding will be possible from additional sites or site ratings in coming years. Ms. Morales noted that First 5 CA is providing additional funding for training – First 5 Solano is working with Applied Survey Research to create a survey for the regional hub consortium of northern California's First 5's to find the highest impact training possible.

IV. Update on Housing for Children and Families (item revisited)

Daniel Del Monte presented information regarding housing for people who are homeless. Mr. Del Monte defined two programs, Rapid-rehousing: a program following the mindset of "housing first" and permanent supportive housing: serves people who have been homeless for 1 year or more (chronically homeless) and a disabling condition which prevents them from retaining housing. Mr. Del Monte detailed H&SS' rapid rehousing program called CALWorks Housing Support Program (HSP).

Michele Harris asked what trends have been seen with housing and where First 5 Solano can be a partner to affect change related to those trends. Mr. Del Monte responded that housing first is an intake for all programs in a coordinated entry system. He noted that it allows vulnerable families to have a priority in the system to be placed in housing first. First 5 Solano can create an impact if they are able to bolster prevention activities through the diversion program of housing first to fill a gap in the HUD funding, which is limited to current homeless.

V. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location

The next Program & Community Engagement Committee Meeting will be held on March 16, 2017 at 2:00 PM at 601 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Adjourn

Commissioner Dan Ayala adjourned the meeting at 3:22pm.

Andrew Boatright, Office Assistant III

Approved:

DATE: March 1, 2017
TO: First 5 Solano Commission
FROM: Michele Harris, Executive Director
SUBJ: Executive Director's Report for March 2017

Letters of Support: I provided the following letters of support (Attachments A-C) since our last commission meeting:

- Adolescent Family Life Program – Solano County Health and Social Services applied to the California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division, to administer the Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP) and implement the Positive Youth Development Model to support expectant and parenting youth in Solano County. First 5 Solano has partnered for many years with the local AFLP efforts through the work of the BabyFirst Solano prenatal program. The services applied for complement and strengthen the existing infrastructure established by H&SS and would continue to be a great resource for pregnant and parenting teens in Solano.
- Supply Bank – Supply Bank applied to the National Diaper Bank Network for a Strategic Impact Grant to expand the capacity of diaper banks serving rural or underserved areas. This particular grant application is to address the main barrier to administering the Baby Hygiene Kit program, which is storage of large quantities of diapers. The grant application would provide for the purchase and installation of permanent sheds or units that can hold a few pallets of diapers. This simple solution would greatly impact the ability of FRCs to get diapers to their low-income clients.
- CalVCB Trauma Recovery Center – Napa/Solano SANE/SART, in collaboration with Child Haven, applied for a CalVCB Trauma Recovery Center grant. SANE/SART is the agency that oversees that Solano Courage Center, a multi-disciplinary center that works with several agencies to address the needs of victims of crime and their families. The Solano Courage Center acts as a hub for agencies and organizations who serve this population, and they collaborate with many government and private agencies.

ED Fund – CalVCB Grant: I provided \$1,000 from my Executive Director's Fund as a match to SANE/SART to support their application to CalVCB for trauma recovery center funds.

ED Fund – WIC Mural Refresh: I provided \$1,200 to Fairfield WIC to update their waiting room with a new "Ocean Life" mural and toy table.

ED Fund - Library Grant: I provided the Solano County Libraries \$10,000 from my Executive Director's Fund to develop the Solano Parent Active Reading Kits (SPARK), a take home literacy kit for parents to check out. Items in the literacy kit include a cd, books, puppets and/or an instrument to encourage parent-child interaction. The SPARK kits will be available at all eight Solano County run libraries. The library also purchased other literacy items that included interactive rugs, wall manipulatives and furniture. The child-friendly furniture and early literacy-promoting playthings are in place at Solano County Library branches, while the SPARK bags for parents are available for borrowing.

The JFK library is conducting an event to celebrate the culmination of this project. The event will include a presentation by multi lingual author, Mathew Gollub. Mr. Gollub will appear at the JFK Library in Vallejo on March 11 at 2 p.m.

AB 377 Frazier Child Care Bill: Assemblymember Frazier introduced AB 377, a bill that would authorize Solano County to develop and implement an individualized county child care subsidy plan to maximize allocated funding (Attachment D). The primary component of the bill would provide flexibility and local control over the dollars, which would allow for all county funds that had previously been required to give back to the state to remain with the county.

Blue Ribbon Commission on ECE: As part of the state budget, Speaker Rendon announced the creation of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Childhood Education (Attachment E). This Commission will be tasked with developing solutions to improve results for young children and their families. The Commission consists of 7 Assemblymembers, as well as 9 leaders from various community organizations working in the ECE arena. First 5s were not offered a seat on the Commission, but the First 5 Association will continue to engage with members of the Commission, many of whom they work with already in a variety of other collaborative efforts.

Funding the Next Generation: First 5 staff recently attended a meeting led by Kim Thomas of the Funding the Next Generation campaign committee, where a summary of outcomes from the 2016 Solano County General Election was presented regarding Measures A + B (Attachment F). Approval of both measures by voters would have created the Solano Fund for Children benefitting local children and youth.

Details of election results were examined and included an analysis revealing cities with majority support for each measure. The committee also brought forward recommendations for possible next steps, such as focusing future efforts at the city level where majority support exists, studying the feasibility of one-measure ballot strategies (i.e. 50% plus 1 options such as a soda tax, or carve-outs of pre-existing and/or increasing taxes such as marijuana), and beginning initial conversations with local leaders to discuss administrative and governance structures for creating a city-level fund for children.

Policy Forum: Commissioners are encouraged to mark their calendars for March 11, 2017 from 9:00am-1pm for the Fourth Annual Children and Families Policy Forum (Attachment G – Flyer) taking place at the Kroc Center in Suisun. The theme this year is *Making a Difference in Our Community*. The Forum provides an opportunity to educate elected officials about community needs and allow people to learn more about the projects going on in the community and how they can get involved. This year, the Forum will discuss next steps for Funding the Next Generation efforts, youth employment, and creating community change by encouraging youth leadership.

April Children’s Month Upcoming: April is “Children’s Month” and to celebrate, we are again distributing grant money to support community events that celebrate early childhood and/or promote awareness about young children’s issues. Grants of up to \$300 will be awarded for community events that help raise awareness about and promote the well-being of young children.

Events may also recognize established “April is Children’s Month” observances, such as Week of the Young Child, Children’s Memorial Flag Day, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, CASA Light of Hope Day, Month of the Military Child, National Spank-Out Day, Victims of Crime Week and El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros Day. First 5 staff will be presenting a resolution to the Board of Supervisors acknowledging April as Children’s Month at the April meeting and including events in the April newsletter.

K-12 Watercooler Conference: First 5 staff attended the 2017 K-12 Watercooler & Equity Conference in Sacramento, CA. The two-day conference included topics on emerging federal policy and the response from both the Federal and State perspectives as well as a focus on Education in California. The Keynote speakers on the first day were the president of the California Teachers Association, Eric Heins and Finnish educator, Pasi Salberg with a presentation on Excellence in Education: An International Perspective. The following day, two panel discussions were offered that concentrated on education systems in California as well as local implementation and equity in workforce development. The Conference had a strong focus on equity as well as creating coherence between the Pre-K and K-12 system.

Footsteps2Brilliance Site Visit: First 5 staff along with Lisa Eckhoff from Solano County Office of Education attended an Early Literacy Summit in Napa, CA focused on Equity, Social Justice and Innovation: Scaling Bilingual Early Literacy Citywide. The event began with site visits to preschool classrooms throughout Napa County. Juanita Morales, Early Learning Program Manager visited a state funded preschool where she observed students engaged in Footsteps2Brilliance and interactive literacy. Footsteps2Brilliance is an early learning solution that helps all children become proficient readers by 3rd grade. The Mobile Technology Platform allows school districts to leverage the mobile devices that parents already own to scale early literacy citywide.

Following the site visit, Dr. Barbara Nemko, Superintendent, Napa County Office of Education, and Irene Rosenthal, Founder and CEO with Footsteps2Brilliance, shared Napa's experience with Footsteps2Brilliance and how use of the program is intended to increase children's outcomes and to inspire a lifelong love of reading. Other key speakers were Delaine Eastin, Former State Superintendent and 2018 Gubernatorial Candidate who provided valuable insight on the political climate of early literacy in California.

Pre-K Academy Campaign: Commission staff are implementing the fifth Pre-Kindergarten Business Champion's campaign for Solano Pre-K Academies. Similar to last year, the campaign will include a targeted mailing to previous individual and business donors, with information and a donation link available on the First 5 Solano website. In addition, a grant application will be submitted to Genentech. Last year, \$9,400 was raised by ten donors – individuals and business – which was matched by the Commission to provide pre-kindergarten academies to children who would otherwise go without a Pre-Kindergarten experience.

Fast Facts Information Sheet: First 5 Solano has created a fast fact sheet (Attachment I) to provide Commissioners, grantees, and other relevant community members' information about services and outcomes delivered by First 5 Children and Families Commission. The fast fact sheet came out of a request from Commissioners at the last Commission retreat to have a quick fact sheet to have on hand when talking about First 5 Solano. In response, staff developed a document that included program outcomes and general information about Solano County and First 5 Solano. The document will also be sent out with our newsletter and serve as a tool for talking points in the community.

Beck Avenue Head Start Site: On March 13, 2017, Child Start Inc., is set to open its Head Start/Early Head Start center at 275 Beck Ave in Fairfield for full day/full year toddler and preschool education and care. The Beck center, a partnership of Child Start and First 5 Solano, will have 3 classrooms serving a total of 36 children from 18 months to 5 years. First 5 Solano is funding the rent for the space with Child Start running the center.

The site, at the rear of 275 Beck, was formerly run by a private center which closed its doors in 2013. Since then, the site has undergone extensive renovations to ensure compliance with federal Head Start and ADA regulations, including a new playground and outdoor environment, modifications to bathrooms and sink, and removing a wall to increase the capacity of the

preschool classroom. Following the renovations, the site received its Community Care License in February 2017.

An open house is being scheduled for April which will provide an opportunity to tour the site and meet the staff.

Attachment A: Adolescent Family Life Program Letter of Support

Attachment B: Supply Bank Letter of Support

Attachment C: CalVCB Letter of Support

Attachment D: AB 377 Frazier Press Release

Attachment E: Blue Ribbon Commission on ECE Press Release

Attachment F: Funding the Next Generation Summary & Possible Next Steps

Attachment G: Policy Forum Flyer

Attachment H: April Children's Month Press Release

Attachment I: Fast Facts Sheet

February 8, 2017

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AFLP Program Coordinator
California Department of Public Health
Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Program Coordinator,

As Executive Director for First 5 Solano, it is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Solano County Health and Social Services (H&SS) application for funding from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division, to administer the Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP) and implement the Positive Youth Development (PYD) Model to support expectant and parenting youth in Solano County.

First 5 Solano funds are an integral part of the safety net for programs serving children and families in Solano County. Our organization funds programs and services aimed at improving the lives of children prenatal to five years of age and their families, and we recognize the value of providing important services, such as AFLP offers, to teens who are pregnant or parenting children to promote the health and wellbeing of children in our community. First 5 Solano has partnered with Solano County H&SS for many years through a number of grants and programs to ensure the needs of our youngest population are met.

The local AFLP program has been a significant source of support and assistance to pregnant and parenting teens in our community, and First 5 Solano looks forward to ongoing collaboration with Solano County H&SS in their work with this population. We support AFLP program objectives and the strengths-based approach to help teens with unique needs attain educational goals and effective parenting skills.

We are committed to ongoing support of the AFLP program by continuing to make our staff and community partners aware of AFLP and its resources, and the importance of referring appropriate teens to the program. We will encourage other partners in the community that serve pregnant and parenting teens to collaborate with AFLP to provide the most coordinated services to clients. We also plan to continue supporting the goals of the program through our mutual service in the many meetings, collaborations, and coalitions in which we are mutually represented.

I am pleased First 5 Solano is able to support this exceptional teen program. Please feel free to contact me as needed.

Sincerely,



Michele Harris, Executive Director
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January 17, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Michele Harris, and I am the Executive Director of First 5 Solano. I am writing to express my strong support of SupplyBank.Org’s Baby Hygiene Kit Program and its implementation for low-income families here in Solano County through family resource centers.

First 5 Solano provides services and programs aimed at improving the lives of children, prenatal to age 5, and their families. I was glad to learn of the Baby Hygiene Kit Program as a means of addressing unmet material needs for low-income children and families, and I suggested family resource centers (FRCs) as distribution hubs in Solano County for the pilot model. Our FRCs are multi-service sites, providing resources and referrals, parenting and life skills classes, job training, case management and basic needs assistance, making them ideal locations to address diaper needs for low-income families. Adequate storage space for diapers and other materials is the only real barrier.

Solano County is situated between two large metropolitan regions, and is often overlooked in terms of funding for programs aiding low-income families. The Baby Hygiene Kit Program could greatly benefit families of young children in the Bay Area, and in Solano County especially, where foundation support is scarce. According to the 2016 report Foundation Giving in Solano County and the Bay Area, Solano County receives \$3 in foundation funds per capita, in stark contrast to San Francisco’s \$1,199 per capita. This discrepancy cannot be explained by the poverty rates—11% of families in Solano County live in poverty, compared to 9% of families in San Francisco.

Families living in poverty often struggle to afford basic material items when managing the costs of rent, food and transportation. Unmet material basic needs, such as diaper needs, cause severe negative health outcomes including urinary tract infections and diaper dermatitis, resulting in many emergency room visits each year – In 2015, 184 babies were treated for diaper dermatitis in Solano County hospitals, along with 226 treated for urinary tract infections. For the parent, diaper needs cause increased stress and feelings of insufficiency. Nearly all subsidized child care centers require parents to provide diapers, making diaper needs a barrier to employment. Furthermore, children cannot benefit from the social and academic environment of the child care center.

The Baby Hygiene Kit Program can remove these health impacts and barriers to childcare and employment for families in Solano County. A donation of permanent storage sheds will allow FRCs to distribute Baby Hygiene Kits to the low-income families they serve, solving immediate diaper needs for hundreds of children in the pilot year of the program, and thousands more as the program scales.

Thank you for your consideration. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best Regards,

Michele Harris
Executive Director

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February 15, 2017

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
California Victim Compensation Board
400 R Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

RE: California Trauma Recovery Center Grant

Dear CalVCB Review Panel Executive:

I am writing on behalf of First 5 Solano to offer our strongest support for the *Napa Community SANE-SART (SANE-SART)* grant application to the State of California Victim Compensation Board for the *California Trauma Recovery Center Grant*.

SANE-SART, the agency that oversees the Solano Courage Center, is uniquely qualified to manage this grant and to provide resources, treatments, and recovery services to crime victims through a comprehensive system in Solano County. SANE-SART is a current leader and partner in Solano County collaborative efforts that address the needs of victims of crime, and support the recovery process.

The Solano Courage Center is designed as a multi-disciplinary center that works together with partner agencies to achieve a more comprehensive and appropriate response to the needs of victims of crime and their families. The Solano Courage Center acts as a hub for agencies and organizations who serve victims of crime, and routinely collaborates with representatives from across the spectrum of non-profits, private medical providers, hospitals, clinics, Solano Family Justice Center, Solano County Department of Health & Social Services (including Child Welfare Services, Human Trafficking Task Force, Mental Health Services, and Public Health), Solano County District Attorney's office, Solano County Office of Family Violence Prevention, Solano County Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement agencies, Solano County Juvenile Detention Facility, Solano County Probation, homeless service organizations, domestic violence organizations, school districts, Special Education Local Plan Area, North Bay Regional Center, parents, and the faith community to ensure strong systems are in place to support residents at their most vulnerable times.

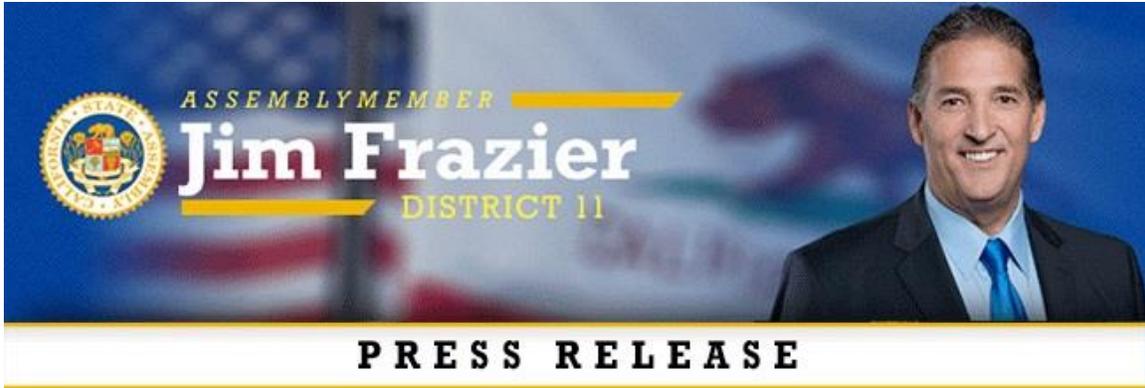
The grant implementation through SANE-SART is a natural extension of the services currently in place and will allow the partner agencies in Solano County to better coordinate the response to all victims of crime. I offer this application my highest support and hope it will be given full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



Michele Harris, Executive Director
First 5 Solano Children & Families Commission

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 9, 2017	CONTACT: Ella Strain 916-319-2011 Ella.Strain@asm.ca.gov
Frazier Introduces Bill to Increase Access to Child Care for Families in Solano County	

Sacramento, CA – Today, Assemblymember Jim Frazier (D – Discovery Bay) introduced AB 377, a bill authorizing Solano County to develop and implement an individualized county child care subsidy plan that will maximize allocated funding and efficiently use child care subsidy funds to meet local conditions, providing children and families access to quality child care. AB 377 allows for all funds the county has previously been required to give back to the state to stay in the community; therefore, there is no additional cost for this program.

California currently utilizes a uniform state family income eligibility cut-off that does not reflect high costs of living. Families in Solano County are stuck in a tough spot because they barely earn enough to meet the cost of living while also considered to have too high of an income to qualify for child care subsidies.

“Right now we’re dependent on a ‘one-size-fits-all’ mentality, which is putting unnecessary stress on families and harming our children,” stated Frazier. “This program will help countless families who rely on child care for their livelihood.”

By allowing local control and more flexibility on eligibility, AB 377 will allow the County to use funds that have already been allocated to ensure quality learning programs are available for all of the families in Solano County.

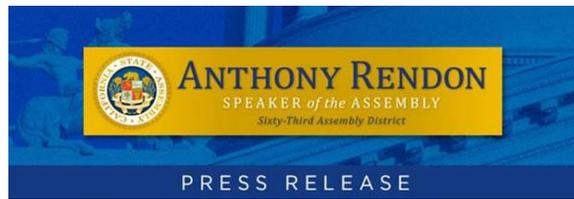
“The Solano Children’s Alliance and the Solano Local Child Care Planning Council would like to thank Assemblyman Jim Frazier for his vision and leadership in introducing AB 377,” said Alan Kerzin, Executive Director for the Children’s Network. “This bill makes good fiscal and programmatic sense and is a ‘win-win’ for Solano County families.”

AB 377 was introduced today and will be assigned to a policy committee shortly.

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Assemblymember Frazier represents the 11th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Antioch, Bethel Island, Birds Landing, Brentwood, Byron, Collinsville, Discovery Bay, Fairfield, Isleton, Knightsen, Locke, Oakley, Pittsburg (partial), Rio Vista, Suisun City, Travis AFB, Vacaville and Walnut Grove.

CONTACT: Ella Strain (916) 319 – 2011



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 1, 2017

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Rendon Launches Speaker's Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Childhood Education

SACRAMENTO — Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Paramount) today announced the launch of the Speaker's Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Childhood Education. The commission's goal is to develop solutions to improve results for California's youngest learners and their families.

"Our successful future is built on a tiny foundation," Speaker Rendon said. "Our youngest children are learning even before they start school and that learning is the basis of their entire educational success. Their success is our success."

Rendon was first spurred to run for public office when the state slashed over \$1 billion from early learning programs during the Great Recession, including to Plaza de la Raza Child Development Services, the nonprofit he served as executive director. In the first budget he negotiated as Speaker in 2016, Rendon and the Legislative Women's Caucus secured \$530 million in additional funding for early education. Despite these recent investments, the early childhood education system still struggles from inadequate funding.

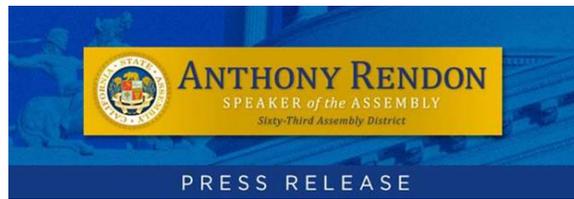
"This commission is a bipartisan effort to do the hard work of figuring out how we can support children and families at those early developmental stages," Rendon added. "We want this to be something that will take the discussion away from the budget wrangles where someone has to lose for you to win. It's important that we all win on this one."

The commission will be tasked with identifying ways to create a more sustainable early learning system and update an outdated funding plan that has been unable to meet the demand for child care access in California. The commission will enable the Assembly to find ways to improve the state's early learning system, and realize those improvements through policy and budget decisions.

The commission will be co-chaired by Assemblymembers Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) and Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento). Also serving on the commission will be Assemblymembers Brian Maienschein (R-San Diego), Blanca Rubio (D-Baldwin Park), Phil Ting (D-San Francisco), and Marie Waldron (R-Escondido).

"We know long-term change is needed for childcare. Whether it's access or the workforce that provides care and delivery, I am ready for the challenge and hopeful for our results," Assemblymember Garcia said. "Childcare remains an important issue not just for me, the Women's Caucus, or families – but for employers and employees alike – as it affects the future of our workforce. I'm ready for the work ahead of us."

"As a longtime advocate for early childhood education, I am honored to serve on Speaker Rendon's Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Childhood Education," said Assemblymember McCarty. "As chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance, I am excited to work with leaders from across the state who are committed to ensuring that all of California's children are given the necessary resources and opportunities to succeed."



The commission will also benefit from nine community members who will bring educational expertise, parental perspectives, and the knowledge of community agencies and frontline providers.

Upon the conclusion of a series of hearings throughout the state, the commission will issue a report that will outline policy recommendations for the legislature to consider. The commission will hold its first hearing in the coming month.

Additional quotes from Assemblymembers serving on the commission:

Assemblymember Blanca Rubio (D-Baldwin Park)

"As a long time educator, I have a history of fighting for increased resources for children and working families. While the last several budget years have provided additional funding for early childhood education programs, the system still struggles to stay afloat as a result of past cuts to funding. My goal in participating in the Blue Ribbon Commission is to find creative solutions and strategies to help the early childhood education system grow and support the kids and families who need it most."

Assemblymember Phil Ting (D-San Francisco):

"Education is the greatest gift we can give to our children. By starting their education at a younger age, we can position them for greater success in life. Early childhood education improves brain development and helps enable parents to work and provide for their families. I look forward to identifying opportunities for moving California's education system forward in order to build a more prosperous and inclusive state."

Assemblymember Marie Waldron (R-Escondido):

"As a mom, I am always concerned about looking at solutions to help children achieve in school and in life; and I know together we can collaborate on positive outcomes that work for our diverse state."

List of community commissioners:

- Michael Olenick, President and CEO, Child Care Resource Center
- Nina Buthee, Executive Director, CA Child Development Administrators Association
- Deborah Kong, Director, Early Edge California
- Dr. Celia Ayala, Senior Advisor, L.A. Universal Preschool
- Tonia McMillian, SEIU Local 99 member and child care provider
- Mary Ignatius, Statewide Organizer, Parent Voices
- Parvin Ahmadi, Superintendent, Castro Valley Unified School District
- Dr. Jacquelyn McCroskey, Professor of Child Welfare at University of Southern California, School of Social Work
- Sonia Campos-Rivera, Director of Education Policy and Public Affairs, L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce

Website of the Speaker's Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Childhood

Education: <https://speaker.asmdc.org/blue-ribbon-commission-early-childhood-education>

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Funding the Next Generation Solano

Summary of Outcomes of 2016 General Election - Measures A + B - & Possible Next Steps

Election Results:

- Measure A, the tax measure, failed with 46.4% of the vote county wide.
- Measure B, the purpose and plan for a Children's Fund, passed with 64% of the vote county wide
- Support levels varied by city.
- Measure A had majority support in both Suisun (almost 53% support) and Vallejo (55% support).
- Measure B had majority support in every city except Dixon (49% support). The highest level of support was in Vallejo with 68% support.
- While disappointing, this is still a solid, respectable first attempt.

What Did We Learn?

- The 2 measure strategy was confusing to some voters and not trusted by others.
- The level of support in Solano for children is strong, but succeeding with a 2/3rds vote strategy would be a steep climb, and require resources far greater than what we were able to raise.
- Many non profits were not able to provide the anticipated revenue and person power, and governmental agencies and staff essentially did not participate. We need to build and draw upon a larger base of support.
- One of the most frequently heard criticisms was that government should use the funds it already has for this purpose. The public needs a better understanding of what their current dollars buy. To build county wide support, a clear Children's Budget is needed.
- The campaign can't begin in earnest until the measure is on the ballot (it doesn't feel "real" until then); 3 months is far too short a time frame to raise the funds and run an effective campaign.

Options Recommended for Possible Next Steps:

- Consider focusing a ballot effort at the city level in the city with an already high level of support (Vallejo and/or Suisun), and focusing on better understanding and articulating the need via Children's Budget advocacy and similar strategies at the county wide level.
- Study the feasibility of one-measure / 50% plus 1 options such as soda tax, or carve-outs of pre-existing & growing taxes such as marijuana taxes.
- Take advantage of Funding the Next Generation's growing circle of advisors and support. (For example, the free technical assistance available to the county on a simplified way to produce a children's budget).
- Meet with City-level experts re: the possible administrative & governance structures for a city level Children's Fund.

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OUR COMMUNITY



DATE: Saturday, March 11, 2017

TIME: 9:00 AM — 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Kroc Center — 586 Wigeon Way, Suisun

NO-COST REGISTRATION: <https://4th-annual-policy-forum.eventbrite.com>

*Funding the Next Generation—next steps in generating a local fund for children
Youth Employment—connecting youth with employment opportunities
Stress and Controlled Substances—the realities our youth face and coping*

**Let your
voice be
heard!**

**Complimentary Continental
Breakfast & Late
Morning Snacks.
Resource Tables.**

**Meet your local
and state legislators
and leaders!**

For more information, or to become a sponsor of this event, please contact Allissa Smith,
Administrative Assistant for The Children's Network at (707) 421-7229, extension #101.

To sign up for this FREE event, visit <https://4th-annual-policy-forum.eventbrite.com> or complete the form below and return to:
The Children's Network, 827 Missouri Street, Suite 5, Fairfield CA 94533

First Name

Last Name

No-cost child care available.

Number of Children

Ages

Any Special Needs?, Food Allergies?

Translation Services needed?

Spanish

American Sign Language

Other _____



**SOLANO
COUNTY**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 17, 2017

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Grants available for April Children's Month Events

SOLANO COUNTY – April is "Children's Month" in Solano County! To help celebrate, First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission is seeking applications to support community events that celebrate early childhood or promote awareness about young children's issues during the month of April.

Grants of up to \$300 each will be awarded for events that help raise community awareness and promote the well-being of young children. Events may include education about the health, development, safety and school readiness of children 0 to 5 years or may be recognizing "April Children's Month" observances, such as Week of the Young Child, Children's Memorial Flag Day, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, CASA Light of Hope Day, Month of the Military Child, National Spank-Out Day, Victims of Crime Week and El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros Day. Events will be featured in the First 5 Solano Newsletter that will be distributed in Solano County.

The grant application and details can be found at www.first5solano.com. Applicants need to submit a [Community Engagement Fund Application](#) by March 17, 2017 to be considered.

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First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission

ABOUT US



Who are we?

The First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission is one of 58 Children and Families Commissions created when the voters approved Proposition 10 in 1998.

Funds are used to promote support and improve the lives of young children, their families and their communities.



What do we do?

First 5 Solano supports programs and partnerships in the community that span the areas of health, basic resources such as food and housing, and early education programs to help children prepare for kindergarten.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Where are we going?

Over the next few years, First 5 Solano is transitioning from funding direct services toward a combination of direct services and system change efforts.



We have dual goals of helping children and families now, while ensuring strong systems are in place to support families in the long-term. We know that investing in community builds stronger generations to come.

Solano County

Solano County is home to a diverse community of over 400,000 residents.

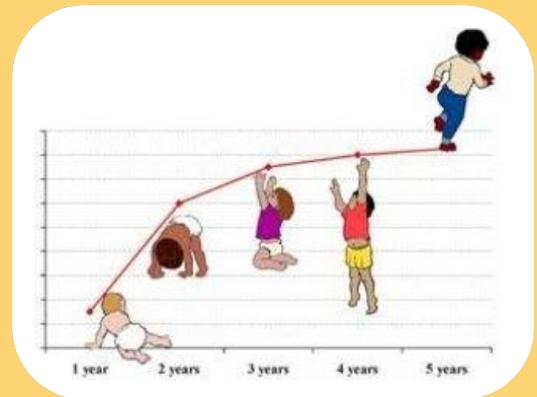
Uniquely positioned midway between San

Francisco and Sacramento and with the most affordable housing in the region, Solano has become a bedroom community for the rest of the Bay Area.



Did you know?

A child's brain develops more in the first five years than at any other time in their life.



How children are nurtured and cared for during their first years has a profound impact on how the brain is organized. The relationships a young child has with parents and caregivers can determine how a child will function in school and later in life.

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OUTCOMES

What did we accomplish?

In the last year, First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission invested over \$4 million to support more than 30 programs in the community and served nearly 10,000 young children, their parents and caregivers, and providers of early childhood services.

Accomplishments are reflective of the many partners and agencies all working in the same direction to ensure that all Solano children thrive in safe, stable, healthy, and nurturing families and communities.

CHILDREN HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE

100% of children ages 0-5 in Solano have health insurance.¹

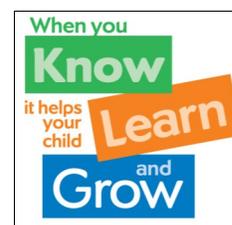
Infants have health insurance before they leave the hospital.



EARLY IDENTIFICATION

Over 400 high-risk children screened for developmental delays.²

Early identification paves the way for future successes in school & life.



IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LOCAL CHILD CARE

Launched Solano's Quality Rating and Improvement System.

Engaging over 30 early care and education sites in quality assessment and improvement.



BOOSTING KINDERGARTEN READINESS SKILLS

Twenty classrooms opened for 4 weeks during the summer so children without prior preschool experience could learn educational concepts & social emotional skills so they were better prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn.



FAMILY STABILITY

99% of high-risk families that received support from the Family Resource Centers

& Child Welfare Services social worker remained safely in their homes and with their family unit.²



RESOURCE CONNECTION



Help Me Grow Solano is a system that assists in identifying at-risk children, then helps families find and connect with community-based programs and services.