

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

July 16, 2015, 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM
601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present: Aaron Crutison (Chair), Marisela Barbosa, Dan Ayala, Liz Niedziela, Jerry Huber

First 5 Solano Staff present: Michele Harris, Megan Richards, Ciara Gonsalves, Christine Shipman, and Christiana Lewis

Members of the public present: Josette Lacey (Solano County), Susan Brutschy (Applied Survey Research)

Chair Crutison called the meeting to order at 2:32pm.

I. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the Commission Meeting Agenda for July 16, 2015

Motion: Approve the July 16, 2015 Commission Meeting Agenda

**Moved by Commissioner Ayala; Seconded by Commissioner Barbosa
Approved 5-0-0**

Yea: Commissioners Crutison, Barbosa, Ayala, Niedziela, and Huber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

II. First 5 California IMPACT

Ms. Richards informed the Commission that First 5 California released a Request for Applications (RFA) for the First 5 Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive initiative (IMPACT), and First 5 Solano has submitted a letter of intent to secure a slot for application. First 5 Solano is requesting approval from the Commission to participate in the IMPACT program to help develop the Solano Early Learning System, allocate up to \$200,000 over five years to leverage \$1,096,628 of First 5 CA funding, and to submit the Solano IMPACT application.

Commissioner Ayala asked if other First 5 counties were participating in this program. Ms. Richards explained that all counties, except Sierra County, have submitted a letter of intent as a lead agency or a partner agency. Commissioner Barbosa asked how this program would affect staffing or other projects, and what challenges First 5 Solano may face. Ms. Harris responded that First 5 California is providing a planning period before implementation, and First 5 Solano would strategize during that time. Ms. Harris explained that First 5 Solano and SCOE will coordinate at the systemic level to further develop a comprehensive quality early learning system.

Commissioner Crutison inquired about the sustainability outlook. Ms. Richards answered First 5 Solano anticipates community partners to adopt the quality improvement as a culture and continue the work beyond the five-year period.

Motion: Consider approval to participate in the First 5 California Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive (IMPACT) program to support the local quality improvement system to coordinate, assess and improve early learning settings; Approve an allocation of up to \$200,000 over five years (through FY2019/20) to leverage \$1,096,628 of First 5 CA funding for the Solano IMPACT Program; and Authorize the Executive Director to finalize and submit the Solano IMPACT Application in response to the First 5 CA IMPACT RFA Source of funding: Long Term Financial Plan

**Moved by Commissioner Ayala; Seconded by Commissioner Barbosa
Approved 5-0-0**

Yea: Commissioners Crutison, Barbosa, Ayala, Niedziela, and Huber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

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

The next Commission meeting will be held on August 11, 2015 at 5:00 PM at 601 Texas Street, Fairfield. Future agenda items include: Committee Reports; Strategic Planning

Adjourn

Commissioner Crutison adjourned the meeting at 3:05pm.

Christiana Lewis, Office Assistant III

Approved:

