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Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sister Joan Hanna, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at First 5 Marin at 5:31 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Sister Joan Hanna
Lisa Leavitt MD – *vice chair*
David Bonfilio
Amy Eisenmann
Heather Ravani
Supervisor Katie Rice
Juan Rodriguez
Kristen Seatavakin

Commissioner/s Excused

Gabrielle Philippe-Auguste

Staff Present

Amy Reisch
Michelle Fadelli

Guests

Heather Bettini, SparkPoint
Jill Casey, jdcPartnerships
Jara Dean-Coffey, jdcPartnerships

II. MEETING MINUTES

Sister Joan asked if there were changes, additions or corrections to the commission minutes for the last meeting on November 16, 2016.

Motion/Second: Bonfilio/Seatavakin

The minutes of November 16, 2016 were unanimously approved.

III. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hanna: Sister Joan reported attending a hearing at San Rafael City Hall regarding the Dominican Sisters' housing proposal (for two women with children, in partnership with Homeward Bound); she introduced herself as a nun and as the chair of First 5 Marin.

Commissioner Rodriguez asked if we could schedule a debrief session on Measure A. Amy stated that the Strong Start Coalition has had a debrief from the Measure A campaign, but that we could also schedule a briefing for the First 5 commissioners. Michelle Fadelli noted that Measure A was about 4500 votes short of the 2/3 vote needed. (She added that about 13,000 people voted for Trump, but about 26,000 people voted against Measure A.)

Amy Reisch invited our guest, Heather Bettini to introduce herself. Heather is the director of SparkPoint, a project of Community Action Marin (CAM). SparkPoint focuses on teaching financial literacy, and is currently working with Spanish-speaking parents at Bahia Vista School.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Amy Reisch submitted her written report, and added the following:

- “**Advocacy Day**” is scheduled at the State Capitol on Tuesday, January 31st; commissioners are welcome to come to Sacramento. (She added that Assembly Democrats have subsequently scheduled a retreat on that day; we will meet with Asm. Levine’s staff instead.)
- **Election of Officers** – we will nominate and elect officers at the February meeting.

V. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

- **Presentation of First 5 Marin’s Annual Report for FY 2015-16**

Michelle Fadelli, Manager of Public Policy and Communications, presented First 5 Marin’s new annual report. She noted that there are two pages dedicated to “poverty and the cost of self-sufficiency” in Marin; these can be printed as a two-sided handout (for those who make related presentations). Two pages each are dedicated to children’s health and school readiness; each has a page of statistics and a page detailing First 5 Marin’s investments. Additional pages focus on the Marin Communications Forum and our investments in advocacy. The report concludes with our financials for FY15-16 and a statement about our upcoming strategic planning and the focus on equity.

Hard copies of the report will be available for display and distribution; please contact Michelle if you would like additional copies (michelle@first5marin.org). The report will also be posted on our website and shared on Facebook.

- **State Budget Overview – Executive Director** Amy Reisch shared a review/summary of the Governor’s budget proposal from the First 5 Association and added the following:

- ECE** – the early childhood education (ECE) community is not happy about the proposed delay of funding, included in the FY1516 Budget, for increased reimbursement rates and additional slots.

- Error reported** – the Department of Finance just reported a \$1.5 Billion error in budget numbers.

- An additional \$1.4 Billion has been projected from the new tobacco tax measures. But these were supposed to be new monies, not “backfill” for a budget error.

- Board of Equalization** – the BOE is projecting a one-time nearly 18% decrease in tobacco tax revenues to First 5 in FY1718;

- ACA** – the Governor’s budget proposal does not take into account the potential total repeal of the Affordable Care Act; we may have a much more dire situation to deal with.

- ***Commissioner Ravani**– said that HHS is tracking the issue and can share information with First 5.

- ***Commissioner Bonfilio** – said it was interesting that Republican members of Congress are getting pushback (on the repeal). People have mistaken “Obamacare” and “ACA” – and think they are different.

- ***Amy** – added that, due to all the unknowns, we may need to come up with 3-4 different scenarios for our strategic planning.

- **Strategic Planning** – Jill Casey from **jdcPartnerships**, presented a background report our strategic planning session, based on commissioner interviews and a community partner survey (which included funded partners). Our planning efforts will be using an “equity frame and focus.” Jill asked what interested or surprised commissioners about the results.
 - ***Commissioner Bonfilio** – said he was glad to see our role as a “convener” being recognized, and seen as impacting equity efforts.
 - ***Commissioner Ravani** – noted that we need to grow leadership from within impacted communities.
 - ***Commissioner Hanna** – noted the surprising demographics.
 - ***Commissioner Bonfilio** – asked about the information about income equality and the impact on health, and what was so particular to Marin. Jara Dean-Coffey, from jdcPartnerships, referred to a former report from the County of Marin which noted the (toxic) stress of being poor in a community of such great wealth.
 - ***Commissioner Rodriguez** – is focused on developing “agency” through families and the student voice. They need to understand the context of their lives in Marin.

First 5 Marin’s Strategic Planning meeting will be held on Saturday, January 28th from 8:30 a.m. to 2 pm at the Cavallo Point Conference Center in Sausalito (Tidewater Room A). Amy said that the agenda will be coming, as well as a map for Cavallo Point. Our goals will be to produce a revised strategic plan for 2017-2022 and a new long-range financial plan.

VI. FINAL COMMENTS

Sister Joan said that she liked the annual report; the limited text is good and it’s easy to read.

Michelle shared the upcoming dates for the Marin Communications Forum:

- ***Jan. 23 – VIVA MARIN: report on Latino Health & Wellness in Marin**
- ***Feb. 13 – Healthy Beverages: Sugar, obesity prevention, oral health (and the soda tax)**
- ***March 13 – MarinKids**
- ***April 17 – Emergency Communications (pending)**
- ***May 15 – ACES: Adverse Childhood Experiences**

VII. ADJOURNMENT – Commission chair Sister Joan Hanna adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

5:30 p.m.

First 5 Marin conference room

1050 Northgate, Suite 130, San Rafael, CA

SAVE-THE-DATE: First 5 Marin’s Annual Policy Breakfast: Friday, May 5th.

MEETING DATES FOR FY1617:

February 15, 2017

March 15, 2017

April 19, 2017

May 17, 2017

June 21, 2017