



Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Lisa Leavitt, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at First 5 Marin at 5:34 p.m.

Commissioners Present

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

Commissioners Excused

Gabrielle Philippe-Auguste

Staff Present

Amy Reisch
Michelle Fadelli

Guests

Nancy Carlisle, SparkPoint Marin
Jill Casey, Luminare Group
Ana Marisa Lopez, Redwood Community Health Coalition
Nancy Masters, JFCS
Caren Schmidt, Marin Community Clinics (MCC)
Ann Wakely, League of Women Voters of Marin County
Clint Wilkins

II. MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Seatavakin asked if there were changes, additions or corrections to the commission minutes for the last meeting on October 18, 2017.

Motion/Second: Bonfilio/Rodriguez

The minutes of October 18, 2017 were unanimously approved.

III. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Rodriguez noted that Hugo Mejia, the Venetia Valley parent who has been detained since May, has a bond hearing in San Francisco on November 21st. Feeling hopeful. He wil keep the Commission informed of the outcome.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In addition to the written report, Executive Director Amy Reisch reported the following:

-Fire Fund update: \$50,000 has been contributed to the Associations' statewide fund. No expenditure of the additional authorized funds yet; Napa/Sonoma are still evaluating needs that will extend beyond initial community donations.

-Amy and Michelle just attended the "**First 5 Summit**" which focused on a shared vision for First 5's in 2018 and a statewide policy platform. Camille Maben from First 5 California attended and participated.

-Open enrollment funding: all eligibility workers and all application assistants at the clinics and CBOs are being trained by the National Immigration Law Center on November 28th; Plands for training lawyers in the county are still underdevelopment.

- Michelle Fadelli reminded commissioners about the next two **Marin Communications Forum** events, November 20th (Health Impacts of Cannabis) and December 4th (Making Ends Meet in Marin).

* Commissioner Bonfilio asked if we know the impacts of the North Bay fires on housing/rentals; Michelle added that Rob Eyler from the Marin Economic Forum will be addressing this in his presentation on December 4th. Supervisor Rice added that Marin Housing will also be tracking the impact. Commissioner Rodriguez asked if, in addition to discussing the issues, we will be working on action; Michelle noted that our speakers will be presenting to the board of supervisors.

V. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

- **Presentation by SparkPoint Marin** – Nancy Carlisle presented a summary of services available from SparkPoint Marin, a project of the United Way Bay Area, with 14 centers around the Bay. SparkPoint is focused on financial stability, and works to help clients become self-sufficient (with three months savings and reduced debt). Services are provided in two ways: (1) walk-in: for food (free food pantry, emergency food boxes and Cal Fresh assistance) and for tax preparation services (February through April); and (2) membership (no charge): career coaching, increased income, reduced debt, housing options, landlord/tenant issues. SparkPoint conducts a financial assessment and develops an action plan for each client. There are currently 375-400 members.

-Nancy Masters noted that JFCS refers clients for assistance.

-Commissioner Leavitt asked about bilingual services. Nancy Carlisle said that all materials are available in Spanish. Their bilingual financial counselor just left for a new position and is being replaced. (Lisa said she will share information with staff at the Marin Community Clinics; many patients have financial issues that have impacts on the family's health and well-being.)

- **Triple P: The Power of Positive Parenting** – Nancy Masters from Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFCS) reported on their proposal for "Triple P" funding. They will be training staff at Marin Community Clinics, Parent Services Project and JFCS, and providing high quality parent education and support. The request for funding is being made to First 5 Marin and to the Marin Community Foundation. The Triple P program is based on strong research and has been used successfully in Latino communities. They will provide direct services and technical support; they will track data and outcomes.
- Amy Reisch** noted that her first 5 colleagues use Triple P. Other models are available, but Triple P is the least expensive with the best track record. It can be adapted to our community.
- Commissioner Bonfilio** asked how we can avoid attrition (of trained staff). Nancy replied that prior trainings were wide open, without any commitments. "We learned how to partner, get commitments and screen for appropriate people, and to follow up with support." There are several "levels" of the program; JFCS believes level 2 and 3 are good levels of training, and are most effective for partners. She is very confident in "Triple P 2.0."

-Commissioner Bonfilio asked about five years from now, and how we can address training. Nancy replied that Triple P does not provide/allow a “train-the-trainer” situation. Amy added that the First 5 Association is working with the Triple P organization to try to deal with this. (First 5 is their best customer in California.)

-Caren Schmidt from MCC added that you need institutional buy-in for success, and Triple P will be part of the culture at Marin Community Clinics and Parent Services Project.

-Amy added that, previously, individuals were trained but didn’t “bring the institution with them.” We need the organizations on board.

-Nancy concluded that the request to First 5 Marin is for \$87,567 in funding for the Triple P program.

The motion to accept the funding request of \$87,567 from Jewish Family and Children’s Services to fund Triple P/The Power of Positive Parenting was unanimously approved, with Commissioner Leavitt abstaining.

Motion/Second: Ravani/Hanna

- **Luminare Presentation: Funded Partners Report**

Jill Casey presented the “Year in Review” evaluation from First 5 Marin’s evaluation team, The Luminare Group. Highlights include:

-100% of children served by the Early Child Mental Health (ECMH) project were retained in their child care situations, with staff training, parent education and support for children and families.

-90% of participants in Marin Communications Forum events agreed: their understanding improved; they learned about strategies/tools/resources; they were motivated and will use what they learned.

-Community partners reported that First 5 Marin has had a positive impact at the individual and organizational levels.

-Commissioners contributed with issue reframing, becoming new advocates, and supporting collaboration and alignment with First 5 Marin.

-Commissioner Bonfilio noted that the national picture has changed and is changing. We need to reach out to communities who do not talk/think like us.

-Sister Joan commented that First 5 Marin provides a wide array of activities with fidelity to children and families.

-Commissioner Ravani added that there are lots of little pieces that make sense. Amy noted that we did “network mapping” at the First 5 Summit, looking at our key partners. The Theory of Action repeatedly shows the power of those partnerships.

-Commissioner Seatavakin noted that First 5 Marin does a lot of work with a very small team. Amy added that the commission has understood that we can’t do everything and has allowed us to do our work.

Amy noted that next year’s evaluation report and presentation will combine the Funded Partners Report and the Theory of Action Report. Sister Joan noted that the “silos” are gone. Heather said it’s interesting to do this analysis with our partners; and we need to use every opportunity to align with our partners. Jill added that the goal is for alignment and network analysis.

Amy added that the goal of Proposition 10 was to create a comprehensive system of care and services for children statewide, with all partners at the table.

-Commissioner Bonfilio asked who we share this with. Amy said we report to the state, and Michelle added that we report back to the community with our annual report. Dave added that the North Bay Leadership Council talks about these issues all the time.

VI. FINAL COMMENTS

Amy reported that the January meeting will be Commissioner Ravani's last meeting before her retirement.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – Commission chair Dr. Lisa Leavitt adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

5:30 p.m.

First 5 Marin conference room

1050 Northgate, Suite 130, San Rafael, CA