



## Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2017

### I. CALL TO ORDER

**Kristen Seatavakin**, Commission Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at First 5 Marin at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Commissioners Present**

Kristen Seatavakin – *vice chair*  
David Bonfilio  
Sister Joan Hanna  
Gabrielle Philippe-Auguste  
Heather Ravani  
Supervisor Katie Rice  
Juan Rodriguez

#### **Commissioners Excused**

Amy Eisenmann  
Lisa Leavitt MD – *chair*

#### **Staff Present**

Amy Reisch  
Michelle Fadelli

#### **Guests**

Margot Grant Gould, First 5 Association of California  
Jill Casey, Luminare Group (formerly jdcPartnerships)

### II. MEETING MINUTES

**Commissioner Seatavakin** asked if there were changes, additions or corrections to the commission minutes for the last meeting on May 17, 2017.

**Motion/Second: Rice/Bonfilio**

**The minutes of May 17, 2017 were unanimously approved.**

### III. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

**Commission Bonfilio** mentioned the ongoing parking problem in his San Rafael neighborhood. So many large vehicles are being parked there that many families have to park far away from their homes.

**Commissioner Seatavakin** attended the Marin Communications Forum on “Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications” on June 19<sup>th</sup>. She presented on the California Child Care Disaster Plan, and her work to help child care providers in Marin get prepared. (Another workshop for providers is being planned for the Fall; details to come.)

\*Sister Joan noted that there a large number of agencies in attendance and many new community partners.

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Amy Reisch recognized Sister Joan Hanna's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Sister Joan is the outgoing commission chair; she is also retiring as director of Saint Raphael Preschool and is celebrating her 60 year jubilee with the Dominican Sisters.

**V. COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

- **Legislative and Budget Update** - Margot Grant Gould, Policy Director at the First 5 Association, presented a summary of recent events from the State Capitol:
  - a. **Budget passed and sent to the Governor** – the budget bill includes reimbursement rate increases for child care (including a \$42.2 million increase to the “Regional Market Rate” for child care vouchers), \$67.6 million to the “Standard Reimbursement Rate” plus a 65 increase to what was promised in the 2016 budget deal (\$92.7 million); the budget also includes \$7.9 million for the addition of nearly 3000 full day slots in state preschool; and \$15 million to fund emergency child care for foster children and an additional \$31 million in ongoing county funding for emergency child care vouchers.
  - b. **Prop. 56 Tobacco Tax** – In January, the Governor proposed \$1.3 Billion for increased reimbursements to physicians, dentists, women’s health, developmentally disabled and HIV/AIDS. Prop. 56 will also pay for funding to Medi-Cal, up to \$711 million in 2017-18.
  - c. **What was not funded** – The CalWORKS “home visiting” program was not funded in this year’s budget, along with the diaper service for CalWORKs families. (First 5 currently contributes about \$80 million to home visiting across the state.
    - Commissioner Ravani** noted that there is no home visiting program at Health and Human Services, but it is under discussion.
    - Amy noted that Early Head Start does some home visiting, but it’s a different scope.
    - Commissioner Ravani noted that there are a number of evidence-based programs that are the used in counties and/or states with home visiting programs. These programs generally have shown positive outcomes in reducing child abuse, maternal depression, and fostering positive parenting.
    - Amy added that in some cases the “evidence” cited for some programs is not from communities of color, for example. We have to ask is the particular program culturally appropriate. Will it be equally effective? Are there promising practices in those communities that we should support?
    - Commissioner Rice asked, “Where does home visiting fit in among other priorities?” Should this be funded when we haven’t funded other needs.
    - Margot noted that, statewide, the bigger focus has been on programs for 3-4 year olds, not for infants/toddler care.
    - Michelle Fadelli noted that there is a case to be made for infant care in the business community, helping parents who are headed back to work.
    - Amy added that we really need to focus on paid parental leave as well as home visiting.

Also no additional funding for child care slots was provided (beyond what was promised in 2016).

Margot also commented on several child care “pilot bills” that are pending, which would provide flexibility to reimbursement rates. There are currently four separate bills involving 13 counties; they recently passed out of the Senate Education Committee. (Marin is grouped with Sonoma and Contra Costa; the bill is authored by Assemblymember Tony Thurmond and supported by State Senator Mike Mc Guire.)

Note: Margot added that the **Board of Equalization** is being dissolved and more than 30 tax and fee programs (sales tax, new tire fees, tobacco tax, gas tax etc.) are being moved to a newly-created “California Department of Tax and Fee Administration” as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. A new independent tax court, staffed by administrative law judges, is being created to hear tax appeals.

- **Overview of Potential New Initiatives in FY 2017-18:**

1. **Baseline School Readiness Data for Marin County** – Amy reported that Sonoma County has aggregated school readiness data for 11 of their 25 school districts for 2015 and 2016. The assessment they used is based on the State’s Desired Results Developmental Profile –School Readiness (DRDP-SR). Because the DRDP-SR was piloted and found to be too long and cumbersome for teachers to implement for each child, they have developed a two page summary tool. Although many kindergarten teachers in Marin do some kind of assessment of the readiness of their students, it is primarily academic and there is no uniformity in the tools they use. The Marin Community Foundation (MCF) has piloted a uniform assessment in the PreK-to-3 program and Marin Quality Counts participants use the DRDP in their end-of-preschool assessments. Incentives are generally paid to kindergarten teachers to complete the multi-page assessment. (Sonoma paid each teacher \$500 for the first year; it will be \$300 next year.)

The data is reported to inform the whole community of the general “readiness” of entering kindergarten students and to inform strategies to address ongoing needs. Child level data is available to teachers to help them plan appropriate curriculum for all of their students. Individual student results are never made public.

Executive Director Amy Reisch met with Don Jen from MCF and Superintendent of Schools, Mary Jane Burke; she is enthusiastic!

Amy will bring back more information, data and a budget in the Fall.

-Commissioner Ravani suggested we connect to Marin Promise. They have data and are connected with the schools. No need for anyone to duplicate efforts.

-Commissioner Rice noted that school superintendents are at the “Marin Promise table.”

2. **Help Me Grow** – Help Me Grow is a collective impact effort to connect at-risk children with services they need. The goal is to identify children and find community-based services, programs and interventions. It’s a collaborative effort among healthcare, early care and education, and family support providers.

A telephone (warm) line and case management are the major costs. There is also an evaluation module. Data collection and analysis helps identify gaps and barriers in the system. This program involves all parents, not just low-income. The focus is on the family.

Example: A family has a concern over delayed speech. They can call a central telephone number for a referral for screening (and speech therapy if needed).

We would need a facilitator. There is an application and membership fee (to the Help Me Grow organization). No budget yet. There is an effort to expand Help Me Grow statewide.

Amy noted that other counties are reporting that their departments now want collaborative efforts like Help Me Grow on other issues.

Commissioner Rice asked if there is capacity for private pay doctors. We need doctors buy-in for more than the phone line. Amy said we don't have all the services in our county. Commissioner Ravani added that people often don't know where to make referrals.

3. **ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Connections Collaborative for Marin County** – Michelle Fadelli reported on discussions underway for an “ACEs Collaborative” in Marin County to improve knowledge and understanding of “adverse childhood experiences.”

There are “ACEs Connections” or “ACEs Collaboratives” in many counties. Some counties schedule presentations, some offer training, some coordinate collaborative efforts among various cross-sector service providers to offer “trauma-informed care.” An organization called “**ACEs Connection**” sent a coordinator to meet with Michelle and Kathy Koblick and Sandra Rosenblum from Marin County Health and Human Services. If we would like to proceed, the coordinator will offer support and they can provide funding for administrative support within the county for five hours per week. (Michelle, Kathy and Sandra have discussed a potential September meeting among a few cross-sector leaders, with a follow up meeting for a broader group in October or November.) An update will be provided at the September commission meeting—and by email if needed.

## VI. FINAL COMMENTS

**MarinKids** – Amy reported that MarinKids has chosen a new executive director, Meredith Parnell (formerly of Congregation Rodef Sholom and a member of Marin Organizing Committee).

**Sesame Street** – Amy reported that Sesame Street has prepared a new “toolkit” for young children dealing with traumatic stress and anxiety, specifically around immigration concerns; it's called, “Care, Cope, Connect: Comforting and Supporting Kids During Community Stress.”

This toolkit is the result of a request from the First 5 Association, following a discussion between Amy and Moira Kinney, executive director of the Association. It's a ten page booklet with parent information and advice as well activities for children.

An official launch is planned for July 10<sup>th</sup>. (First 5 Marin will be sharing information to the public at that time.)

**First 5 Express** – Michelle reported on the First 5 Express visit to the Novato Youth Center. The “family fun day” included the FLAGship and oral health outreach (by Marin Community Clinics) and dental screening (by Marin County HHS). Michelle noted that HHS conducted about 25 dental screenings and made two referrals for urgent care from PDI.

Michelle also reported that the **First 5 Express will be at the Marin County Fair**. (This is a different trailer set up provided by iHeart Radio under the guidance of First 5 California contractors.) The trailer will be located inside the front gates on the left, near the “Baby Sanctuary” and the Marin County Library.

The First 5 Express will offer books and story time for young children as well as music, coloring, stickers and general fun and games. Come visit, June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT** – Commission vice chair Kristen Seatavakin adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

**NEXT SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING:**

**Wednesday, September 20, 2017**

5:30 p.m.

First 5 Marin conference room

1050 Northgate, Suite 130, San Rafael, CA

**REMAINING MEETING DATES FOR 2017:**

**September 20, October 18, November 15**