



## Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2017

### I. CALL TO ORDER

**Lisa Leavitt**, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at First 5 Marin at 5:39 p.m.

#### **Commissioners Present**

Lisa Leavitt MD – *chair*  
Amy Eisenmann  
Sister Joan Hanna  
Heather Ravani  
Supervisor Katie Rice

#### **Commissioners Excused**

David Bonfilio  
Gabrielle Philippe-Auguste  
Juan Rodriguez  
Kristen Seatavakin – *vice chair*

#### **Staff Present**

Amy Reisch  
Michelle Fadelli

#### **Guests**

Jill Casey, jdcPartnerships  
Ambre Dailey, The FLAGship  
Ann Wakely, League of Women Voters  
Heidi Weller  
Bonny White, Marin County Library

### II. MEETING MINUTES

**Commissioner Leavitt** asked if there were changes, additions or corrections to the commission minutes for the last meeting on April 19th, 2017.

**Motion/Second: Hanna/Ravani**

**The minutes of April 19, 2017 were unanimously approved.**

### III. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

**Commission Heather Ravani** said First 5 Marin’s policy breakfast on May 5<sup>th</sup> as really great. The speaker (Kim Belshé) hit all the right points and was very impactful. And we had a good turnout.

**Commissioner Lisa Leavitt** said the ACEs event (“Adverse Childhood Experiences”) on May 15<sup>th</sup> also had a great turnout. Glad that it was videotaped; it will be good to be able to post it and share it with those who couldn’t attend.

\*Michelle Fadelli noted that the participants in the room took the “ACEs Quiz” onsite; the prevalence of ACEs were about double the results from the original CDC/Kaiser study.

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

-there is bipartisan support for new legislation (AB 992) to establish a home visiting program for CalWorks recipients on a statewide basis. All 58 county commissions support the bill.

-The First 5 Association is finalizing a systems change/policy implementation plan for its advocacy work with the state and federal legislatures. We are also developing shared measures for data tracking on broad outcomes for children statewide..

**V. COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

• **Farewell and thanks to Ambre Dailey from the FLAGship**

Amy recognized Ambre Dailey, who has working with the “FLAGship” (mobile preschool) bus for more than 12 years. Ambre not only drives the FLAGship all over the county to reach rural and isolated families, she also delivers preschool and school readiness activities to the children—including bilingual books and stories, art projects, music and bilingual songs, and learning games. [In addition to distributing books for “Reach Out and Read,” Ambre and the FLAGship also provided parents and caregivers with resources and connected them to community services.]

Note: Ambre leaves as the library’s FLAGship program has secured significant funding from the Marin Community Foundation for a new (and badly needed) bus. All but \$25,000 has been raised; Bonny White said they are seeking the remainder from the community.

• **MarinKids Action Guide presentation**

Kathy Tabor from MarinKids, presented a summary of the new MarinKids Data & Action Guide 2016. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Action Guide MarinKids has produced; they are published every two years. The Guide focuses on data in three main areas: family economic sufficiency; academic success; and health and well-being.

The MarinKids Guide shows that there are two realities in Marin: low-income, Latino and African American children fare far worse in most categories than their white and Asian peers. Poverty is a major issue for many families in Marin,; the cost of housing and child care are major obstacles to family self-sufficiency.

Some of the data points presented include:

-**19%** of Marin children (10,130) live in homes **without enough food for healthy growth**. Of these, only 45% qualify for nutrition programs.

-**Child care for an infant** in Marin can range from \$13,219 with a home provider to **\$18,321** in a child care center.

-**One-in-three** children in Marin do not attend preschool. 68% attend overall; 82% of Caucasian children attend (so clearly the numbers are far lower for Latino children.)

-In **3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading**, only **29%** of economically-disadvantaged children are proficient—compared to **65%** of non-disadvantaged children.

-In **math assessments**, **69%** of 8<sup>th</sup> graders and **48%** of 11<sup>th</sup> graders scored proficient.

-**99.5%** of Marin children are enrolled in **healthcare**.

-**88.5%** of kindergarteners had all the required **vaccinations** in 2016, up from 77.9% in 2012. (FYI, this number jumped to 93.2% this school year.)

-**34%** of low-income children (ages 0-3) did not **visit a dentist** in 2013-15; 48% of low income children (ages 1-18) did not see a dentist in 2013.

-Only 46% of low-income 5<sup>th</sup> graders had a healthy weight in 2015.

-30% of 11<sup>th</sup> graders reported feeling depressed; 15% reported contemplating suicide.

-40% of 9<sup>th</sup> graders reported having a first drink by age 14. 25% of 9<sup>th</sup> graders and 50% of 11<sup>th</sup> graders reported using drugs or alcohol in the last month.

\*Michelle Fadelli noted that we share these data points on social media: see [www.Facebook.com/MarinKids](http://www.Facebook.com/MarinKids).

**Kathy** also previewed the **new website**—[www.MarinKids.org](http://www.MarinKids.org). It is much more user-friendly, and has information available in three major sections: Education, Health & Wellness, and Economic Sufficiency. You can download all of the charts in the report.

[Kathy also noted that interviews are underway for the new MarinKids executive director.]

- **Review of Draft FY 2017-18 Budget and Long-Range Financial Plan**

Amy reviewed the budget documents in the packet and noted:

- there is a 3% COLA for our funded project contracts
- we will have a new auditor this year
- the line item for salaries reflects the end of Marjorie's position as well as Michelle changing to full-time status in the new fiscal year.
- we are following the BOE/state commission estimates for Prop. 10 revenues next year (due to the major changes coming from the new tobacco tax, and the delayed backfill)
- we are looking at several new major initiatives, including "Help Me Grow," expanded curriculum-based playgroups and "quality" work for early childhood education.

\*Commissioner Rice said that we should watch the tobacco tax revenues due to see if there is a significant impact on smoking as a result of the new tax—and an impact on our revenue. (Amy noted that the BOE/state commission estimates take that into account and are therefore are very conservative.)

\*Heidi Weller, a meeting guest, asked about the apparent expenditures from reserve funds. Amy replied that it is intentional, based on the vision of Prop 10 being an eventual "uptake" by the public for the programs and initiatives First 5s seed and grow. In addition, First 5 Marin was clear from the very beginning that funding based solely on the annual revenue received would be too limited to actually have lasting impact. of impact spending. Commissioner Rice said the reserve spending is intended to smooth the financial picture; we are keeping First 5 alive long enough to make a difference.

**Commissioner Leavitt** asked if there was a motion on the Draft Budget and Long-Range Financial Plan.

**Motion/Second: Rice/Hanna**

**The draft FY 2017-18 Budget and Long-Range Financial Plan was unanimously approved.**

- VI. FINAL COMMENTS** – Amy thanked Commission chair Lisa Leavitt for her welcome comments at the policy breakfast and said she did a great job!
- VII. ADJOURNMENT** – Commission chair Lisa Leavitt adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

**NEXT SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING:**

**Wednesday, June 21, 2017**

5:30 p.m.

First 5 Marin conference room

1050 Northgate, Suite 130, San Rafael, CA

**REMAINING MEETING DATES FOR 2017:**

**June 21**

**September 20**

**October 18**

**November 15**

**(no meetings in July, August or December)**