



Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Lisa Leavitt, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at First 5 Marin at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Lisa Leavitt MD – *chair*
Kristen Seatavakin – *vice chair*
David Bonfilio
Supervisor Dennis Rodoni

Commissioners Excused

Kari Beuerman
Amy Eisenmann
Gabrielle Philippe-Auguste
Juan Rodriguez

Staff Present

Michelle Fadelli
Amy Reisch

Guests

Laura Byse, Community Action Marin
Chris Durbin, speech pathologist
Samantha Hunt, field representative for Asm. Marc Levine
Lael Lambert, Marin HHS
Lucia Martel-Dow, Canal Alliance
Don McCrae, Your Business Legacy
Victoria Harter, California Children’s Services

II. MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Leavitt asked if there were changes, additions or corrections to the commission minutes for the last meeting on June 20, 2018.

Motion/Second: Seatavakin/Bonfilio

The minutes of June 20, 2018 were unanimously approved.

III. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Leavitt reported that the Marin Community Clinics are talking to the Marin Organizing Committee (MOC) about becoming members of MOC

Commissioner Rodoni reported that the County has approved the development of “just cause” ordinance.

Commissioner David Bonfilio urged the Board of Supervisors to take action on the sale of flavored tobacco and related products.

Commissioner Seatavakin reported that the workshop she organized about emergency preparedness at early childhood education facilities in July was a big success. She added that the providers really want more tools and resources. (For more information, email kseatavakin@marincounty.org.)

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Amy Reisch said it was a busy summer, with lots of events and meetings. She noted that we may change our November communications forum to respond to the news about the “epidemic with vaping” (and the county’s report on the prevalence of vaping among Marin youth).

Amy also announced that First 5 Marin will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the First 5 (the passage of Prop. 10 of 1998) with a “**Healthy Family Fun Day**” at McNears Beach Park on **Saturday, October 27th** from 11 am to 3 pm. The “First 5 Express” van will be on hand with a bilingual library for preschoolers, music and movement activities, stickers and coloring, New Parent Kits and parent information. (Michelle is working with community partners to arrange additional activities—including arts and crafts, rock painting, dance/fitness. In addition, there will be dental screenings, and info about the Earned Income Tax Credit. The FLAGship will be on hand as well as Marin County Parks’ “Roving Ranger” program. More to come! (Flyers are available for distribution; email Michelle@First5Marin.org.)

Michelle Fadelli added that since the commission’s last meeting there were three “Marin Communications Forum” events: Latino Civic Engagement, Free/Low-Cost Legal Services for Families, and Transition from ECE to K-12. She also announced that 150 are registered for the next forum on “Hunger, Food Insecurity and Missing Meals in Marin” on September 24th.

V. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

- **Interview for Commission Vacancy** – Executive Director Amy Reisch introduced Lucia Martel-Dow, Director of Legal Services and Social Services at Canal Alliance, who has applied to serve on the commission. Lucia responded to several questions from Commission chair Lisa Leavitt:
 - How did you become interested in First 5 Marin?** Lucia said she first learned about First 5 Marin at the “Race Counts” forum last March. As the mother of a five year old, she now realizes that family leave is such an important issue. Child care is also a priority issue for working families, and for their employers. She has also followed First 5’s work on cost of living, and with the Marin Breastfeeding Coalition.
 - What can you bring to the commission?** Lucia said she works with families daily. She works to be a voice for people who are “not at the table.” She recognizes that families need systemic and structural change.
 - Social equity** – Lucia said she was shocked to learn that Measure A didn’t pass in 2016. We need to be a voice for children and those in need.
 - Lisa also asked about immigration, the public charge issue and mental health** – Lucia said Canal Alliance recognizes the need to integrate their immigration legal services and their social services. In fact, that’s her new position/title at Canal Alliance – they realized the two are inextricably linked.

Amy reminded the commissioners present that, without a quorum, they wouldn't be voting on Lucia's appointment but they were welcome to discuss the interview and make a recommendation to the full commission.

Commissioner Bonfilio said he was very favorably impressed. **Commissioner Rodoni** said he has worked with Lucia for the past 19 months. **Commissioner Seatavakin** said she thought Lucia would make a great addition to the commission. All agreed to recommend her to the full Commission for approval at the October meeting.

- **Update on Open Enrollment Outreach and Training** — Executive Director Amy Reisch reported that last fiscal we made grants to: Redwood Community Health Center, the National Immigration Law Center, and the Immigration Legal Resource Center. The purpose of these grants was two-fold: more robust outreach to the community for open enrollment for ACA; and training for enrollment assistors, eligibility workers, and legal professionals regarding current rules around risks/benefits of enrolling for health care and other services. We made these grants in collaboration with the Marin Community Foundation. The imminent release of new Public Charge definitions and rules, combined with the repeal of the individual mandate for ACA, makes this upcoming period particularly critical for maintaining children's enrollment.

As you know, Shirin and I convened a working group on the public charge issue, with broad community membership, a number of months ago. The Working Group is now chaired by Kari Beurman, Director of DSS, and meets monthly. Michelle is the chair of the communications committee for the group. The committee has been developing communications materials, including informational documents and a website.

We are expecting the official proposed changes to be published in the next two weeks.

Amy emphasized that this is an important First 5 issue because hundreds of thousands of children will be affected. She added that she may be returning to the commission with an additional request for funding for both outreach and enrollment and training. Because in talking with DHHS we understand that there has been no long-term plan made for enrollment assistance overall for the county, however, during the coming year, our collaborative work will focus on working with DHHS to develop a more long-term and comprehensive approach to outreach and enrollment, particularly in the current climate related to immigrants and the safety net in general.

Lucia Martel-Dow said there is an issue with capacity for legal services. She noted that county workers can't provide legal advice. Canal Alliance will do all they can, but will unlikely be able to meet all the legal demands.

Commissioner Bonfilio asked about public comments. Amy said there will be a 60 day comment period before the proposed changes can go into effect. We will encourage all service providers to submit "customized" public comments.

Commissioner Leavitt said the Marin Community Clinics is only operational due to the funding they receive for children; without that funding, they can't survive.

Victoria Harter from Children's Services reiterated that public charge will have a direct and severe impact on kids.

Amy Reisch reported that Alameda County Social Services estimated a \$ \$39,023,078 impact if only 13% of recipients forgo services and \$78,046,157 if 26% forgo service do to the chilling effect of such rules.

Don McCrae suggested emphasizing the business impacts. He suggested connecting with Rob Eyster. Amy replied that we've worked with the Marin Economic Forum on several issues. David Bonfilio also suggested the North Bay Leadership Council. Don also suggested presentations to local chambers of commerce. He also asked about impacts on schools (regarding ADA funding).

Laura Byse said that Community Action Marin is involved. Staff attended the training on Public Charge in Sacramento that morning.

- **Update on the California State Budget and other Legislation** – Michelle Fadelli and Amy Reisch provided an update on several key pieces of state legislation supported and/or followed by First 5 (note: these minutes include an updated status report as of 9-25-18)

-AB 11 (McCarty) – Developmental Screening- The First 5 Association sponsored this bill to promote universal developmental screening. The bill would require screening for developmental delays and disabilities for all children ages 0 to 3.

STATUS: vetoed by the Governor 9-21-18

-AB 605 (Mullin) – Child Care Licensing – This bill would create a single license for child care centers to serve infant, toddler, preschool and school-age children by January 2021, and require all child care centers to be licensed by January 1, 2014.

STATUS: signed by the Governor 9-20-18

- **-AB 2626 (Mullin) – Child Care and Developmental Service Act** – This bill would expand provisions of the “child care pilot bills” (for 13 counties) statewide, including: establishing income eligibility for subsidized care at 85% of the median income; and setting state preschool participation for three and four year olds at September 1 of the year of attendance. The bill also authorizes two days of staff training at center-based child care agencies.

STATUS: enrolled and sent to the Governor

-AB 2698 (Rubio) – Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation in Preschool – This bill would make costs incurred for mental health consultations to be reimbursable. It would require an “adjustment factor” of 1.05 for child days of enrollment for served in programs where early childhood mental health consultation services are provided.

STATUS: enrolled and sent to the Governor

-AB 2960 (Thurmond) – Online Child Care Portal – This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene a stakeholder workgroup to discuss the vision and key components of an online child care portal. First 5 county commissions are named as a stakeholder.

STATUS: enrolled and sent to the Governor

-SB 1004 (Wiener and Moorlach) – Mental Health Prevention and Intervention - This bill would require the establishment of spending priorities for mental health prevention and early

intervention (PEI) funds. The priorities would include childhood trauma prevention and early intervention, early psychosis and mood disorder detection; culturally competent and linguistically appropriate prevention and intervention.

STATUS: enrolled and sent to the Governor

- **Investment Policy** – Executive Director Amy Reisch stated that, due to the lack of a quorum, this item would be delayed until the next meeting.
- **New meeting date for November** – Executive Director Amy Reisch noted that our regularly scheduled meeting on the third Wednesday in November falls on the night before Thanksgiving. She asked the commission about preferences for meeting on November 14th or 28th. (Note: commissioners later responded by email. The meeting is now set for **Wednesday, November 28th** from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.)

VI. FINAL COMMENTS

Michelle Fadelli reminded commissioners that the First 5 “Kit for New Parents” is now available in a tote bag (rather than a box). They are available in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Japanese and Korean. Individual kits are available at First 5 Marin or orders can be delivered directly in sets of five. (Contact Michelle@First5Marin.org.)

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

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

5:30 p.m.

First 5 Marin conference room

1050 Northgate, Suite 130, San Rafael, CA

Remaining commission meetings in 2018:

November 28

(no meeting in December)