



**Executive Director/Staff Report
January 2019**

Public Policy and Communications

Annual Reports – Michelle finalized the annual report to the community for Fiscal Year 2017-18. Printed copies will be distributed at the January 2019 commission meeting. Additional copies will be distributed to funded partners, policymakers and community partners; the remainder will be handouts for the annual policy breakfast in April. An electronic version will also be posted on our website.

Marin Communications Forum –

- **Legislative Forum** – About 150 people attended the December 14th forum with Assemblyman Marc Levine and State Senator Mike McGuire. Assemblyman Levine and Senator McGuire summarized recent legislation, previewed bills planned for the new session and talked about their legislative priorities. They took questions and responded to audience comments for about an hour. It was a very engaged and engaging session!

Save the dates for 2019:

- **January 28th: Marin Children: Data on Health and Wellness.** A representative from Children NOW will be giving a presentation on their “County Scorecard of Children’s Well-Being,” including statewide numbers and a focus on Marin. The scorecard provides a comprehensive picture of children’s health, education and welfare across California. County-level data mapping tracks key indicators over time and by race and ethnicity. (We are also connecting with Kidsdata.org about presenting at the same event— with additional categories of data, as well as school district and city-specific information.
- **February 25 – Children’s Oral Health.** We are working with the Marin County Oral Health Program on an event to preview their new oral health initiative and to outline the work of new task forces. There will, of course, be a focus on dental services for children as well as outreach and education.
- **March 25** – (Topic being finalized)
- **April 8 – High-Quality, Affordable Child Care for Children, Families and Business**
- **May 20 – Toxic Stress: Prevention and Intervention**

Oral Health – Michelle is working with Marin County HHS on the communications components for the new oral health initiative.

Policy Breakfast 2019 – We are working on plans for First 5 Marin’s annual policy breakfast. We are saving two dates: Fridays, April 19 and 26. We will confirm the final date as soon as possible; until then, commissioners are asked to hold both dates.

Public Charge – Amy and Michelle continue working with the “Public Charge Coordinating Committee” on outreach and education. The deadline for submitting public comments was December 10. The administration now must respond to those comments, before proposing to revise or enact the proposed

changes. An update will be provided as soon as we hear from the Department of Homeland Security. For more information, please visit: <https://www.marinhhs.org/public-charge>

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Amy attended the remaining meetings (phone conf) of the Protecting Immigrant Families Coalition through the public comment period. Over 214,000 comments were received, the vast majority of which were against. The DHS regulations division has, to date, posted only around 26,000 of them. It will take a rather long time for them to review and process all of the comments received. This means that the current regulations still stand and none of the proposed changes can go into effect. We will continue to educate the community, however, and to assure that they have the best and most current information.

The potential funders (Partnership Helth Plan, the County, MCF, Pacific Foundation Services, and Kaiser) had a very productive and meeting in preparation for the release of an invitation to bid for the Help Me Grow call center. With additional research on potential federal draw-downs, as well as a more detailed budget proposal from us, the committee will move forward with the invitation and with some commitments to support some aspects of the start-up.

We have been in conversation with First 5 Sonoma about doing a joint policy event, possibly with Mrs. Newsom, some time after our breakfast. It would likely be in Petaluma (about half-way for Sonoma-Marin attendees). We are still discussing the logistics, goals, messaging, etc. Sonoma has already reached out to the first lady and is waiting to hear back. As we mentioned in November, we have asked Superintendent Tony Thurmond to keynote our breakfast this year and are waiting for confirmation.

December was a quiet month otherwise.

Meetings

Public Charge Work Group	Protecting Immigrant Families Calls and Meetings
Food Now Task force and Stearing Comm – HEAL	HMG Funders Meeting
MCOE Board Meeting	