



## Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2019

### I. CALL TO ORDER

**Lisa Leavitt**, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at First 5 Marin at 5:35 p.m.

#### **Commissioners Present**

Lisa Leavitt MD – *chair*  
Kari Beuerman  
David Bonfilio  
Amy Eisenmann  
Gabrielle Philippe-Auguste

#### **Commissioners Excused:**

Lucia Martel-Dow  
Supervisor Dennis Rodoni  
Juan Rodriguez  
Kristen Seatavakin – *vice chair*

#### **Staff Present**

Michelle Fadelli  
Amy Reisch

#### **Guests**

Laura Byes, Community Action Marin  
Alexandra Danino, SF-Marin Food Bank  
Chris Durbin, Kalmanovitz Child Development Center  
Lael Lambert, Marin HHS

### II. MEETING MINUTES

**Commissioner Leavitt** asked if there were changes, additions or corrections to the commission minutes for the last meeting on November 28, 2018.

**Motion/Second: Bonfilio/Philippe-Auguste**

**The minutes of November 28, 2018 were unanimously approved.**

### III. COMMENTS

**Executive Director Amy Reisch** announced that this was the last meeting at which Commissioner Lisa Leavitt would be serving as our chair. She thanked her for her leadership, passion and commitment to children and families—and presented her with flowers. Lisa said it has been her honor to serve.

**Commissioner David Bonfilio** remarked that it was pleasing to see that our new Governor, Gavin Newsom, has been in the news about investing in early childhood.

- **Amy Reisch** added that he has made several major appointments related to children, including Ann O-Leary as his chief of staff; former First 5 California executive director Kris Perry as

Deputy Secretary of CA Health & Human Services Agency for Early Childhood Development; and Dr. Nadine Burke- Harris, a well-known expert on childhood trauma, as the first Surgeon General of California.

**Commissioner Lisa Leavitt** announced that Marin Community Clinics is joining the Marin Organizing Committee (MOC) as a full member. She added that MOC will be celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 27<sup>th</sup>—save the date!

**Commissioner Beuerman** said she was excited to see that the Governor’s State Budget proposal included a lot of positive elements related to children and families.

#### IV. GUEST COMMENTS

**Laura Byse** from CAM announced two important job openings at Community Action Marin: VP of Finance and Operations and VP of Development.

**Chris Durbin** reported that the Kalmanovitz Child Development Center will be moving to Novato Hospital, offering speech and occupational therapy. They are accepting referrals for young children.

**Lael Lambert** reported that Marin HHS is piloting a home visiting program for families with newborns; they are working with three families now and will have six more by June.

**Alexandra Danino** reported that, due to the federal government shutdown, February CalFresh benefits were distributed by January 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### V. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

- **Pension Liability** – Executive Director Amy Reisch presented her memo on our CalPERS retirement fund, and reported that the recent audit showed about \$268,000 in unfunded liability. The finance committee, on the recommendation of County Treasurer Roy Givens, believes it is prudent to pay off this liability, especially in light of declining revenues. Amy said the commission will still need to make some small payments in the future as the fund adjusts, but the obligations will be relatively minor.  
\***Commissioner Bonfilio agreed that it makes sense to eliminate this liability.** Commission employees will be covered in the event of a problem.

**Motion to pay out the remaining unfunded liability for First 5 Marin’s CalPERS retirement fund in the amount of \$267,657.**

**Motion/Second: Bonfilio/ Beuerman**

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

- **Contribution to Butte County Fire Response Fund** – Executive Director Amy Reisch presented a memo regarding a potential contribution to the fire recover fund for children and families in Butte County, following the recent devastation from the “Camp Fire.”  
\***Commissioner Bonfilio** asked what our contribution had been to the Napa/Sonoma fires. Amy said that had been \$50,000.  
\***Commissioner Leavitt** asked about the First 5 Foundation. Amy said that the GoFundMe page for fire relief is no longer active, and we cannot donate directly, but contributions may be made through the First 5 Children and Families Foundation.

**Motion to contribute \$25,000 to the Fire Recovery Fund for Children and Families in Butte County**

**Motion/Second: Bonfilio/ Eisenmann**

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

- **Consideration of Commission Retreat** – Executive Director Amy Reisch suggested a half day retreat this spring. The retreat would be guided by our evaluation team from The Luminare Group. Amy will be surveying commissioners for convenient dates.

**VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Amy Reisch presented her written report. She added that the Marin Child Care Commission, along with the Pre-K to 3 Initiative at MCOE, has been working on a child care needs assessment for Marin. It includes a “work force landscape,” describing that is happening with child care providers. An update on the needs assessment will be presented at our February meeting, along with information about the work force study and the Sequel study on the local workforce. The commission will be asked to contribute, along with other ECE partners, to the Sequel study.

Amy also reported that we are working on a joint policy event with First 5 Sonoma, which will likely take place in June. The invited speaker is Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the new “First Partner” of California.

Michelle Fadelli added that we have invited Tony Thurmond, the new California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to be the keynote speaker for our annual policy breakfast. *(Please continue holding April 19 and 26 until further notice.)*

Michelle also mentioned the upcoming Marin Communications Forum dates: February 25<sup>th</sup> (Oral Health); March 18 (tentatively about autism); and April 8 (Child Care). The January 28<sup>th</sup> forum will be data presentations on children’s health and well-being; Children Now will present their County Scorecard for Marin, and Kidsdata.org will present a data summary and showcase their website and how the data reports can be used for advocacy.

Amy Reisch added that the “Public Charge Working Group” will continue to meet in 2019. Commissioner Beuerman noted that one “benefit” of the government shutdown is that the Department of Homeland Security has not been able to respond to the public comments about their proposed changes to the public charge rule. (Of 216,000 public comments, only 25,000 have been reviewed. The Department is required to respond to all comments.)

Amy also presented First 5 Marin’s annual report to the community for Fiscal Year 2017-18. Printed copies are available and will be distributed at the policy breakfast. The report will be posted online and shared on social media. Michelle Fadelli pointed out the data points available on pages 2 and 3; these pages may be printed as a two-sided handout as needed. She also noted the data related to ethnicity that appears with description of the “Race Counts” forum on page 9.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT** – Commission chair Dr. Lisa Leavitt adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**NEXT SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING:**

Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 5:30  
1050 Northgate, Suite 130  
San Rafael

Additional meeting dates for 2019:

March 20

April 17

May 15

June 19

September 18

October 16

November 20

(no meetings in July, August or December)