I. CALL TO ORDER
Kristen Seatavakin, commission chair, called the meeting to order at First 5 Marin at 5:39 p.m.

Commissioners Present
Kristen Seatavakin – chair
Kari Beuerman
Amy Eisenmann
Supervisor Dennis Rodoni
Juan Rodriguez

Commissioners Excused:
Gabrielle Auguste – vice chair
David Bonfilio
Lisa Leavitt MD
Lucia Martel-Dow

Staff Present
Michelle Fadelli
Amy Reisch

II. MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Seatavakin asked if there were changes, additions or corrections to the commission minutes for the last meeting on May 15, 2019.

Motion/Second: Rodoni/Rodriguez
The minutes of May, 2019 were unanimously approved as amended.

III. COMMENTS

Commissioner Rodoni announced that Coastal Health Alliance had a grand opening for their new (4-chair) dental facility in Point Reyes. (The mobile dental unit, partially funded by First 5 Marin, will be going to the Marin Community Clinics to provide school services.)

Commissioner Beuerman reported attending a positive and productive community meeting (with the County’s executive team) in the Canal to discuss the County’s equity plan. The meeting was conducted in Spanish with English translation. About 75-80 people attended.

Commissioner Seatavakin reported attending the presentation of the Marin Child Care Council’s master planning process; she notes the link to the “Community Health Improvement Plan” she’s working on at Marin County Health and Human Services.

She also announced that the “Executive Director Search Committee” will be meeting in the next few weeks to make plans and schedules for the coming year (related to the search to replace First 5 Marin’s current executive director, Amy Reisch).
IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Executive director Amy Reisch presented her executive director’s report and added the following:

a. **Help Me Grow** – Amy announced that the job announcement for the coordinator of the “Help Me Grow” program has been posted (including “Indeed” and First 5 postings/email). Approximately 50 applications have been received. There will also eventually be an additional half-time position (for the person who will answer the phone and respond to requests for information or assistance); that job will be posted once the coordinator is hired.

b. **Medicaid** - Amy reported attending the NorCal Grantmakers Health Funders event, featuring the California Children’s Trust. She learned that Medicaid can and does fund a wider variety of services than most people know. For example, EPSDT was amended to the overall Medicaid bill in 1967 and was designed as an entitlement. Children should qualify for EPSDT help/services without a diagnosis, as provided by law (not regulations); these services can draw, with local public funding, can draw significant federal match dollars.

c. **Marin Communications Forum** – Michelle Fadelli reported that the forum originally scheduled for June 3rd (“Libraries and Literacy”) was cancelled due to flooding at the hotel; it is rescheduled for November. A new forum on parenting was arranged for June 25th; over 135 people have registered. (The next event will be a forum on “Education Equity” on August 29th.)

V. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

- **FY 2019-20 Budget and Long Range Financial Plan for FY 1819 to FY2324** – Amy presented the budget documents for Fiscal Year 2019-20. She noted that she has added a separate column for the “Help Me Grow” program, just for tracking purposes. She reported that projected revenues are 15% lower for next year. (Amy added that First 5 Association staff met with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (formerly the Board of Equalization) about the calculation of projected revenues; an update will be provided. Project budgets remain the same as presented in the draft last month.

  Go down significantly in 2022-23 due to an anticipated end of First 5 funding (which assumes sufficient funding from other sources) for Help Me Grow. She also noted that First 5 Marin maintains a reserve of $750,000—which may be accessed only in case of severe impacts on our revenue stream. The reserve would allow us to cover any employee or other accounts payable should our revenues fall dramatically or cease.

  - Commissioner Beuerman asked about funding the proposal for legal services/training related to the immigration crisis and “public charge” issue. Amy responded that our budget allows for flexible responses to “emerging needs” or public education; or, the commission may always amend the budget during the fiscal year. She added that we likely won’t spend the full $300,000 for the Help Me Grow program this year due to later start or the $120,000 for MarinKids. The project can be considered for possible funding in September. Such support would be a continuation/expansion of our ongoing support for services to immigrant families and children.

  - Commissioner Seatavakin asked about the process for staff cost of living adjustments or raises. Amy said the budget includes a 2% COLA, reflecting the assumed County COLA (which we use to calculate our COLAs each year. Supervisor Rodoni pointed out that next year’s COLA for County employees will actually be 3% and suggested we revise our budget to reflect a 3% COLA.
Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to change the staff COLA in the budget to 3%.
Motion/Second: Rodriguez/Rodoni
The motion to increase the budget allocation for staff cost of living adjustments from 2% to 3% was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Rodoni made a motion to approve the First 5 Marin Budget for FY 2019-20 and the Long Range Financial Plan for FY18-19 to FY2324.
Motion/Second: Rodriguez/Beuerman
The motion to approve the budget and long range plan were unanimously approved.

- Legislative Update – Michelle Fadelli presented the “2019 First 5 Association Bill Tracker” with the list of state legislation being followed. (For more information or updates before the next commission meeting in September, please email Michelle@First5Marin.org.) Bills include:
  - AB 125 (McCarty) – Early Childhood Education Reimbursement Rates
  - AB 194 (Reyes) – Child Care Payment Programs
  - AB 197 (Weber) – Full-Day Kindergarten
  - AB 324 (Aguiar-Curry) – Professional Stipends for Subsidized Child Care Providers
  - AB 452 (Mullin) – Child Care Facilities Grants
  - AB 526 (Petrie-Norris) – SNAP/WIC and Medi-Cal Benefits
  - AB 898 (Wicks) – Behavioral Health
  - AB 1004 (McCarty) – Developmental Screenings
  - AB 1593 (Reyes) – Earned Income Tax Credit
  - SB 135 (Jackson) – Paid Family Leave
  - SB 174 (Leyva) - Early Childhood Education Reimbursement Rates
  - SB 464 (Mitchell) – CA Dignity in Pregnancy and Childbirth
  - ACR 1 (Bonta) – Immigration/Public Charge

VI. FINAL COMMENTS –

Commissioner Rodoni noted that executive director Amy Reisch would need to sign her own expense check, and made a motion to approve this action.
Motion/Second: Rodoni/Rodriguez
The motion to approve signature of the executive director’s expense check was unanimously approved.

Amy added that she First 5 Marin is co-convening the “Public Charge Working Group.” At the request of the Marin Community Foundation, three legal groups plan to enhance services to local immigrants. We will bring a specific request for supplemental funding to the September commission meeting (for increased staff and training).

Michelle Fadelli reported on attending First 5’s Advocacy Day in Sacramento. She asked whether commissioners would be interested in meeting with our state representatives on a Friday in their district offices. She will inquire about meeting dates and times, and report back to the commission.

Kristen Seatavakin reported that she now also serves on the Marin Child Care Commission.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – Commission chair Kristen Seatavakin adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.
NEXT SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 5:30
1050 Northgate, Suite 130
San Rafael

Additional meeting dates for 2019:

October 16
November 20
(no meetings in July, August or December)

Upcoming dates for the Marin Communications Forum:

August 29 – Education Equity (with the Marin County Office of Education); Tony Thurmond invited
October 7 – E-Cigarettes and the Vaping Epidemic (with Marin HHS )
November 4 – Libraries and Literacy (with Marin County Free Library; rescheduled from June 3)
December 9 – Maternal Health & Wellness (inc. Black maternal health issues); with Marin HHS

January 2020 – Making Ends Meet in Marin (invited: the Advancement Project and the CA Budget and Policy Center)