I. CALL TO ORDER
Kristen Seatavakin, commission chair, called the meeting to order at First 5 Marin at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present
Kristen Seatavakin – chair
Gabrielle Auguste – vice chair
Kari Beuerman
David Bonfilio
Lisa Leavitt MD
Lucia Martel-Dow

Commissioners Excused:
Amy Eisenmann
Juan Rodriguez

Staff Present
Michelle Fadelli
Amy Reisch

Community Members Present
Brad Honsberger, Discovery Office Systems
Susanne Kreuzer, Help Me Grow Marin (Amy introduced and congratulated Susanne as the new head of the Help Me Grow program for Marin)
Lael Lambert, Marin County Health and Human Services

II. MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Seatavakin asked if there were changes, additions or corrections to the commission minutes for the last meeting on June 19, 2019.
Motion/Second: Rodoni/ Beuerman
The minutes of June 19, 2019 were unanimously approved as amended.

III. COMMENTS

Commissioner Auguste announced that, with her position at Homeward Bound of Marin, she has been making presentations about homeless children and families with a focus on closing health and education gaps.

Commissioner Martel-Dow said (1) she is looking at county systems related to homeless with mental health and substance abuse issues, and (2) Canal Alliance is hiring a lawyer for family consultations related to the “public charge” issue.
• Commissioner Bonfilio asked about any “chilling effect” related to the upcoming changes to the public charge rules. Commissioner Leavitt mentioned the Pathways to Partnership program at
Marin Community Clinics. Lucia added that clients seem to be picking and choosing among service/benefit programs, such as forgoing CalFresh but keeping healthcare. Amy Reisch added that we can’t say that declines in use of programs are due to public charge alone (all the other new regulations and orders), but trends show that there are significant impacts.

**Commissioner Beuerman** reported that HHS will have a new hire for Child Welfare Director; Commissioner Rodriguez served on the hiring panel. She also announced a new program for foster youth called “Friends of the Family” which allows people to donate, volunteer and support foster youth without actually serving as foster parents. She also announced a change with child care for CalWORKs recipients, which will now provide 12 continuous months of care; this will provide more stability for parents and for children. **Commissioner Auguste** added that this benefit will be especially important for shelter families.

Kari also mentioned the County’s new director of Health and Human Services, Benita McClarin. She was the COO for Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and also has experience in Solano and Sonoma counties.

**Commissioner Seatavakin** reported that the Marin Child Care Commission is working on a Child Care Master Plan. There will be a public meeting on November 19th.

**Commissioner Martel-Dow** also asked whether First 5 has done any work with the Women’s Commission.

**IV.EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

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

a. **Playgroups** – Amy announced that Parent Services Project is planning a new (Aprendiendo Juntos) playgroup in West Marin. It will probably be held in the Dance Palace. There will be a presentation at the October commission meeting.

b. **Healthcare outreach and enrollment** - Amy mentioned that the Marin Community Foundation is still funding healthcare outreach and enrollment during the ACA’s open enrollment period. The Commission and the Foundation have jointly funded these efforts for the past two years in an effort to counter the chilling effect of recent policy decisions. This issue will also be on our October agenda.

c. **Help Me Grow** – Amy also reported that she’s working with Celia Allen at the County about using the “Help Me Grow” program to draw down additional state and federal funding.

**V.COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

- **Proposal for New Copier** – Amy presented a proposal from Discovery Office Systems for a new copier machine with the same features at significant savings. The current lease is $534 per month plus tax; the new lease would be $434 per month. In addition, Discovery will buy out the old lease (for about $6900). The new lease will be for a term of five years.

**Motion/Second: Bonfilio/Leavitt**

The motion to approve the lease for a new copier was unanimously approved.

- **Search Committee Update** – **Commissioner Seatavakin** reported out on behalf of the Executive Director Search Committee, including Commissioners Auguste, Bonfilio, and Martel-Dow and Amy Reisch and Michelle Fadelli from staff. Kristen announced that we have a draft job description and have begun contacting recruiting agencies. (In response to first inquiries, one replied as too busy; one replied promptly and thoroughly; and one did not respond.) The committee was impressed with the responding agency, but will seek two additional proposals.
Commissioner Bonfilio added that the proposal we received is for a 12-week process. The fee is $40,000 plus $4,000 in expenses/fees. The commission will need to adjust the budget, as it currently identified $25,000 for the search; however, there is a sufficient reserve for this expenditure.

Commissioner Seatavakin added that the recommended proposal will be brought before the full commission at the October meeting.

CLOSED SESSION – the Commission went in to closed session to discuss personnel matters 6:15 and reconvened at 6:30. Commissioner Bonfilio reported out that the Commissioner made a unanimous decision to increase the salary of the executive director by 8.22%. (This action will be in effect immediately and be retroactive to August 31 2019.)

- Legislative Update – Amy Reisch presented the “2019 First 5 Association Bill Tracker” with the list of state legislation being followed. (For more information, please email Michelle@First5Marin.org.) Amy reported on the five bills on the list that were passed out of the State Legislature and forwarded to the Governor:

  - AB 197 (Weber) – Full-Day Kindergarten
  - AB 1004 (McCarty) – Developmental Screenings
  - SB 436 (Hurtado) – Family Resource Centers
  - SB 464 (Mitchell) – CA Dignity in Pregnancy and Childbirth
  - ACR 1 (Bonta) – Immigration/Public Charge

VI. FINAL COMMENTS –

Commissioner Martel-Dow asked whether and how we can coordinate funding for all needs in the county, provided by all organizations.

Commissioner Seatavakin reported that the County is working on the Community Health Improvement Plan.

Commissioners expressed thanks for the Education Equity forum on August 29th, with keynote speaker Tony Thurmond. We had 475 RSVPs for this event at Terra Linda High School.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – Commission chair Kristen Seatavakin adjourned the meeting at 6:45.

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 5:30
1050 Northgate, Suite 130
San Rafael

Additional meeting dates for 2019:

November 20
(no meeting in December)