

First 5 Plumas
Plumas County Children and Families Commission
Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Health/Human Services Annex
Social Services Conference Room
270 Hospital Road
Quincy, CA 95971

MEETNG MINUTES

Commission Meeting:

I. Roll Call:

Chairperson, Carol Burney called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners and staff introduced themselves.

Commissioners Present: Elliott Smart, Jaye Bruce, Carol Burney, Merle Rusky, and Lori Simpson

Commissioners Absent: Mimi Hall, Director of Public Health

Staff Present: Ellen Vieira, Executive Director

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 14, 2009

Motion: Commissioner Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of October 14, 2009 as presented. Commissioner Rusky seconded the motion.

Motion carried with Commissioner Smart abstaining.

III. Fiscal Items

a. Quarterly Budget Report

Discussion: Director Vieira presented a year-to-date expense for each of the Commission's three budgets; 1) Local Programs, 2) School Readiness, 3) CARES, and Professional Service Contracts FY 09-10. The total amount of the First 5 Plumas budget FY 09-10 is \$429,732. School Readiness expenses to date are \$43,019.57, CARES expenses to date are \$10,750, and Local Programs expenses to date are \$100,785.45; for a total of, \$154,555.02 or 36% of the total budget (see budget and revenue sheets in minute book).

Motion: Commissioner Simpson made a motion to accept the Quarterly Budget

and Revenue Reports FY 09-10. Commissioner Smart seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously

- b. Commission will consider an \$8,000.00 augmentation to contract no. PCCFC09-10PUSDIS.

Discussion: Director Vieira noted the information on this item in the board packet. The discussion centered on the state budget reductions to the Far Northern Regional Centers. Commissioner Burney explained that regional centers have reduced the threshold for what qualifies for services. Plumas Unified School District will continue serving these infants as long as funds are available, but the number of non-qualifying infants is fast becoming cost prohibitive for the schools. To date the program is serving 14 infants. An additional \$8,000 augmentation to this year's current contract will allow these infants to receive the services that the schools believe that they need.

Chairperson Burney noted that several regulations have changed for Early Start. Some infants with certain risk factors have been moved to Prevention, which means that a case carrier checks in with the family every 3 months. She explained that what was a 32% delay now requires a 50% delay to qualify for early intervention services. To date 4 infants in Plumas County have been moved from early intervention to prevention only services.

Commissioner Rusky asked if this is a request to serve children that are no longer being served. She noted that 24 families will be served through the recently funded Early Start through Head Start.

Commissioner Burney reported that she spoke to Head Start and was told that the grant could only serve the 24 children in certain geographic areas.

Commissioner Simpson asked how infants get referred to the Early Intervention program.

Commissioner Burney stated that infants are usually referred by parents, child care providers, and friends who are parents of special needs children.

Commissioner Smart noted that in the past the Commission's funds were used to fund new programs and services. This reinforces the state's perspective that counties have extra funds. What is the limit of our ability?

Commissioner Smart requested that this item be tabled until the March meeting, which will allow the Executive Committee to meet and draft a policy for the augmentation of existing contracts. After the discussion, the full Commission agreed to post pone any decision until the March meeting.

- c. Commission will consider a \$10,000 augmentation to contract PCCFC09-10NBHC for Oral Health Case Management for children ages 0-5.

Discussion: Director Vieira reviewed the board letter and reminded the Commission that she was directed to look into concerns from members of the public regarding Plumas District Hospital's (PDH) recent decision to discontinue serving Denti-Cal children who need oral restoration in the operating room. This decision was communicated by a PDH dentist and is a result of the low Denti-Cal reimbursement rates.

Director Vieira met with the PDH Chief Executive Officer and was informed that while there has been no formal policy change, the last restorative case was done in September 2009. There are currently 10 children age 5 and under on a waiting list for services. None of these children are receiving any case management services.

Vieira also spoke to Eastern Plumas Health Care and the dental clinic does not offer operating room oral health services or oral conscious sedation. EPHC does not have a waiting list, but refers children for out-of-county-services. The EPHC Dental Clinic does not offer any follow-up or case management services for these families. Both hospitals are willing to share patient information with an outside source for case management services.

Besides case management, the health department's contract augmentation would provide public health staff time to work with hospitals to develop a more systematic and collaborative way of working with very young children. This funding would be a temporary measure this fiscal year to develop a system that would at least ensure families receive the support they need to obtain these services out of the county.

Director Vieira noted that the case management services would cost approximately \$5,000. The additional \$5,000 would be spent on developing a county-wide oral health case management system. Commissioner Smart requested a final report on the findings and results of the money invested in the system change.

Motion: Commissioner Bruce made a \$10,000 augmentation to contract no. PCCFC09-10NBHC. Commissioner Rusky seconded the motion. **Motion carried with Commissioner Hall abstaining.**

d. Commission will take action on an \$18,000 augmentation to the FY 09-10 PCCFC budget.

Discussion: Director Vieira noted that the Commission could augment the budget in the amount of \$10,000 to reflect approval of oral health services. The projected revenues are \$457,500, which will leave the commission \$33,168 over expenditures. If the \$18,000 augmentation is approved, it would still leave the commission with \$15,168 over expenditures.

Commissioner Smart suggested that it would make more sense to augment the budget for the full amount of \$18,000.

Motion: Commissioner Smart made a motion to approve the \$18,000 augmentation to the FY 09-10 budget. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

e. Commission will take action on a \$200.00 increase in annual dues to the First 5 Association.

Motion: Commissioner Smart made a motion to approve a \$200.00 increase in annual dues to the First 5 Association. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Vieira noted that the Association has been instrumental in blocking the state's multiple attempts to take First 5 dollars.

IV. Public Comment

Anne Nielson, the coordinator of the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency announced that on March 27th there is a free concert for families at the Town Hall Theatre. She also had a funding request for the Commission.

Director Vieira stated that a funding request would be handled directly through the First 5 office and didn't have to be formally brought to the Commission.

V. Report's

a. Executive Director's Report

Director Vieira reported on the following:

1. Home visiting coalition-update by Dorette English, School Readiness Coordinator. She reported that the Home Visiting Coalition will be hosting a Cultural Competency and Health Equity training on February 19th sponsored in part by First 5 California's Regional TA contract.

2. Raising a Reader program, update by Dorette English-Plumas County Library \$5,000 contract for Raising a Reader program is in place. Victoria Metcalf, the Literacy Program's coordinator is also coordinating

the RaR program. With the Commission's \$2,000 purchase of supplies, the goal of the program this year is to just maintain the RaR sites that are already in place, such as Head Start and the State Preschool.

3. Regional TA-deliverables coming to Plumas County

Through First 5 California's Regional Technical Assistance Project we are in the process of ordering \$5,000 in ASQ supplies and still have \$2,000

in training funds. The School Readiness coordinator is working with the First 5 Association to plan a Health Equity training in February. As the board may recall, First 5 Plumas received evaluation support last fiscal year (systems change white paper) from Philiber Assoc., which was also purchased with state TA funds.

4. Early Head Start grant awarded to Sierra Cascade Family Opportunities (SCFO)

Commissioner Rusky reports that 52 families with children ages 0-3 will be served through a center-based program in Susanville and the home visitation program in Plumas County will be serving 12 families in Portola, Quincy, and Greenville. Early Head Start is a full-year program. There will be a waiting list if needed.

Commissioner Simpson asked that the program includes a Parent Policy Council. Commissioner Rusky responded that there will be a Policy Council that includes 5 parents to help with program governance.

Joyce Scroggs, the Local Child Care Planning Council coordinator asked Commissioner Rusky if she could attend a Policy Council meeting to recruit parents for the LPC. Commissioner Rusky agreed that it was a good idea for LPC recruitment and parent leadership.

5. CAP Council's Retreat

Director Vieira attended a retreat on Friday, January 8th sponsored by the CAP Council. The retreat centered on Strengthening Families and Strengthening Ourselves. The 5 protective factors are 1) Personal Resilience, 2) Social Connections, 3) Knowledge of Self and a Sense of Purpose, 4) Concrete support in times of need, 5) Social and Emotional Development Most of the agencies that serve families were in attendance.

Director Vieira also reported that she contacted First 5 California to schedule the Hands on Health Van for the Cap Council's Children's Fair in May 2010.

6. Collaborative MOUs

Director Vieira noted the draft Oral Health and the collaborative agreement for the health department's CCG/Teen Pregnancy grant. The Oral Health MOU is an agreement to coordinate the commission's oral health planning efforts and resources with the Oral Health Coalition. The CCG MOU is an agreement that establishes a collaborative relationship between First 5 Plumas and the Plumas County Health Agency. By signing, the director agrees to participate in the collaborative.

7. Association meeting in Sacramento January 26th

The director reported that she will attend the Association meeting in Sacramento on January 26th.

8. First 5 California's Small County Augmentation Workgroup

Director Vieira reports that First 5 California is contracted with a firm to develop a funding model for the small county augmentations. While the date is unknown, First 5 California staff recently mentioned that the Small County Augmentation Workgroup will be called to meet soon. Vieira asked Association's executive director to arrange a lunch time meeting place for the members during the January 26th Association meeting. She has decided to continue participation on the Workgroup.

9. Protecting Prop 10 revenues-a statewide effort

On January 8th the Governor released his budget proposal, which includes a major shift of Prop 10 funds away from First 5 and into the General Fund.

- Takes \$308 million through a one-time take-away from current state and local reserves
- Redirects \$242 million from new revenues each year for 5 years beginning in 2010/2011
- Specifies that the revenues will be used for children 0-5 in programs operated by the State Dept. of Social Services and Developmental Services.

The Governor's budget assumes a large increase in funding from the federal government. If these funds do not materialize, his budget includes \$1.9 billion in further cuts, including the elimination of the CalWORKS program, and the Transitional Housing Program.

b. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Simpson reported that Plumas County is facing local budget cuts of 1/2 million dollars.

Commissioner Smart stated that California is not getting its fair share of federal dollars. The only possibility of changing that would be if a California Congressional delegation got together and as a group says that we want to change the federal funding formula.

VI. Program Development

- a. Action to consider a new membership for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion: Director Vieira reported that she met with Commissioners Burney and Bruce to consider a recommendation to the Commission on the membership application of Corla Bertrand, the executive director of Roundhouse Council. The ad hoc committee reviewed the application and upon approval of the Commission is recommending that Ms. Bertrand be appointed to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Smart made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to request that the Board of Supervisors appoint Corla Bertrand for membership on the Commission. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VII. Public Comment -None

VIII. Next Meeting Dates

- ◆ February 10-No Meeting Scheduled ◆ March 10, 2010 ◆ April 14, 2010 (Greenville)

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Submitted by: Ellen Vieira, Executive Director