



Tuesday, March 24, 2015 @ 4:00 p.m.
Finley Conference Room – West Modesto Community Center
401 E. Paradise Road Modesto, CA



Children & Families Commission

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Commission Meeting Notice

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The agenda is divided into two sections:

CONSENT CALENDAR: These matters include routine financial and administrative actions and are identified with an asterisk (*). All items on the consent calendar will be voted on at the beginning of the meeting under the section titled "Consent Calendar." If you wish to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar, please make your request at the time the Commission Chairperson asks if any member of the public wishes to remove an item from consent.

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COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA



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Times provided are approximate times.

- 4:00 p.m. I. Welcome & Introductions – Chair Mary Ann Lee
- 4:05 p.m. II. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4:08 p.m. III. Announcement of Recusals ¹
- 4:10 p.m. IV. Public Comment Period (Limit of 5 minutes per person)
- 4:15 p.m. V. Approval of the Consent Calendar – Agenda items marked by an Asterisk (*)
- VI. Agenda Items
 - * A. Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2014. **p. 4-5**
- 4:20 p.m. B. Stanislaus READS! Presentation – Stanislaus Community Foundation
- C. Executive Director's Office
- 4:30 p.m. 1. **Public Hearing** on First 5 California's 2013-2014 Annual Report (the report in its entirety **p. 6** may be viewed at the following link: <http://www.stanprop10.org/pastmeetings/calendar.shtm>)
- 4:40 p.m. 2. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Program Evaluation Report (the report in its entirety **p. 7** may be viewed at the following link: <http://www.stanprop10.org/pastmeetings/calendar.shtm>)
- 4:50 p.m. D. Committee Reports
 - * 1. Accept the Minutes of the Administrative Committee meeting of March 9, 2015 **p. 8**
 - a. Monthly Financial Report as of February 28, 2015 **p. 9**
 - b. Quarterly Financial Report October 2014 to December 2014 **p. 10**
 - * 2. Accept the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of March 18, 2015 **p. 11**
- 4:52 p.m. VII. Correspondence
 - * 3. Accept a letter from the California Office of Child Abuse Prevention RE: Cancellation of **p. 12** Funding for the Family Development Matrix
- 4:54 p.m. VIII. Commissioner Reports
 - 1. Child Health, Education, and Care Summit – Letter from Commissioner Paredes-Walsborn **p. 13**
- 4:55 p.m. IX. Staff Reports
 - 1. Celebrate Diversity Conference Results
- 5:05 p.m. X. Adjourn

¹ Commissioners may publicly announce the item(s) or recommendation(s) from which he/she will recuse himself or herself due to an actual or perceived conflict of interest. The Commissioner will excuse himself or herself from the meeting and leave the room when the specific agenda item comes up for discussion and voting.



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**Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 9, 2014
Stanislaus County Office of Education
Board Room
1100 "H" Street, Modesto, CA**

Members Present: Vicki Bauman, Vito Chiesa, David Cooper (Vice Chair), Denise Hunt, Mary Ann Lee (Chair), Nelly Paredes-Walsborn, Madelyn Schlaepfer, George Skol, and Dr. John Walker.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Sims, Executive Director; Stephanie Loomis, Administration; Erica Inacio, Program Monitor; Tina Jamison, Accountant; and Jack Doering, Commission Counsel.

- I. Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Commission members and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Commission members were introduced and attendees were welcomed.
- III. Announcement of Commissioner Recusals – None
- IV. Public Comment Period
 - Steve Ashman, Executive Director for Stanislaus County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), thanked the Commission for its support and noted the number of children CASA has been able to serve with said support.
- V. Consent Calendar
The Consent Calendar was approved.
Moved Skol, Seconded Bauman. Unanimously approved.
- VI. Tina Jamison was recognized for her 10 years of service with the Children and Families Commission and was presented with a certificate and pin to mark the occasion.
- VII. Agenda Items
 - The Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2014.
Approved on the consent calendar. Moved Skol, Seconded Bauman. Unanimously approved.
 - Executive Director's Office
 1. To ensure the consistency and accuracy of the Commission's Policies and Procedures Manual, staff annually reviews the document and recommends that the Commission readopt the Manual.

The suggested changes to the Manual include:

- Minor changes, including formatting changes, that serve to enhance readability and consistency, but not change the meaning of the section.
- Changes to the Safety Incentive Program section that were originally approved by the Commission at its March 25, 2014 meeting.

The Commission heard a presentation on the revisions and opened a Public Hearing at 4:13 p.m. to hear comments from the public. Hearing no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 4:14 p.m.

The Commission adopted the revised Policies and Procedures Manual and instructed staff to place the manual on the Commission's website.

Moved Hunt, Seconded Schlaepfer. Unanimously approved.

2. The Commission approved the 2014 Meeting calendar,
Approved on the consent calendar. Moved Skol, Seconded Bauman. Unanimously approved.
3. Section 130140 of the California Health and Safety Code requires that “the county commission conduct at least one public hearing on its proposed county strategic plan before the plan is adopted”.

The following timeline was used to develop the 2015-2017 strategic plan:

March 25, 2014	Strategic Plan timeline established by Commission
April 29, 2014	Annual review of 2012-2014 Strategic Plan and 2012-2014 Priorities Plan
June 24, 2014	Contractor Presentations at June Commission meeting
August 22, 2014	Commissioner survey conducted regarding priorities for services, providers, and service locations
September 6, 2014	Commission Strategic Planning Workshop (half-day)
October 28, 2014	Draft service priorities list discussed by the Commission

The Commission heard a presentation on the presented Strategic Plan. The updates and changes to the Plan were discussed, including the inclusion of the Strengthening Families’ Five Protective Factors and noting which Factors best align with each listed prioritized service. A Public Hearing was opened at 4:32 p.m. to hear comments from the public. Hearing no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 4:33 p.m.

The Commission adopted the 2015-2017 Strategic Plan and instructed staff to place the Plan on the Commission’s website.

Moved Schlaepfer, Seconded Paredes-Walsborn. Unanimously approved.

4. The Commission approved the agreement designating the Stanislaus County Child Abuse Prevention Council as the Commission’s Advisory Committee and authorized the Commission Chair to sign the agreement.
Approved on the consent calendar. Moved Skol, Seconded Bauman. Unanimously approved.

- Committee Reports – ***Approved on the Consent Calendar. Moved Skol, Seconded Bauman. Unanimously approved.***

1. The Commission accepted the minutes for the Administrative Committee meeting held on November 17, 2014.
2. The Commission accepted the minutes for the Operations Committee meeting held on November 25, 2014 – including the Monthly Contract Financial Report as of October 31, 2014.

- VIII. Correspondence – None
- IX. Commissioner Reports – None
- X. Staff Reports – None
- XI. The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.



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ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY**COMMITTEE ROUTING**

Administrative/Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Executive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

AGENDA DATE: March 24, 2015COMMISSION AGENDA #: VI.C.1**SUBJECT:**

Public Hearing on First 5 California's 2013-2014 Annual Report

BACKGROUND:

Section 130140(a)(1)(H) of the California State Health and Safety Code requires County Commissions to hold a public hearing on the State Commission's annual report (which is submitted to the Legislature each January). The State's Annual Report can be reviewed and/or printed from the Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission website at <http://www.stanprop10.org/pastmeetings/calendar.shtm>.

The Administrative and Finance Committee met on March 9th to review and discuss this item. The Executive Committee met on March 18th to review and discuss this item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Hear a presentation on First 5 California's 2013-2014 Annual Report.
2. Open a Public Hearing on First 5 California's 2013-2014 Annual Report.
3. Receive public comments (if any).
4. Close the Public Hearing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with holding a Public Hearing on First 5 California's 2013-2014 Annual Report.

COMMISSION ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner _____; Seconded by Commissioner _____

And approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner(s): _____

Noes: Commissioner(s): _____

Excused or Absent Commissioner(s): _____

Abstaining: Commissioner(s): _____

1) _____ Approved as recommended.

2) _____ Denied.

3) _____ Approved as amended.

Motion: _____

Attest: _____

Stephanie Loomis - Administration



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Administrative/Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Executive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

AGENDA DATE: March 24, 2015COMMISSION AGENDA #: VI.C.2**SUBJECT:**

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Program Evaluation Report

BACKGROUND:

Section 130100 of the California Health and Safety Code requires the Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission to "use outcome based accountability to determine future expenditures". This provision of law has been interpreted to require evaluations to be conducted of programs funded with Proposition 10 funds.

Since 2005, an internal evaluator, as a member of Commission staff, has reviewed all programs, except for programs evaluated by other means (Child Signature Program #2 and Early Childhood Education Provider Conferences).

The 2013-2014 Program Evaluation Report, which was distributed with the Commission's March agenda packet, is designed to provide Commissioners with:

- Information about the effectiveness of 22 programs that contracted with the Commission to provide services in Stanislaus County.
- Recommendations regarding program changes

The Administrative and Finance Committee met on March 9th to review and discuss this item. The Executive Committee met on March 18th to review and discuss this item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Hear a presentation by Commission staff.
2. Discuss the report, its findings, and recommendations.
3. Provide direction to staff, if any, regarding evaluated programs.
4. Accept the report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this agenda item. It is anticipated that information from this agenda item may be used by the Commission to make future decisions about funding, contracts, and budgets.

COMMISSION ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner _____; Seconded by Commissioner _____

And approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner(s): _____

Noes: Commissioner(s): _____

Excused or Absent Commissioner(s): _____

Abstaining: Commissioner(s): _____

1) _____ Approved as recommended.

2) _____ Denied.

3) _____ Approved as amended.

Motion: _____

Attest: _____

Stephanie Loomis - Administration



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Administrative Committee

Monday, March 09, 2015

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1. The Committee was presented with the 2013-2014 State Annual Report. A public hearing on the report will be held at the March Commission meeting.
2. The Committee was presented with the 2013-2014 Local Program Evaluation report and informed the report will be on the March agenda for the Commission to accept. The Committee discussed including additional areas of focus in the Evaluation for the next fiscal year, such as the County infant mortality rate.
3. The Committee was presented with a Monthly Contract Financial Report as of February 28, 2015.
4. The Committee was presented with a Quarterly Financial Report - October 2014 through December 2014.
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STANISLAUS COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION

CONTRACT SCHEDULE

2/28/2015

		Budget	Actual Expenditures	Remaining Budget	% Actual to Budget
RESULT AREA 1: Improved Family Functioning (Family Support, Education, and Services)					
Community Resource and Referral					
1	211 Project (<i>United Way</i>)	\$ 80,000	\$ 18,626	\$ 61,374	23%
Family Resource Centers:					
2	Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children (<i>CHS</i>)	\$ 184,648	\$ 70,216	\$ 114,432	38%
3	Hughson Family Resource Center (<i>SV</i>)	\$ 118,279	\$ 43,219	\$ 75,060	37%
4	N. Modesto/Salida Family Resource Center (<i>SV</i>)	\$ 323,694	\$ 70,255	\$ 253,439	22%
5	Oakdale/Riverbank Family Resource Center (<i>CHS</i>)	\$ 157,484	\$ 60,290	\$ 97,194	38%
6	Parent Resource Center	\$ 397,310	\$ 178,950	\$ 218,360	45%
7	Turlock Family Resource Center (<i>Aspiranet</i>)	\$ 204,404	\$ -	\$ 204,404	0%
8	Westside Family Resource Center (<i>CHS</i>)	\$ 173,538	\$ 60,670	\$ 112,868	35%
9	The Bridge (<i>Sierra Vista</i>)	\$ 185,000	\$ 77,390	\$ 107,610	42%
10	Healthy Start Sites	\$ 416,020	\$ 158,088	\$ 257,932	38%
Targeted Intensive Family Support Services					
11	Children's Crisis Center	\$ 460,000	\$ 268,611	\$ 191,389	58%
12	Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$ 30,000	\$ 16,299	\$ 13,701	54%
14	Family Justice Center	\$ 100,000	\$ 43,437	\$ 56,563	43%
14	La Familia Counseling Program (<i>El Concilio</i>)	\$ 98,000	\$ 30,347	\$ 67,653	31%
15	Zero to Five Early Intervention Partnership (<i>BHRS</i>)	\$ 1,523,009	\$ 601,902	\$ 921,107	40%
Total Area 1:		\$ 4,451,386	\$ 1,698,301	\$ 2,753,086	38%
RESULT AREA 2: Improved Child Development (Child Development Services)					
Kindergarten Transition Services					
16	Keyes (1)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	0%
17	Grayson (1)	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	0%
18	Riverbank (2)	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	0%
Quality ECE Investments					
19	First 5 Calif. Child Signature Program (<i>SCOE</i>)	\$ 105,000	\$ 51,872	\$ 53,128	49%
20	Early Care and Education Conference	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,016	\$ 8,984	25%
Total Area 2:		\$ 157,000	\$ 54,888	\$ 102,112	35%
RESULT AREA 3: Improved Health (Health Education and Services)					
Health Access					
21	Healthy Cubs (<i>Health Services Agency</i>)	\$ 175,000	\$ 45,434	\$ 129,566	26%
Maternal & Child Health Care					
22	Perinatal Home Visitations (<i>Health Services Agency</i>)	\$ 1,339,160	\$ 636,705	\$ 702,455	48%
Oral Health					
23	Dental Education (<i>Health Services Agency</i>)	\$ 30,000	\$ 7,050	\$ 22,950	23%
Total Area 3:		\$ 1,544,160	\$ 689,188	\$ 854,972	45%
RESULT AREA 4: Improved Systems of Care					
Provider Capacity Building, Training and Support					
24	Healthy Start Support (<i>SCOE</i>)	\$ 82,378	\$ 34,937	\$ 47,441	42%
Total Area 4:		\$ 82,378	\$ 34,937	\$ 47,441	42%
Total Services Contracts		\$ 6,234,924	\$ 2,477,314	\$ 3,757,610	40%

STANISLAUS COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION

FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT December 31, 2014

		FY 14/15 Budget	Actual	Remaining Budget	% Actual to Budget
1	Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 11,711,750	\$ 11,792,222		
REVENUE					
2	Interest	\$ 152,253	\$ 25,375	\$ 126,878	17%
3	Tobacco Tax (Prop 10)	\$ 5,198,816	\$ 1,854,856	\$ 3,343,960	36%
4	Grants, SMIF, Misc.	\$ 105,000	\$ 63	\$ 104,937	0%
5	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 5,456,069	\$ 1,880,294	\$ 3,575,775	34%
EXPENDITURES					
Program					
6	Contracts	\$ 6,234,924	\$ 1,427,555	\$ 4,807,369	23%
7	Contracts-Prior Year	\$ -	\$ 25,271	\$ (25,271)	
8	Contract Adjustments (TBD)	\$ 633,500	\$ -	\$ 633,500	0%
9	Salaries & Benefits	\$ 151,546	\$ 65,311	\$ 86,235	43%
10	Services & Supplies	\$ 22,321	\$ 14,927	\$ 7,394	67%
11	County Cap Charges	\$ 11,911	\$ 5,051	\$ 6,860	42%
12	Total Expenditures - Program	\$ 7,054,202	\$ 1,538,115	\$ 5,516,087	22%
Evaluation					
13	Salaries & Benefits	\$ 62,802	\$ 4,384	\$ 58,418	7%
14	Services & Supplies	\$ 8,004	\$ 4,430	\$ 3,574	55%
15	County Cap Charges	\$ 4,936	\$ 408	\$ 4,528	8%
16	Total Expenditures - Evaluation	\$ 75,742	\$ 9,223	\$ 66,519	12%
Administration					
17	Salaries & Benefits	\$ 288,804	\$ 162,438	\$ 126,366	56%
18	Services & Supplies	\$ 48,637	\$ 37,332	\$ 11,305	77%
19	County Cap Charges	\$ 22,698	\$ 10,582	\$ 12,116	47%
20	Total Expenditures - Administration	\$ 360,139	\$ 210,353	\$ 149,786	58%
21	Total Expenditures	\$ 7,490,083	\$ 1,757,690	\$ 5,732,393	23%
22	NET INCREASE (DECREASE) TO FUND BALANCE	\$ (2,034,014)	\$ 122,604		
23	ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 9,677,736	\$ 11,914,826		



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EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
GOVERNOR

FEB 19 2015 AM 10:07

February 11, 2015

Erica Inacio
John Sims
Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission
930 15th Street
Modesto, CA 95350

Dear Ms. Inacio & Mr. Sims:

We are writing you because you are a user of the Family Development Matrix (FDM) tool and a partner in the Office of Child Abuse Prevention's (OCAP) work to strengthen families and reduce the incidence of child maltreatment across California. This letter is to inform you that the OCAP's support of the FDM will conclude at the end of this current funding cycle on June 30, 2015.

The OCAP has mandates to fund innovation and the development of evidence based practices in the field of child abuse and neglect prevention. After fostering and supporting the FDM for ten years the OCAP will be redirecting funding to other projects to identify and nurture them as it has done with the FDM. This decision was made based on information that the FDM will continue to be made available to interested agencies, under a user fee or licensing agreement with the Matrix Outcomes Model, LLC. We realize many organizations benefit from the tool, and we are encouraged that they can continue to access it through a direct business relationship with the Matrix Outcomes Model, LLC.

It is never easy to conclude a successful project, but we believe the FDM tool can be sustained beyond OCAP support so that agencies who choose to do so can continue to utilize it. We thank you for your consistent and ongoing support of the project, and your work strengthening families.

Sincerely,

SARAH ROCK, Chief
Office of Child Abuse Prevention

FEB 24 2015 AM 07:15

Nelly Paredes-Walsborn, Ph.D.

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John Sims**Executive Director**

Stanislaus County

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**SUBJECT: 2015 CHILD HEALTH, EDUCATION AND CARE SUMMIT: BUILDING
POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS.**

Dear John;

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the 2015 Child Health, Education and Care Summit hosted by the First 5 California State Commission held at the Double Tree Hotel in Sacramento last week.

The Summit was outstanding! The learning was fabulous and the networking excellent!

I especially appreciate that you were able to introduce me to some other members who are also part of the State Commission. And that you took the time to guide me in getting to the hotel and the best part was that we had dinner together and were able to converse with each other. **Thank John!**

Some of the statistics that I learned in the Summit were really sad to me. Such as; 21% of children are growing up in poverty and that 43 % of the Children in California experience Toxic Stress. Other information that impacted me was that 30% of parents that read to their children have good brain development. The other 70% end up with lower brain strength...I couldn't believe it!.

Also the home visitations issue was addressed several times on the workshops along with issue of Hispanic Community that is rapidly growing and we as commissioners need to understand the demands of the community otherwise our decisions won't be correctly made. "We might have to start rethinking in our decisions, people of color need to be addressed along with their issues, services and so on" said one of the speakers.

The panel encourage everybody to speak with ONE VOICE to the First 5 and also to use our talents to "Open the Doors for Issues related to CHILDREN".

The legislators and the media (including Spanish) need to be invited to one of the places the Commission funds a program, this is to show them how the money is being spent.

Oh, John, there were so many wonderful people, so many wonderful issues, I could keep going on and on, but no, I think you and whoever reads this letter, will know that I have a passion for issues related to children, related to people and most importantly for doing what is right for the Children & Families Commission of our County.

Again, thank you for the invitation to you and to the First 5 State Commission members.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nelly Paredes-Walsborn
Commissioner