



Children & Families Commission
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**Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 24, 2015
West Modesto Community Center, Finley Conference Room
401 E Paradise Road, Modesto CA 95351**

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

Members Absent: Vito Chiesa.

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

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

- I. Commission members were introduced and attendees were welcomed.
- II. Commission members and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Announcement of Commissioner Recusals – None.
- IV. Public Comment Period – None.
- V. Consent Calendar - The Consent Calendar was approved.
Moved Skol, Seconded Schlaepfer. Unanimously approved.
- VI. Agenda Items
 - A. The Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2014.
Approved on the consent calendar. Moved Skol, Seconded Schlaepfer. Unanimously approved.
 - B. The Commission heard a presentation by Marian Kaanon, President/CEO, Stanislaus Community Foundation; Karen Pekarcik, Director, Child & Family Services Stanislaus County Office of Education; and Sue Rich, Assistant Superintendent, Stanislaus County Office of Education on Stanislaus READS!

Stanislaus READS! is a multi-agency, multi-year initiative to uncover solutions to help children read by third grade. Marian explained that third grade is a critical benchmark because it is the last year a child is taught reading as a subject. “In fourth grade, students no longer ‘learn to read’ but must ‘read to learn.’” According to the Investing In Our Future: Equipping Children to Read and Succeed in Stanislaus County report, if children have not mastered reading as a core skill by third grade, chances are children will struggle to succeed throughout their academic years. Stanislaus READS! is a community awareness campaign and an investment in small bets at 5 specific pilot schools to develop strategies that can eventually be used

countywide. The campaign focuses on three primary challenge areas: School Readiness, Chronic Absences, and Summer Slide. A fourth focus overlays these three areas together and it's known as Parent Involvement.

The report, released on March 17th, explains each of the challenge areas in depth and provides goals, bright spots, challenges, and indicators for tracking progress.

Marian clarified that this is not a campaign that will deliver results in a year or two – it may be a decade or longer before outcomes show progress.

For more information on Stanislaus READS!, go to www.stanreads.org or the Stanislaus Community Foundation website at www.stanislauscommunityfoudnation.org to download the community report.

C. Executive Director's Office

1. Per Section 130140 of the California Health and Safety Code, the Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission is required to hold a public hearing on the State Commission's Annual Report (which is submitted to the Legislature each January). The report in its entirety can be viewed on the State's website: http://www.first5california.com/pdf/annual_report_pdfs/Annual_Report_13-14.pdf.

The Commission heard a presentation on the State Commission report's contents and format from the Executive Director. The State report highlighted the results for each of the four result areas (Family Functioning, Child Development, Health, and Sustainable Systems) for FY 2013-2014 and summarized the intent and impact made by State Initiatives. Staff compared local services provided to children and adults across result areas to the State-wide statistics.

After the presentation, Chair Lee opened the public hearing at 5:08 p.m.

Jeff Anderson, Sierra Vista Child & Family Services, asked for clarification on the numbers submitted for each of the result areas and how the families served at the family resource centers affected the different areas.

Staff clarified that in order to avoid duplicate numbers, Stanislaus reports families served by the family resource centers under Result Area 1, Community Resource and Referral – the point of entry. Staff acknowledged that reporting services in this manner does not tell the “entire story” since it is recognized that family resource centers do provide more services than just community resource and referrals.

Hearing no other comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 5:10 p.m.

2. Per Section 130100 of the California Health and Safety Code, the Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission is required to evaluate local programs funded with Proposition 10 funds. The Commission heard a presentation on the 2013-2014 Program Evaluation Report, prepared by Commission staff. The evaluation covers 22 Commission funded programs.

The presentation outlined the report and the information provided as it pertains to the result areas: (1) Improved Family Functioning, (2) Improved Child Development, (3) Improved Health, and (4) Improved Systems of Care.

The evaluation answered three questions:

- How much was done?
- How well was it done?
- Is anyone better off?

The report in its entirety can be viewed, downloaded, and printed from the Commission's website: <http://www.stanprop10.org>. The report contains information on each of the programs, and how program activities impacted goals and outcomes (as listed in the Commission's 2012-2014 Strategic Plan).

Staff shared that the report identified two programs that will require support in addressing variances in services: The BRIDGE and Zero to Five Early Intervention Partnership. The BRIDGE lost another grant that could have been a factor in the decline of services. It has also taken an approach of conducting home visits to deliver services versus using the resource center as a meeting place. The Zero to Five Early Intervention Partnership contract has had significant changes in lead personnel and has had vacant clinical positions, which likely are factors in the decline of services.

Prior to making a motion to accept the report, the Commission thanked the Contractors and Staff for their efforts in preparing the report. The Commission also recognized that the report identifies the programs, their delivery of services, and challenges and successes. It makes the Commission more transparent as it pertains to program funding and outcomes.

The Commission took action to accept the 2013-2014 Program Evaluation Report. ***Moved Skol, Seconded Paredes-Walsborn. Unanimously approved. Commissioner Bauman left the meeting prior to the vote.***

D. Committee Reports – ***Approved on the consent calendar. Moved Skol, Seconded Schlaepfer. Unanimously approved.***

1. The Commission accepted the minutes for the Administrative Committee meeting held on March 9, 2015 – including the Monthly Financial Report as of February 28, 2015 and the Quarterly Financial Report for Quarter Ending December 31, 2014.
2. The Commission accepted the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on March 18, 2015.

VII. Correspondence – ***Approved on the consent calendar. Moved Skol, Seconded Schlaepfer. Unanimously approved.***

1. The Commission accepted a letter from the California Office of Child Abuse Prevention regarding the cancelation of funding for the Family Development Matrix.

VIII. Commissioner Reports

1. Commissioner Paredes-Walsborn reported on her attendance at the Child Health, Education, and Care Summit: Building Powerful Partnerships. She expressed that she enjoyed the conference and learned a lot. She met several First 5 CA commissioners and appreciates being able to “put a face to the name”. She also learned that the media needs to see the children Stanislaus County is serving; they should be invited to visit the programs.
2. Commissioner Skol also attended the conference and he indicated that his main takeaway was that as Prop 10 funds decrease, the Commission should focus on its legacy – on developing a system that will continue services beyond the existence of Prop 10 – such as services provided by Family Resource Centers.
3. Chair Lee shared that she has had the opportunity to view the documentary Fed Up. The film discusses the obesity epidemic and she strongly encouraged Commissioners to see it if they have the opportunity.

IX. Staff Reports

1. Erica Inacio provided a summary on the RESPECT: Celebrate Diversity Conference the Commission held, in partnership with SCOE, on February 28, 2015.

Based on survey results, the conference was well received. Of the 298 registered, 217 attended (73% attendance) and 78% of those in attendance completed the conference survey.

The surveys confirmed that Ron Mohl was an enthusiastic, interactive, engaging, and humorous Key Note Presenter. Most in attendance found out about the conference through previous conference participation or through Prop 10 partners or the college. Attendees also suggested future topics for the conference, such as challenging behavior, stress, verbal abuse, or brain development.

Costs for the conferences in August 2014 and February 2015 were \$9,983.63 for the Commission and \$11,832.14 for SCOE. This equals to a total cost of \$48.58 per participant (based on 449 participants) or a Commission only cost of \$22.24 per participant.

Commission staff will meet with SCOE staff to confirm the next topic for the August 29, 2015 Conference.

2. John Sims shared with the Commission that the Sacramento Region (9-County Commissions) is planning on having a Commissioner Workshop on or around November 1st. Once additional information becomes available, he will send it to Commissioners.
3. John Sims also announced that most likely there would be no April Commission or Committee meetings. He will confirm with the Executive Committee and send out a notice as soon as it's confirmed. At the May Commission meeting, the Commission will be discussing and approving the 2015-2016 Budget. There most likely won't be another Commission meeting until August 2015.

X. The Commission meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.