



Children & Families Commission
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Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 30, 2018
Sutter Health and Education Conference Center
Barton Room
1700 McHenry Ave., Ste. 60-B, Modesto , CA

Members Present: Kathy Harwell (Chair), Nelly Paredes-Walsborn (Vice Chair), David Cooper, Mary Ann Lee, Dr. Julie Vaishampayan, George Skol

Members Absent: Vito Chiesa, Ignacio Cantu Jr., Vicki Bauman

Staff Present: David Jones, Executive Director; Veronica Ascencio, Accountant; Stephanie Loomis, Staff Services Coordinator; Denae Davis, Confidential Assistant IV

1. Chair Harwell called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. Commission members, staff, and attendees were introduced and welcomed.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Announcement of Commissioner Recusals – None
4. Public Comment Period – None
5. Consent Calendar
The Consent Calendar was approved.
Motion by Skol, Second by Cooper. (6-0)(Chiesa, Bauman, and Cantu absent)
6. Discussion Items
A. The Commission approved the Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair for 2018-2019.
Motion by Skol, Second by Lee. (6-0)(Chiesa, Bauman, and Cantu absent)
7. Commissioner Reports – None
8. Staff Reports – Audit led by Veronica Ascencio with Brown & Armstrong will be coming up in early September.
9. Strategic Direction / Planning
 - Maggie Steakley (Glen Price Group) provided an agenda for Strategic Direction and Planning and discussed that the day would be focused on discussion and direction, not decisions.
 - Steakley and Commissioners participated in collective discussion to review the Commission's mission, vision, and goals.
 - Steakley and Commissioners discussed data found in the First 5 Strategic and Planning Discovery Report prepared by Glen Price Group.**Session Recess – 9:57 a.m.**
Session Resumed – 10:12 a.m.
 - Steakley and Commissioners discussed priority areas, focus areas, and changes in community demographics.

Member Cantu arrived at 11:32 a.m.

- Steakley and Commissioners participated in various activities around the room highlighting various themes, considerations, and data from the Discovery Report.
10. **Lunch Recess – 11:58 a.m.**
11. **Session Resume – 12:50 p.m.**
- Steakley and Commissioners discussed various approaches, or roles, the Commission could lean toward: Systems Builder, Capacity Builder, Convener/Collaborator, Policy Advocate, Funder, Data Management Supporter and Communications.
 - Steakley and Commissioners thoroughly analyzed each approach and what it would look like as the Commission moves forward.
- Session Recess – 2:45 p.m.**
- Session Resumed – 3:00 p.m.**
- Steakley and Commissioners continued the discussion on various roles and approaches that the Commission could lean toward. Commissioners placed dots on the roles they felt most strongly about to discover possible alignments.
 - Steakley explained the next steps in the process would be to include the Steering Committee to consolidate information to provide back to the Commission.
 - The next Steering Committee meeting is on Friday, September 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
 - The next Commission meeting is on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.
12. The Commission meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.