

**FIRST 5 COLUSA
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION**

Minutes of Public Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2010

The meeting of the First 5 Colusa Children and Families Commission was called to order at 3:32 p.m. at the First 5 Conference Room, 320 5th Street, Suite A, Colusa, California. Commissioners Nancy Parriott, Barbara Hankins, and Ginger Harlow were present constituting a quorum to begin the meeting led by Commissioner Ginger Harlow, Vice-Chair.

Absent: Dolores Gomez and Kim Vann

Staff in attendance: Jennifer Long, Executive Director, Denise Erickson, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator

Public in attendance: Bonnie Davies, Welcome Home Program; Nancy Salm and Trini Ferreira, Colusa County Library - Imagibus

Items discussed in accordance with the publicly posted agenda were as follow:

2. Approval of Minutes: December 8, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Hankins moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Commissioner Parriott. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote (3/0)

3. Review of the Financial Report

A total of 12 (twelve) claims were presented for payment with a total of \$32,623.68. Commissioner Parriott moved to approve and pay claims as presented; motion seconded by Commissioner Hankins. The motion passed by voice vote (3/0).

4. Public Comment and Unscheduled Matters

Barbara Hankins provided Positive Parenting Calendars from CAPC. Ginger Harlow announced the Family Faire booth information is now available.

5. Oral Report from Colusa County Library - Imagibus

Nancy Salm introduced herself as the new Literacy Coordinator and informed the Commission that she was there in place of the Library Director who was out ill. Trini Ferreira introduced herself as the Imagibus driver. Ms. Salm stated that she

is familiarizing herself with the contract and would like to increase the number of childcare providers visited for more outreach. Ms. Salm also noted that there is still a leak in the Imagibus.

Ms. Salm informed the Commissioners that the Library will be holding Day of the Book on May 15, 2010 from 10:30-1:30. This event is designed for underserved children and will include many different activities.

6. Oral Report from Colusa County Department Health & Human Services- Welcome Home Program

Bonnie Davies informed the Commissioners that the Home Visitor, Crystal Vessels, has been out since the beginning of December, but prior to Ms. Vessels' leave there were ten additional clients served last quarter. Ms. Davies updated the Commission with two Home Visiting success stories and stated that Ms. Vessels will start to focus on follow up through the use of Touchpoints upon her return.

7. Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Hankins moved to keep Dolores Gomez as Chair and Ginger Harlow as Vice Chair; motion seconded by Commissioner Parriott. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote (3/0)

8. Early Steps to School Success Program Update

Ms. Long informed the Commissioners that Save the Children (STC) have been extremely easy to work with and that she and Jesana Boza have recently returned from Portland, OR for an orientation. Ms. Long stated that STC was very impressed and pleased with the work Ms. Boza has accomplished.

Ms. Boza informed the Commissioners that she has performed extensive outreach since October 2009 and the program is now full. There are 28 families on the waitlist, with a total of 52 children. To date, Ms. Boza has completed 48 home visits and 14 Ages & Stages Questionnaires. Ms. Boza will be holding her first Parent Monthly meeting on Feb 15th at the Williams FAC and an orientation on Feb 22nd at Hand & Hand Childcare Center. Ms. Boza also shared success stories.

9. Contract with Colusa County Indian Community

Ms. Long informed the Commissioners of communication issues that occurred. Commissioner Hankins moved to approve the contract with Colusa County Indian Community as presented; motion seconded by Commissioner Parriott. The motion passed by voice vote (3/0).

10. Increase to Healthy Kids, Healthy Future Premiums

Ms. Long informed the Commissioners that Health Net has agreed to serve as the insurance carrier for children 0-5 through December 2011 with a premium

increase. The estimated premium increase should be about 10-12%. Ms. Long recommends accepting the premium increase and lowering the amount of children enrolled to keep the costs down. Commissioner Parriott moved to approve funding insurance premiums at an increase of 10-12% and lower the amount of children enrolled to 25; motion seconded by Commissioner Hankins. The motion passed by voice vote (3/0).

11. Future Funding Options-discussion continued from December 9, 2009 planning session

Ms. Long informed the Commission that at the January 27, 2010 State Commission meeting, most funding discussions were tabled to a new meeting (not yet decided) and the "Legacy Programs" were not released. The State did approve to continue funding to the nine Power of Preschool (POP) counties.

Ms. Long provided a recap of future funding changes and options. Discussion was held regarding the Kinder Transition Programs, specifically Kinder Camp, and two options were reviewed. Direction was given for staff to work with school lead staff and determine which funding option works best.

Ms. Long also reviewed the proposed long range fiscal plan with the Commission facing a total of 23% lose in revenue. Lengthy discussion held.

Programs were prioritized: continue funding "in house" programs first.

Commissioner Hankins moved to approve funding most "in house" programs with the exception of Mini-Grants and CARES, at possible reduced funding, and discontinue funding "external" programs for Fiscal Year 2010/11. The Commission is facing a total of 23% lose in revenue; motion seconded by Commissioner Parriott. The motion passed by voice vote (3/0).

12. Executive Director Report

Ms. Long provided the Commissioners with a written report prior to the meeting.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

The next schedule meeting will be held on Tuesday April 13, 2010, 3:00-5:00p.m. at the First 5 Colusa Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by Denise Erickson, Administrative Assistant

Attachment A: Financial Report and Balance Sheet

Attachment B: Contract with Colusa County Indian Community

Attachment C: Healthy Kids, Healthy Future Information

Attachment D: Kinder Camp Funding: Options #1 and 2

Attachment E: Current year and long range fiscal plan

Attachment F: Executive Director's Report

Attachment G: Prop 10 Briefings