



Commission Meeting
MINUTES

Monday, February 7, 2022, 6:00 pm

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairwoman Dr. Rocio Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

Due to COVID-19, the meeting was held on a web-based platform. The Chair introduced meeting protocols.

Commissioners present during roll call were:

District 1: Dr. Rocio Hernandez

District 2: Marilyn Cachola Lucey

District 2 Alternate member: Srividya Iyengar

District 3: Lee Ross

District 4: Matt Regan

District 4 Alternate member: Gareth Ashley

District 5: John Jones

Board of Supervisors Commissioner: Diane Burgis

Health Services Alternate member: Daniel Peddycord, R.N.

Children & Families Services Commissioner: Kathy Marsh

Absent: District 1 Alternate member Genoveva Garcia Calloway, District 3 Alternate member Rhoda Butler, BOS Alternate member Candace Andersen, Health Services Commissioner Dr. Chris Farnitano, EHSD Commissioner Kathy Gallagher, EHSD Alternate member Dr. Aaron Alarcon-Bowen, Children & Families Services Alternate member Roslyn Gentry.

2.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

3.0 Approval of Consent Calendar

John Jones made a motion, seconded by Dan Peddycord to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Roll Call of Vote:

District 1: Dr. Rocio Hernandez- YES

District 2: Marilyn Cachola Lucey- YES

District 3: Lee Ross- YES

District 4: Matt Regan- YES

District 5: John Jones- YES

Board Of Supervisors: Diane Burgis- **ABSTAIN**

Health Services: Dan Peddycord *for Dr. Chris Farnitano*- YES

Children & Families Services: Kathy Marsh- YES

Yeses: **7**

Nos: None

Abstain: **1**



Absent: District 1 Alternate member Genoveva Garcia Calloway, District 3 Alternate member Rhoda Butler, BOS Alternate member Candace Andersen, Health Services Commissioner Dr. Chris Farnitano, EHSD Commissioner Kathy Gallagher, EHSD Alternate member Dr. Aaron Alarcon-Bowen, Children & Families Services Alternate member Roslyn Gentry.

The motion **APPROVED**.

5.0 CONSIDER adopting a resolution authorizing First 5 Contra Costa to conduct teleconference meetings under Government Code section 54953 (e) and making related findings.

The chair asked if there were questions from the floor regarding the item.

There were no questions.

Marilyn Cachola Lucey made a motion seconded by Diane Burgis to adopt a resolution authorizing First 5 Contra Costa to conduct teleconference meetings under Government Code section 54953 (e) and making related findings.

Roll Call of Vote:

District 1: Dr. Rocio Hernandez- YES

District 2: Marilyn Cachola Lucey- YES

District 3: Lee Ross- YES

District 4: Matt Regan- YES

District 5: John Jones- YES

Board Of Supervisors: Diane Burgis- YES

Health Services: Dan Peddycord *for Dr. Chris Farnitano*- YES

Children & Families Services: Kathy Marsh- YES

Yeses: **8**

Nos: None

Abstain: None

Absent: District 1 Alternate member Genoveva Garcia Calloway, District 3 Alternate member Rhoda Butler, BOS Alternate member Candace Andersen, Health Services Commissioner Dr. Chris Farnitano, EHSD Commissioner Kathy Gallagher, EHSD Alternate member Dr. Aaron Alarcon-Bowen, Children & Families Services Alternate member Roslyn Gentry.

The motion **APPROVED**.

6.0 RECEIVE the presentation of the Conflict of Interest Laws pertinent to the Commissioners and staff by Kurtis C. Keller, Deputy County Counsel.

Deputy County Counsel Kurtis Keller gave a presentation, reviewing updates on the Conflict of Interest Laws pertinent to the Commissioners and staff. Some of the highlights of the presentation include matters on:

- The political reform act applies to all the Commissioners, including the alternate and to pertinent staff members as outlined on the Bylaws.
- Government Code Section 1090 prohibits any Commissioner or Staff member from having a financial interest in any contract made by the Commission. He then cited specific exceptions that require recusal procedures.

- The obligation to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. Where there is a question of whether your participation is appropriate, it is often best to have a conservative approach.

Lee Ross asked if annual filing will continue to be through “NetFile”?

Ruth Fernandez informed that all Contra Costa County filers will continue to use “NetFile” to submit their Annual Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) electronically, and the deadline to submit is on Friday, April 1, 2022. As in the past, reminders will be generated through “NetFile” soon.

John Jones asked for clarity on who is to be considered as “immediate family” (citing a portion of the presentation that refers to *the measurable benefit or loss to the Commissioners personal finances or personal finances of her immediate family.*)

Deputy County Counsel stated there is a complete definition of **immediate family** and it is not limited to just household members. It includes grandparents, grandchildren. He then referred to **FPPC** (*Fair Political Practices Commission*) website to view the complete list. www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html

John also cited a section of the presentation concerning the “receiving a financial benefit which would put us in a position to have to recuse.” He asked if it would apply if a person(s) volunteers for an organization, such as a major donor – that they may have a financial interest however, they are not reaping the benefits.

Deputy Counsel cautioned that, even if just the potential of receiving a benefit would be enough to cause a conflict. Even a promise of potentially receiving a benefit could invoke or cause the conflict rules to apply, therefore in this situation, recusing is prudent.

After all questions were answered, Ruth Fernandez thanked Deputy County Counsel for presentation.

7.0 RECEIVE Executive Director’s Report

Ruth Fernandez gave the following updates on the Executive Director’s Report:

Internal Updates:

- Welcomed new First 5 Contra Costa member: Yoally Cardenas Munoz, East County Community Engagement Organizer
- Finance and Operations Director Job Announcement has been posted.
- First 5 Contra Costa staff COVID-19 Prevention Plan had been updated.
- Gave updates on new administrative offices and anticipated relocation.

County Updates:

- **Measure X – Ruth provided the following report:**
Measure X: CAB met on January 31st to develop recommendations for the unallocated 15.5 Million in Measure X funding which include \$6.7 million in ongoing funding and \$8.8 million in one-time funding.
At the CAB meeting on January 31, after significant discussion, the Advisory Board voted on two motions:
Motion #1:
Recommend using the unallocated one-time funds to 1) add to the existing Innovation Fund; 2) set aside funds for the guaranteed income pilot project; and 3) add funds to the Contra Costa Cares program to expand services.

Motion #2:

Recommend using the unallocated on-going funds to fund the following top priorities from the previous MXCAB priority list:

1. Community-based Mental Health for At-Risk Populations Including AAPI, Latino, LGBTQ+, and African Americans;
2. Services for Children with Disabilities;
3. Tenant Legal Services and Support;
4. Subsidized Child Care;
5. Substance Abuse Treatment;
6. Community Based Aging Services;
7. Public Defender Front End-Advocacy Teams; and
8. Stand Together Contra Costa - removal defense, social services

- **Ready Kids East County Initiative: Parent Café Series (flyer in packet)**
- **Upcoming Antioch CHANGE Forum (flyer in packet)**
- **Contra Costa Network of Care: Principles in Practice and Change Agent Cohort:**
Principles In Practice: monthly sessions (first Friday of every month), open to all. Each month one of Trauma Transform's Principles of Trauma-Informed Care is discussed and participants engage in deep exploration with a speaker and small group conversations. It's been a powerful space thus far for reflection and exploration of these principles.
Change Agent Cohort: With support from the team at Community Strengths, the Alliance to End Abuse, and First 5 Contra Costa will be launching the Change Agent cohort this month. This is a space for 2 individuals from an organization to join a cohort of other folks looking to prototype small changes at their organization that will advance their trauma-informed and healing-centered practice. We are in the final stages of confirming the cohort, so more to come on this!
- **EITC Outreach** – call to action to share with families and employees the Earned Income Tax Credit and Young Child Tax Credit during tax filing season.

State Updates:

- Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, resignation as California State Surgeon General
- First 5 Association and First 5 CA leadership search
- REDI Webinars coming up this month: February 8 and 23
- Save the Date for Virtual Advocacy Day on Tuesday April 19
- Ongoing areas of focus at the state-level: policy advocacy, learning and partnership development.

Lee asked what the attendance at the Parent Café been like?

Deputy Director Camilla Rand informed that there were 9 participants on January 25th café and more than a dozen participated on the January 11th café.

Communications Manager Natalie Blackmur informed that there were 23 registrants signed up for the café of February 8.

Dr. Hernandez expressed interest in participating in the 2022 Advocacy Day and asked how to participate.

Ruth invited all Commissioners to participate and asked to be informed if any are interested. There will be further information as date approaches. Expect talking points to be developed for all participants.



Gareth Ashley asked about how recruitment is coming along and asked if there is a recruiter assisting on the search? Have First 5 Contra Costa considered “recruiting bonuses”?

Ruth replied that First 5 Contra Costa is in conversation with a search firm and pursuing different hiring options. Regarding “recruiting bonuses”, Ruth will look into whether it is an option.

8.0 Communications

Dr. Hernandez informed that materials for Communications are all attached in the packet:

- First 5 Association announcements:
 - *REDI Workshops in February*
 - *Virtual Advocacy Day on April 19, 2022*
- Ready Kids East County Parent Café Announcement
- Antioch Change – February 16, 2022 Flyer
- A Message from California Surgeon General Dr. Nadine Burke Harris

9.0 Commissioner F.Y.I. Updates

Dr. Hernandez announced that she is giving away an entire box of assorted books on “co-parenting strategies” for anyone who is interested – happy to share.

John Jones announced that **CocoKids** will soon be distributing **COVID-19 test kits** to child-care providers. **CocoKids**, in partnership with **Contra Costa County Health Services** were set to distribute to all child-care providers. But the State fell short of supply (**CocoKids** received only 10 – 20% of what they asked for) therefore can only to send to those child-care providers who are located in most critical areas in need.

10.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

The next standing meeting is on Monday April 11, 2022.