



Children & Families Commission
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Planning Session Minutes
Saturday, September 6, 2014
Harvest Hall, Room B & C
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA

Members Present: Vick Bauman, David Cooper, Mary Ann Lee (Chair), Nelly Paredes-Walsborn, George Skol, and Dr. John Walker.

Members Absent: Vito Chiesa, Denise Hunt, and Madelyn Schlaepfer.

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

- I. Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Commission members and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Commission members, staff, and attendees were introduced and welcomed.
- III. Announcement of Commissioner Recusals – None.
- IV. Public Comment Period – None.
- V. Consent Calendar
The Consent Calendar was approved.
Moved Cooper, Seconded Skol. Unanimously approved.
- VI. Agenda Items
 - A. The Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2014.
Approved on the consent calendar. Moved Cooper, Seconded Skol. Unanimously approved.
 - B. Strategic Planning 2015-2017
 1. Staff reviewed the current Strategic Plan and Priorities Plan. Staff shared updated statistical data that will replace data in the current plans. Staff recommended incorporating the Priorities Plan into the Strategic Plan. Staff also mentioned the new Strategic Plan will align with the 5 Protective Factors. Commissioners asked for more information on the 5 Protective Factors and staff indicated a presentation would be made on the Factors at a future Commission meeting.
 2. Julie Falkenstein (Heath Services Agency) presented on the information collected on the community via the Community Health Assessment and the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health reports. Commissioners discussed the data provided and what the community's needs might be now compared to when the current Strategic Plan and Priority Plan were developed.

The Commission took a 10 minute break and resumed the meeting.

3. Staff shared the aggregated results from individual Commissioners' priority services surveys. It was noted that five surveys were received by the deadline and were used to create the aggregate data. Commissioners discussed the results and determined they were not ready to set a priority services ranking. Commissioners requested that staff collect additional information from program contractors regarding anticipated funding levels, in addition to training topics that might be useful to contractors, such as sustainability, and to share this information at Commission committee meetings in October.

- Committee Reports – None.

- VII. Correspondence – None.
- VIII. Commissioner Reports – Commissioner Cooper commented that the Early Care and Education Conference in August was well done and thanked staff for their efforts.
- IX. Staff Reports
- John Sims shared that the Commission had received a letter from Board of Supervisors members Chiesa and Withrow, in their roles on the Gang Reduction Task Force (GARD), requesting the Commission consider following up with the youth who participated in the School Readiness program to see whether that program had any positive impact on graduation rates and other outcome indicators. The Commission directed staff to reach out to the consultants who designed the original evaluation to determine the feasibility of the request and, if it's possible, what resources would be needed for further research.
- X. At 11:43 a.m., the Commission moved into closed session – Public Employee Evaluation – Executive Director, Government Code 54957(b).
- XI. The Commission reconvened at 11:48 a.m. and Chair Lee announced no action was taken in the Closed Session. The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.