



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Regular Meeting of the Commission

**Wednesday, January 27, 2010**

**1:30 p.m.**

Riverside County Children and Families Commission Office  
2002 Iowa Avenue, Suite 100 – Conference Room A  
Riverside, California 92507

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2. Commission Re-Structure Update – Susan Loew, Commission Vice-Chair
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**A. Call To Order:**

The Regular Meeting of the Commission was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Commissioner Chair, Wengerd.

Commissioners Present: Chair, Jerry Wengerd; Vice-Chair, Susan Loew; Alternate, Supervisor Bob Buster; Connie Beasley; Yolanda Carrillo (arrived at 2:27 p.m.); Eric Frykman (arrived at 1:39 p.m.); Vicki Oltean

Commissioners Absent: Supervisor John Benoit and Jay Hoffman

Commission Vacancy: One

Staff Present: Harry Freedman, Executive Director; Stella Smith, Deputy Director; Lynn Stephens, Executive Assistant/Commission Secretary; Arrin Banks, Administrator, Grants & Contracts; Sandy Duncan, Administrator, Fiscal Services; Laurie Schoenberg, Administrator, Early Care & Education; Johnathan McDannell, Administrator, Outcomes Management; Sherry Watkins, Facilities & Operations Specialist; Cindy Brandon, Administrative Secretary; Jean Alexander-Booth, Program Specialist II, Early Care & Education; Deborah DeForge, Program Specialist II, Outcomes Management; Carol Abella, Program Specialist, Early Care & Education; Rocio Zuniga, Program Specialist, Early Care & Education; Kristi VanHeule, Program Coordinator, Capacity Building Initiative; Maria Hernandez, Secretary, Early Care & Education; Michelle Victor, Contract Specialist, Grants & Contracts; Jamie Ayala, Public Information Specialist; Anabel Bolanos, Office Assistant III

Tiffany North, Deputy County Counsel, was in attendance as legal counsel for the Commission.

Consultant: Dr. Todd Sosna

**B. Commission Business – Susan Loew, Commission Vice-Chair**

**1. Chair and Commission Member Comments**

Commissioner Chair Wengerd welcomed Supervisor Buster who was in attendance at the meeting as the alternate to Supervisor Benoit.

**2. Commission Re-structure Update – Susan Loew, Commission Vice-Chair**

Commissioner Vice-Chair Loew reported that most of the new appointments were officially finalized by the Board of Supervisors at their meeting on January 26, 2010. The process was difficult as there were many qualified applicants and it took some time to sort through the applications. The Board of Supervisors goal was to obtain a balance in the required categories and geographic representation. All individuals who are being appointed have been notified and their appointments will be effective as of February 1, 2010. There are three remaining appointments that should be finalized within the next couple of weeks. An orientation session will be scheduled for the new Commissioners and Alternates. Commissioner Vice-Chair Loew

thanked staff for all of their behind the scenes efforts in coordinating. She expressed her pleasure of having worked with the existing Commissioners and Advisory Committee Members.

### **3. Executive Director Comments – Harry Freedman**

Mr. Freedman echoed Commissioner Vice-Chair Loew's comments with respect to appreciation for the service of the Commissioners and Advisory Committee.

State Budget Impact: Mr. Freedman reported on the Senate budget hearing. He referenced materials from the First 5 Association meeting that were included in the Executive Director report section of the Commission packets. Mr. Freedman provided an overview of the Governor's proposal. The Governor's proposal needs a 2/3 vote in order for the proposed legislation to divert Proposition 10 funds to be placed on the June ballot. This proposal is the most serious threat First 5 has faced. The general consensus is there is more time to react to this proposal compared to the 1D campaign, but the environment is even more difficult. During this time there is opportunity for First 5 to communicate with stakeholders, demonstrate the value of Proposition 10 services, and encourage opposition to the proposed diversion of funds. Commissions currently have significant ability to discuss this issue. If the legislature places the proposal on the ballot, our activities will be significantly constrained. Mr. Freedman noted services are being pitted against each other instead of coming up with alternate ideas to solve the budget issue.

Commissioner Vice-Chair Loew asked if there is a deadline to have the proposal put on the ballot. Mr. Freedman responded it would need to be voted on by early March to be placed on the June ballot and that Prop 63 is in a similar situation. The Controller issued a report today that there will be a significant cash flow issue. Commission Chair Wengerd asked how much funding Riverside County will lose. Mr. Freedman responded that Riverside County will lose roughly 12 million dollars a year and this loss will escalate over time. This would mean cutting funding for services due to the lost revenue. Commissioner Vice-Chair Loew informed the Commission that Mr. Freedman has sent out an alert to funded agencies and the community. Each county is reaching out to their community stakeholders for support. Commissioner Beasley suggested that First 5 Riverside use the numbers of babies born in Riverside County as part of their reports to the legislators and stakeholders. (Commissioner Frykman arrived at 1:39 p.m.)

### **4. Approval of December 27, 2009 Commission and Advisory Committee Joint Meeting Minutes**

*Commissioner Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2009 joint meeting of the Commission and Advisory Committee. Commissioner Frykman seconded the motion. The motion carried. [Following is the vote of the Commission members present: Six (6) in favor (Loew, Beasley, Alternate-Supervisor Buster, Wengerd, Frykman, Oltean), Zero, (0) abstain, Two, (2) absent (Carrillo, Hoffman), Zero (0) opposed, One (1) vacant].*

## **C. Resolution Report (Action) – Stella Smith, Deputy Director**

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Commission Chair Wengerd noted Resolution 10-03 will be held until Commissioner Carrillo arrives to the meeting. Ms. Smith provided an overview on resolutions 09-64, 10-01, and 10-02. She recommended acting on them as a slate and disclosed that Commissioner Hoffman declared a conflict of interest on Resolutions 09-64 and 10-02 and that he was not in attendance at today's meeting.

**09-64:** Approving the Second Amendment to the Contract between the Riverside County Children and Families Commission and Nuvview Union School District for State School Readiness – **Contract #7018SR-09. – Action continued from the December 17, 2009 Commission Meeting.**

**Recommended Action:** That the Commission approve the second amendment to the contract with Nuvview Union School District as attached to the resolution **contingent upon the State’s approval of the School Readiness budget amendment request.** Further, that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents/actions to effectuate this resolution.

**10-01:** Approving an Increase in the Spending Authority of the Executive Director for Riverside Personnel Services Inc. for Temporary Personnel Services.

**Recommended Action:** That the Commission approve the increase in the Executive Director’s spending authority for Riverside Personnel Services Inc. for temporary personnel services to \$35,000 for FY 2009/2010 and approve a Waiver of Competition for this vendor and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents/actions to effectuate this resolution.

**10-02:** Approving and Ratifying the Investment of Funds Contracts Between the Riverside County Children and Families Commission and Nuvview Union School District for the Preschool for All Initiative - **Contract #s7019EC-09 and 7019EC-10.**

**Recommended Action:** That the Commission approve and ratify the contracts (Contract #'s 7019EC-09 and 7019EC-10) between Nuvview and the Commission as referenced in the resolution and authorize the Executive Director or his designee to execute the necessary documents/actions to effectuate this resolution.

Commissioner Frykman moved to approve Resolutions 09-64, 10-01 and 10-02. Commissioner Vice-Chair Loew seconded the motion. *The motion carried. [Following is the vote of the Commission members present: Six (6) in favor (Loew, Beasley, Alternate, Supervisor Buster, Wengerd, Frykman, Oltean), Zero, (0) abstain, Two, (2) absent (Carrillo, Hoffman), Zero (0) opposed, One (1) vacant].*

**2. Advisory Committee Update – Dr. Carla Lidner, Chair**

Dr. Lidner thanked the Commission for allowing her to be a part of the Advisory Committee and provide input to the Commission. She did not have any Advisory Committee updates.

**D. Discussion/Action:**

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**Early Childhood Education Recommendations – Laurie Schoenberg, Administrator, Early Care & Education**

a. ABC Child Care contract #1238 and #1428 and The Wylie Center contract #1435.

**Agenda Action Item continued from the December 17, 2009 Commission Meeting.**

Mr. Freedman provided a brief overview and reminded the Commission that this agenda item was continued from the December 17, 2009 Commission meeting. Due to a lack of non conflicted Commissioners at the December meeting the ABC Child Care Center and The Wylie Center contracts were held over for approval. It was noted that Commissioner Beasley’s will not vote on The Wylie Center contract due to her declared conflict.

Commissioner Oltean moved to approve the recommendation as presented. Commissioner Frykman seconded the motion. *The motion carried. [Following is the vote of the Commission members present: ABC Child Care contract #1238 and #1428 Six (6) in favor (Wengerd, Loew, Alternate-Supervisor Buster, Beasley, Frykman, Oltean ), Zero, (0) abstain, Two (2) absent, (Carrillo, Hoffman), Zero (0) opposed, One (1) vacant]. The Wylie Center contract #1435 Five (5) in favor (Wengerd, Loew, Alternate-Supervisor Buster, Frykman, Oltean), One, (1) abstain/conflict (Beasley), Two (2) absent, (Carrillo, Hoffman), Zero (0) opposed, One (1) vacant]. Ms. North clarified there were six (6) affirmative votes for ABC Child Care and five (5) affirmative for votes for The Wylie Center with Commissioner Beasley conflicted out on the Wylie Center contract. (A copy of Ms. Schoenberg's report is on file at the Commission business office.)*

b. **New Capacity in High Need Areas Update – Kristi VanHeule, Program Coordinator, Capacity Building**

Ms. VanHeule reported that a workgroup met to follow up on last month's Commission discussion, and refine applicant requirements related to the inclusion of elements of quality in this RFP. Elements of quality relating to the physical environment as well a program implementation beyond minimum Title 22 regulations must be included in an applicant's response. She referred the Commission to her updated report in the Commission packet. She also indicated that the Stakeholder group was recommending that the funds be used for capital expenditures, and not for operational/scholarship costs. Ms. VanHeule noted RFPs are being drafted and staff will be moving forward with getting them out to the public soon. (A Copy of Ms. VanHeule's Report is on file at the Commission business office.)

**E. Information Items**

**1. Health and Community Programs Update Recommendation – Stella Smith, Deputy Director**

a. **Update to Reallocation of Health Access Funds**

Mr. Freedman announced that Ms. Smith will be presenting to the Commission on behalf of Ms. Burroughs who is out of town. Ms. Smith reported that recommendations for Health services will be brought back at the February Commission meeting. Staff is looking to implement new services April 1, 2010. On February 1, 2010, the stakeholder work group will meet to discuss ways to allocate remaining health funds. (A copy of Ms. Smith's report is on file at the Commission business office.)

**2. December 2009 Financial Statements –Sandy Duncan, Administrator, Fiscal Services**

Ms. Duncan reported on First 5 Riverside financial information as of January 2010. She highlighted variances and answered questions.

Commissioner Vice-Chair Loew asked if all that was budgeted has been fully expended in contracts. Ms. Duncan responded that since we are getting close to the end of the year she is estimating on spending half of what was allocated for Community Response and Emergency Funding and budgeting the remaining in next year's budget. Commission Vice-Chair Loew asked if the contracts are spending at a rate consistent with the amount of funds allocated. Ms. Duncan will provide this information and details of what she reported today at next month's meeting. (A copy of Ms. Duncan's report is on file at the Commission business office.)

**3. Facility Assistance Grant Funding Update – Kristi VanHeule, Program Coordinator, Capacity Building**

Mr. Freedman referred the Commission to the report in their Commission packet. He noted when staff was reviewing applications they discovered that faulty instructions were provided to readers regarding a specific issue. Two categories of applicants were specifically affected: agencies that applied to increase quality of their center or their family child care home and those that applied under the criteria of preservation. The readers were given instructions that were not consistent with the guidelines. Readers were incorrectly instructed that they could not fund materials or supplies. As a result staff will have all applications that applied under those criteria that included a request for materials and/or supplies re-read and re-scored. The intent is to bring back the same readers who will be provided with correct instructions. Until this process is complete no funds will be awarded to any FAF applicants.

Mr. Freedman reported on another category that was not affected by this issue. It is family child care homes moving from small to large. Five applications were received and scored above the minimum score required to be considered for funding. There is sufficient funding to fund all of them from the funds made available from the New Capacity for High Needs Areas funding opportunity. Staff is finalizing their evaluations of the five agencies. Staff hopes to finalize recommendations before the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Freedman will move forward with finalizing the contracts since they are under \$25,000, and the FAF contract template was previously approved by the Commission, rather than waiting another month.

Ms. VanHeule noted centers can apply for \$20,000 and family child care homes can apply for up to \$10,000. Mr. Freedman added some applications were not read because they did not meet the minimum scoring threshold.

Commissioner Frykman asked if there was a recommendation the Commission needed to approve. Mr. Freedman responded there is not. Mr. Freedman will move forward based on his authority to act up to a maximum of on a \$25,000. Ms. VanHeule hopes to have the applications re-read and recommendations by the end of February or beginning of March 2010. (A copy of Ms. VanHeule's report is on file at the Commission business office.)

#### **4. Executive Director Report – Harry Freedman, Executive Director**

Mr. Freedman highlighted several areas in his written report. He reported on the Governor's proposal for First 5 Commissions to provide 50 million dollars for Department of Developmental Services (DDS) for the Early Start Program. The Governor directed DDS to request assistance from First 5 California (F5CA) to compensate for his budget reduction of \$50 million. F5CA contacted the county commissions and requested participation from each local Commission in funding the 50 million dollar shortfall. DDS continues to enroll kids and fund Early Start services and has not made any cuts yet. Mr. Freedman noted everyone agrees Early Start is a needed service. Issues involved with contributing to the shortfall include supplantation, and competing local needs. The definition of supplanting is determined on a county by county decision. The State legislation prohibits supplantation. Most counties agree that using Commission dollars to fund an existing service that is funded with other government dollars would be supplantation. The question is when is it permissible to fund a program whose funding source has been reduced or eliminated. The timeline varies from county to county. There are competing needs for local funds and the concrete need to fund local children. In the initial DDS proposal it was not clear how many children per county would be funded. Each county can only fund services provided to children in their particular county.

Each county will decide on their own if they will participate in providing funding for DDS services. Mr. Freedman reported that he had responded to DDS's request stating that he

doubted that the Riverside Commission would not be agreeable to the request. Commissioner Frykman agreed that he would not be in agreement to their request but he is open to listening to other Commissioner points of view. Mr. Freedman added the State is comparing this recent request to when F5 counties helped to fund the Healthy Families program. Deputy County Counsel, Tiffany North added that each county has their own interpretation of local control and how they determine what constitutes supplantation. Mr. Freedman added some counties have hard timelines about how long an existing program has been without previous state or other government funding before they can be funded by F5.

Commissioner Beasley asked if First 5 Riverside has been in discussions with Inland Regional Center (IRC). Mr. Freedman responded staff has been in discussion with IRC. He requested IRC provide him with what the local impact of a 50 million dollar cut. IRC has not been able to determine what the impact will be. The State continues to send money to them.

**Public Comment: Melody Amaral, CEO of The Carolyn E. Wylie Center for Children Youth Families.**

Ms. Amaral reported The Wylie Center has served approximately 150 children with Inland Regional Center. They have cut the Early Start Program by about 50 children and the eligibility criteria has changed making fewer children eligible. Mr. Freedman commented that the Regional Center informed him their current cuts reflect 2008/09 and do not reflect current additional cuts. (Commissioner Carrillo arrived at 2:26 p.m.)

Executive Director Report Continued:

Mr. Freedman reported Riverside County Hospital is performing well and is no longer on probation.

Nuview Dental clinic had a meeting with the contracted dentist and staff and F5R staff in order to sort out responsibilities and goal issues.

Mr. Freedman noted the First 5 State Association (“the Association”) has done a good job on getting information out on services First 5 dollars provide. He would like to provide the Commission names and contact information to the Association so they may be included in updates. He asked Commissioners to let him know if they do not wish to be included in Association notices. He noted Ms. Ayala, First 5 Riverside Public Information Specialist is doing a great job of getting the First 5 Riverside name and messages out to the community. Commissioner Vice-Chair Loew commented that she hopes everyone takes the threat of the Governor’s current proposal to cut First 5 funds seriously and not be complacent and count on the prior successes defeating previous ballot measures. The Commission agreed.

Commissioner Frykman asked if at the next Commission meeting, or before, staff could provide what is different about the Governor’s current proposal that would cause it to succeed. He asked about working with other officials that could provide support such as health officers or other officers of the state. He asked staff to provide specifics of their strategy. Mr. Freedman responded that the Governor’s staff, legislative analyst and legislators have three strategies: 1. Creating a smaller number of targets for success; 2. It is a different economic climate now, the state and county has made all cuts they can make. The Governor’s proposal includes funds that go to specific agencies and they are hoping the agencies would rather have their service instead of Prop 10 services (i.e. Pitting agencies against one another); 3. The Legislative Analyst is asserting that Prop 10 Legislation is for enhanced services and taking the position that in this environment core services are being cut, how do voters justify cutting core services while providing enhanced services? Mr. Freedman indicated that

Commissions across the state are reaching out and requesting support from County Department Heads, Elected Officials, CBOs Parents and other stakeholders.

Commissioner Beasley responded that First 5 Riverside needs to get the message out that we are already fund core services. Mr. Freedman agreed that we need to provide what services we fund locally and that it is better for local commissions to make decisions. Commissioner Beasley noted the non-profit world could assist if First 5 Riverside would reach out to them to provide support. Mr. Freedman responded to Commissioner Frykman's question earlier. He reported First 5 has reached out to stakeholders and agencies for assistance. He asked all present to speak of First 5 services with those they know or do business with. He noted once there is an initiative on the ballot what can be done is limited. Supervisor Buster commented that First 5 Riverside needs to show how the state is trying to raid local programs to save money and costing jobs and school districts more money. Reserves are used up and the government is facing the wall. Commissioner Beasley suggested sharing real stories about real families and what would happen if they lose their funding and child care. Mr. Freedman agreed. Commission Chair Wengerd reported he was at the meeting in Sacramento as well. He asked what terms could be negotiated that would not be so devastating to First 5? Mr. Freedman responded that there is no serious discussion of offering a compromise yet.

**Request to Speak Public Comment: Melinda Margiotta, ABC Child Care**

Ms. Margiotta asked what agencies can do to assist in getting letters written. She asked if they should work with the Advisory Committee or create a task force. Mr. Freedman responded agencies can engage their stakeholders to generate as many letters as possible to the legislators. A post card project is being started by the First 5 State Association. Ms. Margiotta asked if she could volunteer to contact agencies funded by First 5 Riverside. Mr. Freedman offered to speak with her about efforts after the meeting.

*(A copy of Mr. Freedman's complete report is on file at the Commission's business office.)*

**10-03:** Approving Staff Recommendations for Granting Funds for the Mental Health Initiative and Authorizing the Executive Director to Move Forward with Finalization of Contracts using the attached Investment of Funds Contract Template for the Period Covering February 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 – **Contact #3007MH-10** for Department of Mental Health and **Contract #3008MH-10** for Family Service Association. **-This Item was taken out of order of the Agenda.**

Commissioner Vice-Chair Loew chaired for this agenda item. Ms. North reported that Commissioner Frykman and Commissioner Beasley both have a conflict. At this time both Commissioners left the meeting. Commissioner Wengerd was also conflicted on the item but was brought back under the rule of necessity and is legally required to participate on the item. (Commissioner Frykman and Commissioner Beasley left the meeting at 2:50 p.m. and were not part of the discussion or the vote.)

Mr. Freedman gave an overview on the Mental Health Initiative. He noted Ms. Smith will be providing the report in Ms. Burroughs absence. Ms. Smith reported Dr. Todd Sosna, consultant on the initiative, is available to answer questions. Ms. Burroughs is available via-conference phone from Washington, if needed.

Ms. Smith provided an overview of the Mental Health Initiative report as provided in today's Commission packet. She noted that staff met and communicated with both agencies before developing the recommendations brought forth today.

**Recommended Action:** That the Commission adopt the resolution accepting the implementation plan recommended by staff and authorize the Executive Director or his designee the authority to proceed with finalization of the contracts with the Riverside County Department of Mental Health and Family Service Association of Western Riverside County using the attached Investment of Funds contract template. The finalized Mental Health Initiative contracts with the Riverside County Department of Mental Health and Family Service Association of Western Riverside County will be presented to the Commission at a future Commission meeting for ratification and approval.

Commissioner Oltean asked about the comments from the agencies that were included in the Commission packet. Ms. Smith responded that they are. She indicated that the staff recommendations were sent to the agencies prior to the Commission meeting and the agencies sent their comments back. Staff has replied to the agency concerns and wanted the Commission to be aware of the comments prior to the vote. She referred the Commission to the written questions and responses.

Commissioner Vice-Chair Loew asked for clarity on Medi-cal and the EPSDT funding component. Mr. Freedman noted that First 5 funds should be the last used and that tapping into this funding source will allow for more children to be served that do not have access to these funding sources. Dr. Todd Sosna reported that the goal is to leverage Medi-cal. Services provided in this year will not show revenues until a later date. The goal is to serve all based on risk factors.

Commission Vice-Chair Loew questioned extending the timeframe to 2013. Ms. Smith responded that due to the delay in the initiative funded, staff recommended spreading the dollars over a longer time frame rather than attempting to utilize them in a shorter period of time. Ms Smith emphasized that the first 18 months will be used to establish a baseline for services and expenditures. First 5 Riverside staff will work with the funded agencies to make any appropriate adjustments during the initial and subsequent funding periods.

Supervisor Buster noted there was not this scope of money on the table during his initial involvement with the Commission. He noted that staff should ensure they have accurate data on the service impact of these funds. Ms. Smith responded that First 5 Riverside Outcomes Management will work with agencies to make sure they have appropriate indicators to collect data and determine the level of success.

There were no requests to speak or comments from the public on this agenda item.

After a brief discussion the Commission made the motion below.

Alternate, Supervisor Buster moved to approve Resolution 10-03. Commissioner Oltean seconded the motion. *The motion carried. [Following is the vote of the Commission members present: Five (5) in favor (Loew, Alternate, Supervisor Buster, Wengerd, Carrillo, Oltean), Two, (2) abstain/conflict (Beasley, Frykman), One, (1) absent (, Hoffman), Zero (0) opposed, One (1) vacant]. Ms. North clarified the motion – The Commission adopted the Resolution 10-03, accepting the implementation plan as recommended by staff and authorized the Executive Director or his designee to move forward with finalizing the contracts with Riverside County Department of Mental Health and Family Service Association of Western Riverside County using the contract template. The finalized Mental Health Initiative contracts with the Riverside County Department of Mental Health and Family Service Association of Western Riverside County are to be presented to the Commission at a future Commission meeting for ratification and approval.*

*Mr. Freedman thanked staff and Commission for their hard work on the Mental Health Initiative. At this time Commissioner Vice-Chair Loew turned the meeting back over to Chair Wengerd.*

*(Commissioners Frykman and Beasley returned to the meeting at 3:13 p.m. after the vote of Resolution 10-03. A copy of Ms. Smith's report is on file at the Commission business office.)*

**F. Funded Agency Public Comments**

None

**G. Public Comments**

None

**H. Future Agenda Items**

- I. Commissioner Closing Comments:** Commissioner Frykman thanked the Child Care agencies for all of their help with getting the H1N1 vaccine out. He encouraged participating agencies to speak with him or Health Department staff if they have concerns.

Supervisor Buster expressed his appreciation for F5R's partnership with and contribution to the Inland Empire Health Plan's health project to increase utilization of health services. Chair Wengerd added that the Commission has put money in the right places and have done a good job of distributing funds for services.

Mr. Freedman thanked the Commission for a job well done. He thanked Commission Chair Wengerd for doing a sterling job of Chairing the Commission during a difficult period.

**J. Future Agenda Items**

- K. Commission Adjournment at 3:20 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Children and Families Commission to a date to be determined at:**

Riverside County Children and Families Commission Office  
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