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PUBLIC NOTICE

Regular Meeting of the Commission

Thursday, July 22, 2010

1:30 p.m.

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

This notice shall confirm the Regular Meeting of the Commission of the Riverside County Children and Families Commission.

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**Agenda
Closed Session
12:00 p.m.**

- A. Call to Order – Susan Loew, Commission Chair
- B. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section **54957**:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION Title: Executive Director

**Agenda
Afternoon Session
1:30 p.m.**

- A. Call to Order – Susan Loew, Commission Chair
- B. Commission Business – Susan Loew, Commission Chair
 - 1. Commission Member Comments
 - 2. Approval of the Minutes of the June 24, 2010 Regular Session Commission Meeting

3. Commission Committee Follow-Up
 - a. Role of Alternates/Advisory Committee Update

C. Reports

1. Resolution Report – (Action) – Stella Smith, Deputy Director
Resolutions 10-19, 10-28 through 10-29 and 31 will be submitted for block approval. Resolution 10-30 will be considered separately. Commissioners have the option of excluding items from the block motion. All resolutions, including contracts and amendments referenced therein, have been reviewed by County Counsel and approved as to form.
- 10-19:** Approving the First Amendment to the Professional Services Contract between the Riverside County Children and Families Commission and Mosaic Network, Inc. for Evaluation Report Services – **Contract #1079-PSC-08**. **This item is continued from the May 27, 2010 and June 24, 2010 Commission meeting.**
- 10-28:** Approving Staff Recommendations to Grant Funds for the Preschool for All Small Flagship Initiative and Authorizing the Executive Director to Move Forward with Negotiation and Execution of Investment of Funds Contracts with Murrieta Valley Unified School District (**Contract #7101 EC-11**) and Temecula Unified School District (**Contract #7104 EC-11**) for the Period Covering September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.
- 10-29:** Approving Staff Recommendations to Grant Funds for the New Capacity for High Needs Program and Authorizing the Executive Director to Move Forward with Negotiations and Execution of Investment of Funds Contracts Using the Attached Contract Template with the Recommended Awardees for the Period Covering August 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011.
- 10-30:** Rescinding the Approval of Resolution 10-17 Solely as it Relates to Approval of the Contract with Nuviev Union School District for the Preschool For All Initiative (**Contract #7019 EC**) and Approving and Ratifying the Investment of Funds Contract Between the Riverside County Children and Families Commission and Nuviev Union School District for the Preschool For All Initiative for the Period Covering July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013 and Authorizing the Executive Director to Finalize and Execute the Contract. – **Contract #7019 EC**.
- 10-31:** Rescinding Resolution 10-17 Solely as it Relates to the Approval of the Operational Contract with The Carolyn E. Wylie Center for Children, Youth and Families (**Contract #1240 OP**) and Approving and Ratifying the Investment of Funds Contract Between the Riverside County Children and Families Commission and The Carolyn E. Wylie Center for Children, Youth and Families for the Period Covering July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 and Authorizing the Executive Director to Finalize and Execute the Contract. – **Contract #1240 OP**.

D. Presentations

1. Presentation to the Commission on Postpartum Mood Disorders – Lisa Dryan, LCSW - Director of Mental Health Services, The Carolyn E. Wylie Center For Children, Youth & Families

E. Discussion/Action

1. Emergency Fund Recommendations – Harry Freedman, Executive Director
 - a. Bermuda Dunes Learning Center (BDLC) – Payment for Riverside County Office of Education funded children in the absence of a 2010-11 State Budget
 - b. Lofton and Samuel Family Child Care Center dba Tot Spot Daycare and Preschool – Payment for Riverside County Office of Education funded children in the absence of a 2010-11 State Budget
 - c. Thousand Palms Child Care Center (TPCCC) – Payment for Riverside County Office of Education funded children in the absence of a 2010-11 State Budget
 - d. National Pediatric Support Services, Inc. (NPSS) – Payment for State funded children in the absence of a 2010-11 State Budget
 - e. Educational Therapy Assessment & Services, Inc. (ETAS) – Payment for services for special needs children due to loss of other funding
 - f. Lutheran Social Services of Southern California – funding for homeless services due to loss of other funding sources

2. Health and Community Programs Update – Stella Smith, Deputy Director
 - a. Vision and Screening Intervention RFQ
 - b. Dental Services for Developmentally Delayed Children Program
 - c. Mental Health Public Information

3. State Child Care Funding – Harry Freedman, Executive Director

F. Information Items

1. Executive Director Report – Harry Freedman, Executive Director
2. June 2010 Financial Statements – Sandy Duncan, Administrator, Fiscal Services
3. Public Relations Update – Jamie Ayala, Public Information Specialist
4. Capacity Building Update – Kristi Van Heule, Program Coordinator, Capacity Building
 - a. Scope of Work/Budget for the Capacity Building Initiative for FY 2010/2011

G. Funded Agency Public Comments

H. Public Comments

I. Future Agenda Items

- J. Commission Adjournment to the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Children and Families Commission Thursday, August 26, 2010, Regular Session beginning at 1:30 p.m. at:

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

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Riverside County Children and Families Commission

12:00 p.m. - Closed Session Meeting
Riverside County Children and Families Commission
Business Office
2010 Iowa Avenue, Suite 100
Riverside, California 92507

1:30 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Commission
Thursday, July 22, 2010
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Closed Session
12:00 p.m.

A. Call To Order

The Closed Session Meeting of the Commission was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Susan Loew.

B. Closed Session – Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: Executive Director

Commissioners Present: Chair, Susan Loew; Vice Chair, Jay Hoffman; Supervisor Benoit; Sharon Baskett; Eric Frykman (arrived at 12:10 p.m.); Steven Morford; Debbie Whitaker-Meneses; Lupe Ramos Watson (arrived at 12:15 p.m.).

Commissioners Absent: Judee Cox

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

The closed session adjourned at 1:30 p.m. There was nothing to report out of closed session.

Regular Afternoon Session
1:30 p.m.

A. Call To Order:

The Regular Meeting of the Commission was called to order at 1:39 p.m. by Susan Loew, Commission Chair.

Commissioners Present: Susan Loew; Supervisor Benoit; Sharon Baskett; Eric Frykman; Jay Hoffman; Debbie Whitaker-Meneses; Steven Morford; Lupe Ramos Watson

Commissioners Absent: Judee Cox

Alternates Present: Connie Beasley; Debbie Franklin; Sylvia Deporto; Stanley Grube.

Alternates Absent: Georgann Koenig; Touraj Shafai

Staff Present: Harry Freedman, Executive Director; Stella Smith, Deputy Director; Lynn Stephens, Executive Assistant/Commission Secretary; 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; Kristi Van Heule, Program Coordinator, Capacity Building Initiative

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

B. Commission Business – Susan Loew, Commission Chair

Commissioner Loew began the meeting by reporting this is the first opportunity for the newly constituted Commission to have the opportunity to come together in a closed session to discuss setting goals and performance expectations for the coming year for the Executive Director. She anticipates the need for additional time to finalize this process.

1. Commission Member Comments

Commissioner Frykman welcomed the children in the audience attending today's Commission meeting.

2. Approval of June 24, 2010 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Morford moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2010 meeting of the Commission. Supervisor Benoit seconded the motion. The motion carried [Following is the vote of the Commission members present: Eight (8) in favor (Loew, Supervisor Benoit, Baskett, Hoffman, Frykman, Morford, Watson, Whitaker-Meneses) One (1) Absent (Cox), Zero (0) Abstain, Zero (0) Opposed, Zero (0) Vacant].

3. Commissioner Committee Follow-Up

a. Role of Alternates/Advisory Committee Update

Commissioner Loew reported on the meeting of the Advisory Committee that took place yesterday, July 21, 2010. All Alternates/Advisory attended as well as Commissioners Loew, Hoffman and Whitaker-Meneses. Alternate/Advisory Committee Member, Connie Beasley was elected Chair and Georgann Koenig was elected Vice Chair. Alternate/Advisory Chair Beasley introduced each Committee member and each Alternate provided a brief overview of their agency affiliation and background. Advisory Chair Beasley provided a brief introductory statement for alternates, Dr. Shafai and Vice Chair Georgann Koenig who were unable to attend the meeting.

Alternate/Advisory Chair Beasley provided an summary of responsibilities for the Alternates. She also shared the list of suggested Advisory Committee roles that were discussed at the last Advisory Committee meeting. Alternate/Advisory Committee Member Franklin added that the members had also discussed seeing where they fit in as Advisory Committee members once the Commission Strategic Plan is updated.

Commission Chair Loew moved to adopt the roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Committee as presented by Alternate/Advisory Chair Beasley. Ms. North clarified that there was not a motion needed on this item as it was brought forward for Commission input. As there was no input from the Commission, Commission Chair Loew directed the Alternates

to move forward with their role as presented. (A copy of Alternate/Advisory Chair Beasley's complete report is on file at the Commission's business office.)

C. Reports

1. Resolution Report – (Action) – Stella Smith, Deputy Director

Ms. Smith announced Resolution 10-19 was carried over from the June 24, 2010 Commission meeting. Resolutions 10-19, 10-28 and 10-31 were presented as a block. Resolutions 10-29 and 10-30 were considered separately for discussion and/or declaration of conflicts.

10-19: Approving the First Amendment to the Professional Services Contract between the Riverside County Children and Families Commission and Mosaic Network, Inc. for Evaluation Report Services – **Contract #1079-PSC-08**. *This item is continued from the May 27, 2010 and June 24, 2010 Commission meeting.*

Recommended Action: That Commission approve the Professional Services Contract between the Commission and Mosaic Network Inc., to support the Commission's evaluation efforts as attached to the resolution. Further, that the Commission authorize the Executive Director or his designee to execute the necessary actions, documents and ongoing contract management to effectuate the amendment.

10-28: Approving Staff Recommendations to Grant Funds for the Preschool for All Small Flagship Initiative and Authorizing the Executive Director to Move Forward with Negotiation and Execution of Investment of Funds Contracts with Murrieta Valley Unified School District (**Contract #7101 EC-11**) and Temecula Unified School District (**Contract #7104 EC-11**) for the Period Covering September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

Recommended Action: That the Commission approve an additional \$744,206.00 to fund both Preschool for All Small Flagship applications from contract savings from the Child Care Scholarship contract with the Riverside County Office of Education and **1)** approve the award of funds not to exceed \$966,588 to Murrieta Valley Unified School District and an award not to exceed \$964,000 to Temecula Valley Unified School District for implementation of the Preschool For All Flagship Program Guidelines through June 30, 2013 . **2)** Authorize the Executive Director or designee to move forward with negotiation of an Investment of Funds Contract with each awardee as stipulated above **3)** Authorize the Executive Director or designee to finalize and execute contracts after legal review, using the Commission approved Investment of Funds Contract template, and take any other action relating to this action without requiring further action of the Commission.

10-31: Rescinding Resolution 10-17 Solely as it Relates to the Approval of the Operational Contract with The Carolyn E. Wylie Center for Children, Youth and Families (**Contract #1240 OP**) and Approving and Ratifying the Investment of Funds Contract Between the Riverside County Children and Families Commission and The Carolyn E. Wylie Center for Children, Youth and Families for the Period Covering July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 and Authorizing the Executive Director to Finalize and Execute the Contract. – **Contract #1240 OP**.

Recommended Action: That the Commission **1)** approve the increase in allocation for the Carolyn E. Wylie Center for Children, Youth and Families – Contract #1240 OP for the period covering July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 by \$44,205.00 (funds to come from undesignated fund balance if funds are not available in savings from the operational contract line item). **2)**

Authorize the Executive Director or designee to finalize and execute the contract after legal review, using the Commission approved Investment of Funds Contract template, and take any other action relating to this action without requiring further action of the Commission.

Supervisor Benoit moved approved the resolutions 10-19, 10-28 and 10-31 as presented. Commissioner Frykman seconded the motion. The motion carried. [Following is the vote of the Commission members present: Eight (8) in favor (Loew, Supervisor Benoit, Baskett, Frykman, Hoffman, Morford, Watson, Whitaker-Meneses) One (1) Absent, (Cox), Zero (0) Conflict, Zero (0) Opposed, Zero (0) Vacant].

At this time Commission Vice Chair Hoffman left the room due to conflict on Resolution 10-30. Alternate Debbie Franklin sat in as Alternate for Commission Vice Chair Hoffman and he was out of the meeting during the vote.

10-30: Rescinding the Approval of Resolution 10-17 Solely as it Relates to Approval of the Contract with Nuview Union School District for the Preschool For All Initiative (**Contract #7019 EC**) and Approving and Ratifying the Investment of Funds Contract Between the Riverside County Children and Families Commission and Nuview Union School District for the Preschool For All Initiative for the Period Covering July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013 and Authorizing the Executive Director to Finalize and Execute the Contract. – **Contract #7019 EC.**

Recommended Action: That the Commission approve and ratify (back to July 1, 2010) the contract between Nuview and the Commission as referenced in the resolution and authorize the Executive Director or his designee to executive the necessary documents/actions to effectuate this resolution.

Commissioner Morford moved to approve Resolution 10-30 as presented. Supervisor Benoit seconded the motion. The motion carried. [Following is the vote of the Commission members present: Eight (8) in favor (Loew, Supervisor Benoit, Baskett, Frykman, Morford, Watson, Whitaker-Meneses, Franklin-acting as Alternate for Hoffman) One (1) Absent, (Cox), One (1) Conflict, (Hoffman), Zero (0) Opposed, Zero (0) Vacant]. At this time Commissioner Hoffman resumed his seat at the Commission table and Alternate Franklin resumed her seat at the Alternates table.

Mr. Freedman clarified the approval on Resolution 10-28. He noted the Commission provided additional funding for the second Preschool for All applications.

Public Comments:

1. Marilyn Skirbin from Temecula Valley Unified School District spoke in support of Resolution 10-28. She expressed her gratitude for the Commission's funding support.
2. Kate Hamaker from Murrieta Valley Unified School District thanked the Commissioners and staff for funding.

(Commissioner Frykman left the meeting at 1:45 p.m.)

10-29: Approving Staff Recommendations to Grant Funds for the New Capacity for High Needs Program and Authorizing the Executive Director to Move Forward with Negotiations and Execution of Investment of Funds Contracts Using the Attached Contract Template with

the Recommended Awardees for the Period Covering August 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011.

Recommended Action: That the Commission **1)** approve the award of funds as recommended by staff, in amounts not to exceed the totals indicated on the spreadsheet as attached to the resolution for implementation of the New Capacity for High Needs Program **2)** Authorize the Executive Director or designee to move forward with negotiation of an Investment of Funds Contracts utilizing the attached contract template. **3)** Authorize the Executive Director or designee to finalize and execute contracts after legal review, using the attached contract template, and take any other action relating to this action without requiring further action of the Commission.

Ms. Smith gave an overview of Resolution 10-29. She referred the Commission to the spreadsheet of the agencies relative to this resolution.

(Commissioner Frykman returned at 1:59 p.m.)

Commission Chair Loew made an alternative recommendation to the spreadsheet. She explained that the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside (RDA) submitted three applications. RDA had a second proposal in Rubidoux that scored closely to their Menifee project. Since each agency cannot receive more than one award, per the RFP guidelines, and there is already an agency being funded in Menifee, she proposed substituting approval of RDA's Rubidoux proposal for their Menifee proposal.

Supervisor Benoit offered an alternative suggestion to Commission Chair Loew's recommendation. Since the Redevelopment Agency operates differently in each of the five Supervisorial Districts, he suggested that the RDA be considered as five separate agencies, allowing each District to be considered for funding. Commission Chair Loew noted the current funding allocated could not support more projects so it would be a matter of substituting. Supervisor Benoit expressed that he would entertain the current proposal under the current process for today's award. He asked the Commission to consider redefining the proposal to allow RDA to be considered for funding of five agencies, one in each Supervisorial District for future awards. Commissioner Watson agreed with Supervisor Benoit's and Commission Chair Loew's comments. Mr. Freedman noted that staff works with agencies whose approval for funding is pending to see if they can accept the amount of money offered and still fulfill their project. For agencies that did not score above the minimum threshold, they are notified of the scoring. Staff will work with them to ascertain what they need to do to improve their score. F5R has done some trainings and workshops on application submittal. F5R has funded the Resource Center for Non Profit Management who provides training for grant writing as well as the Consortium. Upon request, staff also provides a summary of the readers' comments pertaining to their application.

Commissioner Watson asked the Commission to consider an additional \$35,000 for Escuela De La Raza Unida Inc. in Blythe in order to reach out for areas in need of our assistance and get the complete County involved in receiving funding.

Commissioner Chair Loew noted RDA had three different locations that they felt were worthy for consideration. Ms. North noted there was a \$750,000 maximum limit per site in the RFP.

Mr. Freedman commented on the pending agencies. Receiving a minimum score is the minimum criteria to be considered for funding but it is not a guarantee of funding. Staff does site visits and they investigate what is being applied for. Since Escuela De La Raza Unida Inc. did not offer to create additional spaces in their application as required, they did not meet the criteria for the RFP.

Commissioner Watson asked that all pertinent information leading to the recommendations of whether an agency should be funded or not be shared on the charts in the remarks section for Commission consideration in the future. She emphasized the importance of the Commission to reach out to areas and distributing funds through out the county.

Supervisor Benoit made a motion that in next year's evaluation process, RDA be considered as an individual agency that can apply for funding for in each of the five Supervisorial Districts. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Ms. North noted no motion was needed for that request. It was the consensus of the Commission for staff to carry out the following revision to the RFP as directed:

That for the purposes of any public communication of the procedure and who qualifies under what conditions, F5R will continue to limit one award per agency, except for the modification that Economic Development Agency (EDA) and Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside (RDA), who are two separate entities, will be able to apply for one award per each Supervisorial District (up to five districts). Staff will work with County Counsel on language and bring back to the Commission.

Commissioner Baskett moved to swap-out Application 3105 for RDA Menifee location and substitute it with Application 3104 for RDA Rubidoux location. Mr. Freedman noted staff is working with the Economic Development Agency on their request.

Commissioner Baskett restated her motion to approve swapping out Application 3105 Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside for Menifee and replacing it with Application 3104 in Rubidoux area Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside which scored within 10 points of each other. This would be contingent upon staff going out and conducting site visits, receiving clarification of their application and staff would negotiate the final dollar amount. Her motion included approving the other agencies as recommended by staff.

A discussion about the need of each city took place. Commissioner Baskett offered to withdraw her motion. Commissioner Watson suggested excluding the two RDA applications from today's motion until staff can visit the site. Commissioner Frykman suggested staff have flexibility to create as many slots as possible in both areas instead of locking staff into approving one area.

Supervisor Benoit moved that Application 3105 for Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside Menifee location be set aside from staff's recommendations and staff be directed to negotiate with Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside for Applications 3105 and 3104 at their Rubidoux and Menifee locations and come back with recommendations. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion.

Mr. Freedman informed the Commission that applicants do have to describe the need in the community in their application.

Commission Chair Loew restated Supervisor Benoit's motion to set aside application 3105 for Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside, Menifee location and staff is directed to renegotiate with Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside for projects 3105 and 3104 Rubidoux location and come back with recommendations.

Supervisor Benoit moved to approve the motion related to application 3105 and 3104 as restated by Commissioner Loew. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. The motion carried. [Following is the vote of the Commission members present: Eight (8) in favor (Loew, Supervisor

Benoit, Baskett, Frykman, Hoffman, Morford, Watson, Whitaker-Meneses), One (1) Absent (Cox), Zero (0) Conflict, Zero (0) Opposed, Zero (0) Vacant].

Mr. Freedman gave an overview on why certain agencies were not funded. Supervisor Benoit moved approval of the four remaining agency applications that were recommended for funding by staff: Application, 3103 for Cafh Order At Wildomar, Inc.; Application 3107 for the Learning Tree Preschool; Application 3108 for New Life Christian Fellowship-Inland Preschool; and Application 3109 for Desert Community College District. Commissioner Morford Seconded the motion. Commission approved all.

Supervisor Benoit moved approval of the motion related to Applications 3103, 3107, 3108 and 3109 as noted. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. The motion carried. [Following is the vote of the Commission members present: Eight (8) in favor (Loew, Supervisor Benoit, Baskett, Frykman, Hoffman, Morford, Watson, Whitaker-Meneses) One (1) Absent (Cox), Zero (0) Conflict, Zero (0) Opposed, Zero (0) Vacant].

D. Presentations

1. Presentation to the Commission on Postpartum Mood Disorders – Lisa Dryan, LCSW - Director of Mental Health Services, The Carolyn E. Wylie Center For Children, Youth & Families

Lisa Dryan distributed handouts and introduced Gregory Burchett to the Commission. Mr. Burchett shared his story about his wife's Perinatal Mood Disorder and the loss of his son. Mr. Burchett encouraged the Commission to assist the community with regard to this issue. Ms. Dryan shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Commission as included in the Commission packets. May is Perinatal Awareness Month. Ms. Dryan asked that the Commission participate in raising awareness. The Commission thanked her for her efforts to raise awareness.

E. Discussion/Action

At this time Commission Chair Loew requested changing the order of the Discussion/Action items.

1. State Child Care Funding – Harry Freedman, Executive Director-this item was taken out of order of the agenda.

At 2:35 p.m. Commissioner Baskett excused herself.

Ms. North clarified Commissioner Baskett left the room because discussion of this item will involve Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) and she would have a conflict. Mr. Freedman provided an overview of the issue, referencing the spreadsheet provided in the Commission packet. He indicated that there are some agencies that have contracts for child care/preschool directly with the State, and many more that have agreements with RCOE who has contracts with the State. Both sets of agencies will not receive State reimbursement until a State budget is approved He noted that F5R has received requests for assistance from agencies with agreements with RCOE, but none from agencies receiving funding directly from the State. F5R has received reports that some families have left care because the organizations can not maintain services without reimbursement. Mr. Freedman proposed the Commission work with RCOE and use unspent funds such as with the RCOE scholarship program for unreimbursed State funded agencies. RCOE is in the midst of releasing contracts to their agencies. When the State reimburses RCOE, the funds will be returned to F5R. Mr. Freedman noted there a level of risk for the Commission providing the funding as some may

not be reimbursed. Mr. Freedman noted he had been in communication with RCOE and they were present at the meeting to respond to any Commission questions. He pointed out that state preschool numbers will be lower in the summer. Stage 2 is receiving reimbursement so no funding is needed for that program.

Commissioner Morford clarified F5R does not have contracts with the agencies. Mr. Freedman noted F5R has contracts with a small amount of the agencies but not all of them. RCOE has a contract with State and has contracts in the works with the agencies. Mr. Freedman based his recommendation on history as there has never been a situation where the State has not provided retroactive reimbursement back to July. Commissioner Ramos commented that if F5R continues to be the parachute, then the State has no incentive to stop what they are doing. She expressed RCOE has decided not to be the parachute and F5R should not be the parachute for the State. Commissioner Hoffman noted RCOE has the same issue that the other agencies have. He expressed the only question is if F5R is willing to risk these funds. He expressed that he is willing to do so and does not want to see any child denied services. Mr. Freedman responded to a question regarding supplantation, he noted we will be funding access to childcare which is not supplanting if funds are not available right now. When the funds become available they will be reimbursed. Commissioner Morford asked if we have the authority to be lenders, and where we stand in line to recover funds if an agency goes bankrupt. Commissioner Loew replied if the State provides funds we will be reimbursed; if they don't fund we will not have the expectation of reimbursement. F5R has no intention to get in line for repayment if the State does not pay.

Staff is requesting that the Commission authorize negotiation of a month to month agreement with RCOE to provide funding for services for children ages 0-5 that would have been funded by the State to have access to child care funds not in existence at this time in the amount of \$693,591 per month. Commissioner Hoffman moved the motion.

Public Comment:

1. Sheryl Rhodes of Thousand Palms Child Care Center reported she was told that RCOE tried to secure a loan for funds and was denied so they were not going to be able to provide funds to agencies. Agencies were also notified by RCOE that contracts would be suspended prior to the end of the fiscal year and they would not be extended. She asked the Commission to consider Mr. Freedman's request because the situation impacts numerous programs.
2. Diana Walsh-Reuss, RCOE Associate Superintendent Division and Children Services and Student Programs and Services. Dr. Reuss noted that RCOE is unable to make payments for programs other than the Stage 2 Program which they received the contract just recently. She responded to Commissioner Morford's question that she is not aware of anything that would prohibit the Governor to blue pencil the childcare programs in the budget.

Commissioner Frykman asked for a timeline on how long F5R will fund. Mr. Freedman noted the Commission can establish any time line they desire. . He offered to bring back a report on a monthly basis and that this will be a reoccurring situation. The funding agreement will close once there is a budget in place and it will be clear what will be reimbursed and what will not. Commissioner Morford asked if the Commission has the authority to do this given that it feels like a loan. Ms. North reported if there is a decision made that the Commission cannot do legally, she will report back to the Commission. Commission Chair Loew noted this proposal is similar to the proposal previously

considered for FSA and Mr. Freedman agreed. Mr. Freedman noted if approved, the agreement would be written as a grant to ensure child care. It would be noted if the agency receives additional revenue they have to report it to F5R and reimburse funds. He noted there are other Commissions who have done this in their counties. Commissioner Morford expressed this proposal is risking a large amount of money. Supervisor Benoit noted there is a \$17.5 billion dollar deficit. He commented there is a huge risk in Mr. Freedman's proposal and he is reluctant to support this item. Commissioner Watson added her discomfort at F5R addressing agencies on a first come first serve basis. There are more agencies that need assistance than the ones being recommended and she does not feel comfortable in supporting the action. Commissioner Frykman noted if we could gain more sufficient capacity he would rather the money go towards new capacity. Dr. Walsh-Reuss noted 1700 children are served ages 0-5 in the programs in need of financial assistance.

After Commission discussion it was decided that the Commission would not move forward with a motion for agenda item E.3 regarding State Child Care funding.

(Commissioner Baskett was out of the room and did not participate in the discussion. Commissioner Baskett returned to the meeting after the decision to note move forward was made at 2:15 p.m. and then left the meeting again at 2:16 p.m. prior to discussion of the Emergency Fund recommendations in order to avoid potential conflicts.)

2. Emergency Fund Recommendations – Harry Freedman, Executive Director-this item was taken out of order of the agenda.

- a. Bermuda Dunes Learning Center (BDLC) – Payment for Riverside County Office of Education funded children in the absence of a 2010-11 State Budget
Mr. Freedman pointed out the recommendation below should have been included on the spreadsheet.
F5R staff recommends denial of this request due to the inability to fund all such similar situations.
- b. Lofton and Samuel Family Child Care Center dba Tot Spot Daycare and Preschool – Payment for Riverside County Office of Education funded children in the absence of a 2010-11 State Budget
F5R staff recommends denial of this request due to the inability to fund all such similar situations.
- c. Thousand Palms Child Care Center (TPCCC) – Payment for Riverside County Office of Education funded children in the absence of a 2010-11 State Budget
F5R staff recommends denial of this request due to the inability to fund all such similar situations.
- d. National Pediatric Support Services, Inc. (NPSS) – Payment for State funded children in the absence of a 2010-11 State Budget
F5R staff recommends denial of this request due to the inability to fund all such similar situations.
- e. Educational Therapy Assessment & Services, Inc. (ETAS) – Payment for services for special needs children due to loss of other funding
Recommendation pending further clarification of population to be served and why support will not be required on an ongoing basis.
- f. Lutheran Social Services of Southern California – funding for homeless services due to loss of other funding sources
Recommendation pending further clarification of budget and request.

Commissioner Frykman moved to approve staff recommendations to deny the Emergency Fund requests in Agenda items 2.a. through d. Agenda items 2.e and 2.f are pending and will be brought back to the Commission for consideration. Commissioner Morford seconded the motion. Commissioner Whittaker-Meneses and Commissioner Hoffman opposed. *The motion carried. [Following is the vote of the Commission members present: Five (5) in favor (Loew, Supervisor Benoit, Frykman, Morford, Watson), One (1) Absent (Cox), Zero (0) Abstain, Two (2) Opposed (Hoffman, Whitaker-Meneses), Zero (0) Vacant, One (1) Conflict, (Baskett) (Commissioner Baskett was not a party to the votes and returned to the meeting after vote at 3:13 p.m.)*

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

3. Health and Community Programs Update – Stella Smith, Deputy Director -this item was taken out of order of the agenda.

Ms. Smith referred the Commission to the update in their Commission packet.

- a. Dental Services for Developmentally Delayed Children Program
Staff has met with an applicant organization to resolve questions and is in process of receiving additional information. The final step is to conduct a site visit and final meeting with the expectation to make a final recommendation to the Commission during the August meeting.
- b. Vision and Screening Intervention RFQ
F5R will recommend expanding the program timeline beginning in January 2011 to allow 18 months.
Staff Recommends:
 - a. Revise pertinent areas of the RFQ including reducing scope
 - b. Expand time for performance to 18 months, beginning January 1, 2011, expand time for response and
 - c. Identify a list of potential organizations and individuals who might be interested in responding
 - d. Increase media exposure regarding opportunity

It was the consensus of the Commission for staff to move forward with their recommendations as presented. *(Commissioner Frykman left the room at 3:15 p.m. and returned at 3:17 p.m.)*

- c. Mental Health Public Information Project
In January 2010, the Commission approved \$11.7 million for a Mental Health Initiative focused on primary prevention, early identification, early intervention and treatment of children through age 5 in Riverside County. As part of this initiative the Commission approved a Primary Prevention Multi-media Marketing & Educational Campaign component to ensure that a consistent message is disseminated countywide. The Commission seeks to accomplish the following through this campaign:
 - Promote prevention and treatment of disruptive behavior disorders to achieve social competence, especially within high risk target communities, specifically among preschoolers.
 - Remove the stigma associated with identification and treatment of behavior disorders in young children.
 - Inform and educate parents, families, caregivers, teachers, childcare/social service/medical providers and other community stakeholders about First 5 Riverside-funded programs and collaborative services and activities regarding social emotional development.

- Position the First 5 Riverside Commission as a County leader and expert in early childhood development and health.

The Primary Prevention campaign is designed to educate the community on the importance of early mental health services, increase awareness of what resources exist and, signs and symptoms to look for. Once the RFQ application period is completed and a vendor is selected, staff will work with the successful applicant on informing the community. Commissioner Frykman expressed he would feel more comfortable if a consultant would provide information and a recommendation to the Commission. He asked if information could be provided on other examples of similar marketing campaigns. Ms. North expressed concern that the current Commission not conflict with the Commission's action that would potentially breach the contracts for Family Service Association and Department of Mental Health. Ms. North noted the Primary Prevention Marketing was taken out of the applications, and F5R was to provide this service. She does not want to do anything to jeopardize this initiative or contract provisions and recommends bringing it back to the August meeting so she has time to review. *(Commissioner Hoffman left the meeting at 3:27 p.m.)*

Mr. Freedman suggested staff will come back next month with the information requested. Commissioner Frykman suggested taking a look at other communities examples regarding costs, a summary of goal and connection to the contracts with Department of Mental Health and Family Service Association and the consequences of deleting one of the components of the Mental Health Initiative RFP after the contracts have already been implemented. Staff will see if Dr. Sosna can provide a presentation. Staff will not move forward with releasing RFQ at this time.

Commissioner Frykman pointed out that Department of Mental Health and Family Service Association may come back and say that the Commission did not put enough funds into the media campaign if the original allotted amount of funding is not utilized.

(Commissioner Whitaker-Meneses left the meeting at 3:31 p.m. Alternate Stanley Grube took Commissioner Whitaker-Meneses, spot at the Commission table). (Commissioner Hoffman returned to the meeting at 3:31 p.m.) (Commissioner Watson left the meeting at 3:31 p.m.)

Commission Chair Loew confirmed that F5R staff will hold off on the RFQ and will return with additional information for further discussion.

- d. Additional Services for Developmentally Delayed Children
Staff is determining the most effective approach to funding these types of services and will return to the Commission in September with a recommendation.

F. Information Items

1. Executive Director Report – Harry Freedman, Executive Director

Mr. Freedman highlighted several areas in his written report. He referred to the information documents included in the Commission packet. Mr. Freedman discussed that Proposition 10 revenues have declined since fiscal year 2006. He commented that during this same period of time State Board of Equalization fees have increased by 182% with another 15% increase anticipated for the current fiscal year. Commissioner Morford noted as an individual of the Commission he is in support of raising concerns over increased Board of Equalization fees. Mr. Freedman will report back to the Commission after the next meeting regarding the BOE. Mr.

Freedman reported that the regional meeting of Commissioners is scheduled for August 12. Two Commissioners will attend, Commissioner Hoffman and Commissioner Morford.

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

2. June 2010 Financial Statements – Sandy Duncan, Administrator, Fiscal Services

Ms. Duncan noted the statements for June are preliminary until the audit is complete.
(A copy of Ms. Duncan's complete report is on file at the Commission's business office.)
There was no further discussion on this item.

3. Executive Director Report Continued– Harry Freedman, Executive Director

There was discussion on the County First 5 Commissions Federal Funds Leveraged 2008-09. Commissioner Frykman recommended staff look into money being leverage by First 5 money and draft a proposed policy. Mr. Freedman agreed and would like staff to incorporate discussion in the strategic plan discussion.

4. Public Relations Update, Jamie Ayala, Public Information Specialist

Mr. Freedman pointed out Supervisor Benoit was honored by the Red Cross.

(A copy of Ms. Ayala's complete report is on file at the Commission's business office.)

5. Capacity Building Update – Harry Freedman, Executive Director on behalf of Kristi Van Heule, Program Coordinator, Capacity Building

- a. Scope of Work/Budget for the Capacity Building Initiative for FY 2010/2011
Mr. Freedman referred the Commission to the document in their packet. There were no questions or discussion.

(A copy of Ms. Van Heule's complete report is on file at the Commission's business office.)

G. Funded Agency Public Comments

None.

H. Public Comments

1. Tera Gordan, Lutheran Preschool thanked the Commission for the funding awarded to her agency.
2. Spencer Holman, President Father's Time. Thanked the Commission for funding. They have touched over 150 children from the Initiative. The impact they made could have not been made without F5R funding.
3. Sherry Senter with National Pediatric Support Services: Goal is to kick off the e-learning program in September. Barbara Easton Project Manager will be in charge.
4. Mr. Freedman announced that packets from ABC Village were received for Alternates and Commissioners. Staff distributed the packets.

I. Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Hoffman asked that staff work with RCOE to bring a report at the August meeting on how many child care slots have been lost as a result of the lack of State payments to RCOE.

- J. Commission Adjournment at 3:49 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Children and Families Commission Thursday, August 26, 2010, Regular Session beginning at 1:30 p.m. at:

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