

**FIRST 5 SAN BENITO
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

**Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2015**

- 1. ROLL CALL**
David Redman, O.D.called the meeting to order at 10:06AM
- 2. ROLL CALL**
Commissioners Present: Margie Barrios, Mary Damm, Al De Vos, Dr. Marni Friedman, Anju Goel, David Redman, O.D. and Erika Sanchez

Commissioners Excused: James Rydingsword

Personnel Present: From First 5: Lisa Faulkner, Laura Lee, Cindy Lerma, Samantha Hernandez, Ofelia Toledo-Prieto, Anaid Godoy and Barbara Thompson, County Counsel
- 3. ACKNOWLEDGE POSTING OF AGENDA**
Confirmation was made of agenda posting in Suites 8 & 10 of the Early Learning Center site on Line Street.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**
None.
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT**
Margie Barrios made a motion seconded by Al De Vos to approve the minutes for February 4, 2015. The vote was all in favor. Al De Vos made a motion seconded by Margie Barrios to approve the monthly budget report for year-to-date February 2015. The vote was all in favor.
- 6. PRESENTATION**
 - a. Directors Report – Lisa Faulkner presented the progress of actions being taken to fulfil the strategic plan including how in the future our finances will map to the plan.
 - b. Read, Talk, and Sing Campaign – Lisa Faulkner a new program being sponsored by First 5 of California that aligns with our current literacy work. At this time the cost to participate in the program is unknown.
 - c. FY 2014-2017 Strategic Plan with Indicators – Lisa Faulkner presented the strategic plan with indicators that have been developed by the commission.
- 7. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION**
 - a. Committee report on First 5 San Benito’s effort to become an independent State Agency – Mary Damm reported on the progress for independence. The main discussion was focused on three benefits that will be realized when independent status is achieved as follows:
 - 1) Independent tax ID status that allows First 5 of San Benito to apply for grants.
 - 2) The ability to develop relevant job descriptions and make hiring decisions.
 - 3) Separation from the CalPers retirement system will be financially beneficial to First 5 of San Benito as well as allow us to hire teachers that have participated in the CalSters retirement system.

7. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION (Continued)

- b. Committee report on the opportunity for First 5 San Benito to purchase the Rosa Morada Property – Margie Barrios reported on the ad hoc committee meeting to determine the feasibility of purchasing said property. Currently the timing of this opportunity is not within staff ability to pursue. If in the future, time allows, this option may be revisited at that time.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

Confirmation was made of a public hearing to review the FY 2014-17 Strategic Plan Amendment to include Indicators. Commissioner Redman opened the public hearing at 11:26AM.

- a. Copies of the FY2014-17 Strategic Plan Amendment to include Indicators were made available to the Commission.
- b. Copies of the FY2014-17 Strategic Plan Amendment to include Indicators were made available to the Public. Lisa Faulkner explained major points of the First 5 San Benito Strategic Indicators to the Commission. The Commission thanked Lisa for her report.

Commissioner Redman asked if there were any public comments or questions. There being no written or oral protests or an endorsement, Commissioner Redman directed staff to report the results of the Strategic Plan Amendment to First 5 of California. The public hearing was adjourned at 11:28 AM

9. ACTION

Margie Barrios made a motion to approve items A-F as one consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Marnie Friedman. The vote was all in favor.

- a. Approved Agreement between First 5 and SBC Health & Human Services Agency CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work, Community Services Work Experience Program Work-site Agreement for Office Assistant.
- b. Approved Contract between First 5 and Total Compensation Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$2,800 for actuarial valuation services.
- c. Approved Budget Line Item request to purchase computers, equipment, and technical support from CRS Computer Repair in the amount of \$19,007.51.
- d. Recommendation that Lisa Faulkner work with County Council to develop the Resolution supporting First 5 San Benito becoming a state agency independent of San Benito County. The resolution will be presented on the consent agenda at the next commission meeting.
- e. Approved Contract Amendment #1 between First 5 and CFSN in the amount of \$2,800 for a Family Strengthening Training, date to be scheduled.
- f. Approved Amended FY 2014-17 Strategic Plan & Indicators.

10. OTHER – Future Agenda Items

- o Real Estate Sustainability Report
- o Next Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015

11. CLOSED SECTION

None

12. ADJOURN

David Redman, O.D. made a motion for adjournment. Mary Damm seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 AM.