



## Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019

3:00 PM

Kings County Board of Supervisors Chambers,  
Kings County Government Center  
1400 West Lacey Blvd.  
Hanford, CA 93230

### Call to Order & Welcome

Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske called the meeting to order at 3PM.

### Commissioners Roll Call

Commissioner	Present	Absent	Joined Meeting After Roll Call
Joe Neves	X		
Dr. Milton Teske	X		
Sanja Bugay	X		
Todd Barlow	X		
Dr. Lisa Lewis	X		

### Review and Modification to Agenda

No modifications were made.

### Opportunity for Public Comment

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Commissioners may respond to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Commission at a later meeting. Also, the Commission may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

**Speakers are limited to two minutes. Please state your name before making your presentation.**

Rebecca Villa from Kings County Office of Education invited all commissioners and the public to attend their Fall Festival on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Lemoore FRC and October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hanford FRC.

### Consent Calendar

All items listed under the consent calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion if no member of the Commission or audience wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Commission concerning the item before action is taken.

Motion Made by:	Todd Barlow		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion by:	Joe Neves		
Motion (Pass/Fail)	Pass		
<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Joe Neves	X		
Dr. Milton Teske	X		
Sanja Bugay	X		
Todd Barlow	X		
Dr. Lisa Lewis	X		

Commissioner Todd Barlow asked for the June minutes to be altered stating Commissioner Todd Barlow and Program Officer Scott Waite had a prior conversation stating how Kings County Office of Education is a beneficiary of First 5 and that Commissioner Todd Barlow understood that the County Superintendent of Schools being a Commissioner on First 5 would be a conflict. Commissioner Todd Barlow also stated the way it was written on the minutes sounded like Commissioner Todd Barlow brought up the topic, but Commissioner Todd Barlow was only agreeing to what the discussion was about.

**Action Items**

P. xxx **2019-10-045 KCOE Family Resource Center Programs Scope of Work Revision**

**Request:** Commission to review, discuss and consider approving KCOE’s request to revise the Scope of Work Deliverables to coincide with the original RFA submitted.

Motion Made by:	Joe Neves		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion by:	Sanja Bugay and Dr. Lisa Lewis		
Motion (Pass/Fail)	Pass		
<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Joe Neves	X		
Dr. Milton Teske	X		
Sanja Bugay	X		
Todd Barlow	X		
Dr. Lisa Lewis	X		

Program Officer Clarissa Ravelo stated after meeting with Rebecca Villa from Kings County Office of Education, the Scope of Work that was submitted with the RFA was not matching the Executed Contract, so KCOE is requesting that the previously approved RFA scope of work deliverables be honored. Program Officer Clarissa Ravelo has the original scope of work from the RFA and the original scope of work from the executed contract for the commissioners to review. While Program Officer Clarissa Ravelo and Rebecca Villa were reviewing the scope of work, the numbers they identified that was incorrect was actually an error on First 5’s part when First 5 was trying to provide KCOE with the quarterly progress report, and the numbers weren’t updated then. In reviewing the RFA scope of work, Program Officer Clarissa Ravelo and Rebecca Villa identified what was missing from the contract was provision of Car seats to children from ages 0-5 years old for the parents who attend car seat safety and training was not included in the contract, same thing as well on page 204 of the Hanford FRC provision scope of work the provision of car seats. The Hanford FRC is looking into providing car seats to children

from ages 0-5 for the parents who attend the car seat safety and installation. Program Officer stated the scope of work is now the contract agreement scope of work. Rebecca Villa stated on the very last page of the scope of work should state Kings View instead of Behavioral Health. Program Officer Clarissa Ravelo stated the error Rebecca Villa pointed out was actually meant for the progress report, but for the scope of work in both the RFA and for the contract the back pages do state Kings View. Rebecca Villa stated KCOE would like the scope of work to match the previously RFA as well as the quarterly report. County Counsel Julianna Gmur asked Chair Commissioner Milton Teske if she may interrupt to ask Commissioner Todd Barlow if he was going to declare a conflict on this issue. Commissioner Todd Barlow stated he was going to ask if this was a time to where he needed to declare conflict on the issue. County Counsel Julianna Gmur stated yes that would be the correct approach. Commissioner Todd Barlow removed himself before the vote. County Counsel Julianna Gmur asked Chairman Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske for an actual vote. A proper vote was taken.

P. xxx **2019-10-046 New Commissioner Recommendation:** Commission to review, discuss and consider recommending to the Kings County Board of Supervisors a new Commissioner.

Commissioner Milton Teske stated Program Officer Clarissa Ravelo was going to explain more about the new commissioner, as the position has been discussed about at the previous meeting and is somewhere in progress. Program Officer Clarissa Ravelo stated there is a plan to have the ordinance amendment on the Board of Supervisors calendar for the first reading to be done at the next meeting on October 15, 2019 and the second reading at the BOS next meeting on October 22, 2019. Until the Board approves the changes, and the readings are completed, Commissioner Todd Barlow's membership remains the same even though the commission has voted to amend the position and the commission membership stands of the commission being a commission of seven members with five members being from particular designations from different county departments as well as two community members at large. At the June 2019 commission meeting the commission did vote to amend the ordinance to eliminate the Kings County Superintendent of Schools as a required position and reducing the community members at large from two to one community member's at large members. A motion was made at the June 2019 meeting the commission voted to amend the ordinance to eliminate the Kings County Superintendent of schools and reducing the community member at large from two to one the decision was made due to the difficulty of getting new members and having a full quorum in order for the commission meetings to occur. Program Officer Clarissa Ravelo mentioned an application was received for consideration to become a First 5 Kings County Children and Families Commission Commissioner, which was submitted by Mr. Sarbjit Singh who was present in the audience. Program Officer Clarissa Ravelo also mentioned the commission may need to discuss what is going to happen with Superintendent Todd Barlow's position, because the discussion at the June meeting was related to Superintendent Barlow becoming a Community member at large after elimination of the Superintendent of Schools position. Program Officer Clarissa Ravelo also stated the commission has a decision to make, an application to review, and what the commission would like to do with Commissioner Todd Barlow's position or membership. Commissioner Todd Barlow advocated the Superintendent of Schools position despite who was sitting in the office, Commissioner Todd Barlow was speculating at one point there must not have been a conflict, or the conflict must not have been of primary scope. Commissioner Joe Neves stated KCOE was not a contractor; Commission Todd Barlow stated now that KCOE is a contractor or even anybody from the County office would have a conflict, or anybody who would benefit from First 5 programs in education would have a conflict as well; Commissioner Todd Barlow stated that it is well placed that the commission considers the move away from Superintendent of Schools being a dedicated member of the commission, but also understands how quorums need to be met and is willing to serve as a member at large if need be. Commissioner Todd Barlow asked if Mr. Singh would like to say a few words. Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske asked Mr. Singh to introduce himself. Applicant Mr. Sarbjit Singh stated he's new to the city, moved to Hanford two years ago. Mr. Singh stated he was interested to serve

specifically on the commission board as he has already done some work and still doing some work with Prius for children in India. Mr. Singh has students who teach the children in India, and he is also a retired professor from India. Mr. Singh wants to do what he does for India here in Hanford, and to help the community and do some type of social work with the community. Mr. Singh participates in IE Technical Clarity on children and education environments from Genova; which is being shared by Professor Cathleen Morsa who is a in the psychology department at San Jose State University. Mr. Singh is closely associated with her and works with her. Mr. Singh also works with Professor Lawrence from University of Houston, and along with Professor Karen Jacobs from Boston University. Mr. Singh stated this is the experience he has working with children and the community and is interested on doing something with social work for the children and the Kings County community. Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske stated while this item was on the action list; no action could be taken since everything is still before the commissioners over the next couple of meetings, and any action what the commission is going to do about the membership is going to have to be pending on the commissioners previous motion to change the previous membership numbers. Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske asked to table this action item to the December meeting as the Board would have already met and has made a decision. Commissioner Sanja Bugay agreed not to make a decision on adding new members until the Board has made their decision on the commission board; once the Board's decision is made, adding members can then be looked into and considered. Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske asked to move this agenda item to December's meeting.

Motion Made by:	Joe Neves		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion by:	Sanja Bugay		
Motion (Pass/Fail)	Pass		
<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Joe Neves	X		
Dr. Milton Teske	X		
Sanja Bugay	X		
Todd Barlow			X
Dr. Lisa Lewis	X		

**Informational Agenda Items**

P. xxx **First 5 Association Presentation:** Staff from First 5 Association will provide a presentation on First 5 Priorities, Vision and Policy goals, to inform the Strategic Planning process.

Moira Kenny from First 5 Association Executive Director did a presentation on where First 5 has come over the last 4 years. Moira stated Commissions around the valley and state have been working together to achieve the same goals. Moira also stated the First 5 Association came together to figure what commissions need to meet the goals of the commission of First 5. First 5 Association came up with the Network approach to help meet the needs of the commissions Statewide. First 5 Associations essential challenge is not enough Californians (parents, providers, or legislators) understand what happens in the first 5 years affects everyone. Moira stated we can safely say almost everyone in California now understands what happens to children, matters to children. Positive parenting really matters to children, access to health care really matters to children. The challenges in First 5 are to say not only does it affect the child from 0-5 but it also affects the child when they grow up. For example participation in preschool absolutely increases the likelihood of high school graduation which is not a problem that has been solved yet in California. More importantly the arguments made about the empowering of childhood at First 5 is that what happens to a child, the children served so well in Kings County matters to the rest in society. Whether or not they've raised a child or grandchild

themselves. So in fact, we know the quality of early learning result in a more skilled workforce.

We believe First 5's job is not simply to talk about how powerful our programs are for the kids we manage to serve, but how powerful that is for everyone else in their communities and in the state. California does not invest enough in families, and other countries invest far more than we do. Investments in children is not simply the investment that we make in preschool, but the investments everything that we do to support whether it be business support for paid family leave, or tax credits for children, or childcare. Moira stated as commissioner know, First 5 funding is declining rapidly, and Moira spends a lot of time in Sacramento as the Executive Director trying to figure out what exactly is happening to our tax revenues. In 2000, First 5 funding statewide 20 years ago was at 650 million and is now closing in at 341 million, 650 was really good 341 is really bad. Right now it is \$135/per kid statewide, and at First 5's peak it was no more than \$250/ per child in California.

First 5 is not meeting the needs of California's children in any county, and certainly not in our poorest counties. There is a high rate of abuse and neglect across California, as well as we have high rates of homeless across California as well. First 5 is significant funder and is one of the largest 0-5 of comprehensive systems in the state of California. First 5 as a public agency, has relationships with nonprofits who work uniquely together. First 5 is the only state entity whole child whole family. Funding for children 0-5 is very silo'd, First 5 is the only funding that is allowed to work across those siloes. A Quality Over Learning funding new RFA will be available later this winter for First 5's and only intended for First 5 applicants to focus on children 0-3. A new IMPACT 2020 grant will be available for all county commissions to apply for the IMPACT 2020 grant and bring back money to their own community's to help expand programs for children 0-3 in their community. A state Help Me Grow Convening will be held in Fresno on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the State Commission will be meeting in Fresno on October 24th.

Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis asked Moira if there were any partnerships with UC's for research about outcomes specific for First 5 and even undergrads or anyone doing research. Moira stated that because the association is based in the east bay, First 5 Association regularly has policy interns and currently have two policy intern students who are working under the leadership of their faculty to work with First 5 Association to work on the Census 2020 because First 5 Association is focused on 0-5 outreach for the state of California. Moira stated First 5 Association has worked with UCLA in the past, UCLA leads some kindergarten readiness studies both in Los Angeles and in Orange County and have been good partners with that. In the past, First 5 Association worked with UCSF on Oral Health before the state took on some funding of their own.

As First 5 association looks to come with new solution around interventions, she expects that First 5 Association will look to working with UCSF again. Commissioner Todd Barlow stated the transitional Kindergarten did throw everyone for a loop simply because it is a good idea. School districts are required to offer it if a student turns 5 before December. The school district may accept 4 years olds who are going to turn 5 years old at any point of the year, but the school district is able to say no to students who won't be 5 years old by December. The funding didn't necessarily come with the program like a lot of mandates of California, but local school districts are dedicated to serving their children and the investment in early childhood education pays off so much.

Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis asked if parents can decide to send their 5 year old to kindergarten or not, Commissioner Todd Barlow stated yes, parents do not have to have a student in school till the age of 6. Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis stated there's a socio economic component to this as well, because there are many parents who decide to start their children later because they really do believe they do give the children an advantage. Commissioner Todd Barlow stated the opposite of the socioeconomic part of that, is that there are some parents who want their children to attend the early education childhood program so they can work again.

Moira stated she recommended the ECE master plan that will be starting soon in the month of October as soon as they identify contractors for that work, the expectation that preschool will expand in California is up to all of us as Californians to help shape that process. There will be decisions made over the next year or two about universal preschool and mandatory kindergarten; and that has to reflect the diversity and needs of our families and communities; much will be changing over the next few years in California. Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis stated this will expand the choice of families to determine what is right for their particular child and particular family. Commissioner Sanja Bugay asked Moira what she has seen as the most effective programs because the commission has a capacity to do very different things depending on the community needs. Moira stated your best contacts are your neighboring counties and commissions. Your first point of contact should always be those commissions. Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske mentioned he remembered a number years ago what he thought was a very effective ad campaign which came out of First 5 about the importance of parents reading to their children (Talk, Read, Sing), and asked if there are any plans to help shape the culture, to shield the little children to change the way of think of the culture that media is bad for the children. Moira stated her mom would sit her in front of the TV and watch Sesame Street every day as well as the neighbor children. Some commissioners say Sesame Street is a bad show for the children. When we the community say things to families they hear it, and when pediatricians say things to families they hear it even harder. First 5 Association has been working with the state commission to think through how to elevate the Talk, Read, Sing brand that is now recognized by 85% of parents with children under 5, that is more recognizable than just about any other brand except about Walmart and Amazon.

P. xxx **Strategic Planning:** Commission to review and discuss the Strategic Planning process and timeline.

Clarissa stated she was nervous about the strategic plan as this is how First 5 will be doing business the next 5 years beginning of July next year. Clarissa has started having conversations with the FRC's to see if they could help host focus groups within the community. Clarissa stated there is different information that can be gathered by different people who are receiving services. Clarissa would like to start the strategic plan by having these community focus groups to show the community what the strategic plan was in 2015-2020, where First 5 is at right now, the services Kings County is focusing on, the services that are being supported by First 5, and then to ask the community if these services continue to meet the needs of their family. Clarissa stated we should ask the people what they need. Needs that need to be met for the families are going to be different depending on what town you live in and what services those towns have to provide. Clarissa stated normally the contracts are presented to the Commission in June, the RFA's application that are submitted are presented to the Commission in April and the RFA's are released in February and this is how Clarissa came up with the timeline. Clarissa stated other ideas she's been thinking of, is one idea is to approach Fresno State as they have many students who have a project they need to submit to whether to pass a grade or graduate, including higher education and is willing to get free labor to where students are producing a project to get the grade they need to pass or to graduate and First 5 is getting along with the research that is available at the universities.

Commissioner Sanja Bugay was expecting to have a conversation on how First 5 and the Commission would approach the strategic plan. At the last meeting it was discussed, the commission wasn't going to repeat the prior years process, and were going to gather some understanding from Education, Human Services, Behavioral Health, and Health what services are out there for population 0-5; and having a session to understanding what different programs across the different funding sources already provide and seeing if there are more leveraging that we can do, and what's happening at the state First 5.

Sometimes we're unaware of the services; Human Services, Behavioral Health, Health, and Education a whole lot less. Given that our funding really could be leveraged; and we don't necessarily do that we directly fund certain programs and they are all valuable; but Commissioner Sanja Bugay does wonder if were missing the above on some of these things. Because there is so much new program changes that are happening in all our worlds across the board.

Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis stated she agreed with Commissioner Sanja Bugay and also stated what our system is and how we can help people navigate the system we have; and where do we have the needs in addition. Commissioner Sanja Bugay stated our funding is magical because it really could be used for some of these programs as a match. Sanja Bugay also stated it would require each Commissioner form their agencies and do some work of what is happening with our current programs. Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis asked County Counsel Julianna if a discussion had to happen in a formal meeting or is there a way to have a work meeting. County Counsel Julianna answered; yes you can for an ad hoc committee and then address back to the Commission. Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis asked if every commissioner could be on the ad hoc committee. County Counsel Julianna stated in order to have an ad hoc committee; has to be less than quorum and then bring back and present, or the commission can discuss in an open session and then everyone can hear and contribute. Moira stated it would be possible to setup a Commission meeting that looks like a work session; it would be a publicly noticed meeting, public notice the same way it is in the agenda, allow for public comment at the start. Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis stated all commissioners can submit their parts of their puzzle ahead of time in order so everyone can see the vision. Moira stated either a student from a university, Clarissa or someone else to help facilitate the meeting. Commissioner Todd Barlow stated to follow special meeting rules, and to hold a special meeting. County Counsel Julianna stated; a special meeting was held for the strategic plan last time. Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis stated to hold a special meeting sounds like a great idea, but wasn't sure when would be the best time to hold a special meeting. Clarissa stated a special meeting can be held in November.

Moira stated it would be interesting to hold the special meeting before doing the community surveys or the focus group; cause then it would be interesting to know how many people are aware of the programs in our system, and is valuable information. Commissioner Sanja Bugay stated being aware of something in a profession versus being a parent and knowing how to access programs when it's not in our field it's harder. Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis is interested to know; from the parents if there was a map of everything that is available to the parents; where would the parents want to access that map? At a doctor's office, a preschool, where would the parents be most likely to be looking for that information? Clarissa stated if there is a listing of all services; a list could be put on flipchart paper and ask parents if they've ever used the service, it could be used as an icebreaker if once need and could easily be seen as community knowledge and is definitely the biggest problem to accessing services if parents aren't aware of a service being available in the community; and then there wouldn't be any access. Clarissa stated between now and mid November the focus is to identify all services available and compile the list and then from there we can make plans to what the next steps are. Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis stated for instance something as basic as parenting skills; there has to be parenting classes, there's got to be classes or instruction about developmental stages for children; but then there's also PCIT which is our Parent Child Interactive Therapy if you actually want specific help with your child, and parenting your child. Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis isn't sure that parents would necessarily know that there is a broad range of offerings.

Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske asked; what was the next step from here. Commissioner Sanja Bugay stated; what were talked about were health, mental health, education and human services, and wasn't sure if there was another partner that invests significantly in services 0-5, and what's out there now; but with all the different funding that is coming

from the state; are there plans to be added and changed; because some of the things that we fund is valuable; but part of it is are there any agency's that are already planning on partnering with our existing providers; those kinds of things would be valuable to know. Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis asked Moira if the commission would be able to see other strategic plans from other commissions in early November. Moira answered; she will send a roster of their favorites. Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis stated looking at other commission strategic plans would be great to incorporate in the group meeting. Commissioner Todd Barlow stated analyzing something that has been done and not having to recreate the wheel but the commission should make one for their own purposes. Commissioner Sanja Bugay stated part of it is with other programs, and was wondering if any particular commission what was their strategic plan and if they've funded programs or initiatives that have actually moved the outcomes of the community significantly. Clarissa stated she will touch base with the commission about a good date for the special meeting and post as required.

P. xxx **Prop 56 Oral Health Prevention Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement:** Commission to review and discuss the Prop 56 Oral Health Needs Assessment, Improvement Plan and Evaluation Plan.

Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske asked Clarissa if there were any comments or reports for the commission. Clarissa stated other than presenting the three plans to the commission (needs assessment, the community health improvement plan, and the evaluation plan) no movement has been made since the development or submission of the plans. Clarissa stated Public Health was still in the process of hiring a Program Specialist for the Oral Health Program; and the consultants did indicate they will be at the December Commission meeting if the commission would like to have a conversation about the evaluation plan. All of the documents have been sent, received and approved by the Dental Director. Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske noticed on the plan there were lots of objectives, and different programs in the school and didn't see any financial cost of it; and Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske was wondering if all these objectives were a part of the program. Clarissa stated it was an approved grant and will have funding till 2022; there is a work plan and a budget for the remaining 3 years. Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske asked they will be here in December? Clarissa answered the consultant. Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske asked if the consultant was the one who put up the budget. Clarissa answered; EMT is the consultant who completed all three plans, and the remaining work will be on the Program Specialist who was hoping to hire very soon. Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske asked; if the program specialist would let the commission know what parts of the plan we could afford. Clarissa stated all plan are already budgeted, even if we have to do an annual evaluations; those items are already budgeted.

P. xxx **Final Quarter Grantee Achievement Report:** Commission to review and discuss the progress of funded projects for FY 18/19.

Clarissa pulled together all of the quarterly progress reports and expenditure reports that all the grantees have submitted, there are some objectives that weren't achieved; but the grantees had promised to deliver lets say 50 services over 3 events but only had 2 events and ended up with 60; so even though they hadn't have the number of events; the actual deliverable services to families was more than sufficient. The numbers where it says "they did not meet the target" if the number was under, Clarissa marked it as not targeted, and stated if she did it incorrectly; the grantee can have a conversation with Clarissa. Also looking at the scope of work and the deliverables; there would be the flip side to

where if the grantees said there were 4 events that they would coordinate in the scope of work, and the grantees did hold that; unfortunately you can't dictate how many people are in attendance. Clarissa got a chance to do some site visits and it was a very neat experience. Clarissa also stated the staff at the FRC's are very dedicated to the families they serve and the programs are very interesting. Clarissa stated as far as the budget expenditures; all budgets were expended. Even though some of the objectives seem like they don't meet the target; it didn't seem like there wasn't a desire too, sometimes you don't have any control over the number of participants that come; and some of the numbers were outstanding like many of them doubled the number that they indicated that they would deliver.

P. xxx **Spotlight on Service:** Staff from West Hills Community College will present an overview of the funded project.

Patty Gonzales and Dulce Ochoa both from Avenal FRC did a presentation. Dulce had stated the FRC is ran in a trailer located at Tamarack Elementary School, and welcomed all commissioners to stop by and check out the FRC. Patty stated the program is ran out of one building where the West Hills College state preschool is there in the morning, the FRC's class are ran there, as well as UCP will use the building; while the building is being used by UCP; another preschool is being used to run the programs through the FRC. Patty stated being able to run their programs out of both sites has been a huge plus and being able to reach their numbers and being able to get their resources out to the whole community. Hawaiian Elks comes out every year to do a vision screening for all children; and a few children who got a vision screening needed glasses to where neither the teachers nor the parents knew the children need glasses. UCP works with the FRC hand in hand, at the FRC's last fall festival; UCP set up a table and provided activities for the children as well. UCCE brings in nutritional classes for the parents and children. UCCE will be providing seedlings and seeds to the FRC so they can plant in their garden. The FRC will coordinate some classes with UCCE and Mrs. Dulce will have provided some gardening classes, as well as some great science and math classes. One of Avenal FRC's successful components according to the parents is Cohorts which is run twice at each location for five weeks. One Cohorts is ran at the beginning of the year at Tamarack Elementary, then the FRC bounces over to the elementary school to run Cohorts there; and then flip flop the sites through out the year to run the Cohorts program. Mrs. Dulce stated with usually with the Cohort that is run; there are different classes like: story time, language, cooking classes and each day there are different classes and activities for each child. Cohort is offered in two different location; one class in the morning at one site and in the afternoon at another sight. Dulce stated they try to accommodate the parents on the other side by giving the parents a baby buck and inform the parents they have the FRC and there are other areas at the FRC, a computer, and a fax machine and explain who the FRC is and what the FCR can do for them and then the parents start coming to the FRC as Dulce gives them the incentive. Patty stated each of the classes end up giving the parents an incentive which is the baby bucks. For example if a parent goes 5 times to a class and receive the baby bucks; the parents can go to the FRC closet which has different types of things like: toys, clothes and soap for the children. For example is money is tight at home; the parent s can come to a few classes to earn their baby bucks to go shopping at the incentive closet and purchase certain things they need at home for the children. Patty stated during their Fall Festival, they set up a pumpkin patch for the children to go and pick out a pumpkin as well as different tables are set up to run different activities during the festival. Mrs. Dulce set up a table with different table full of information for the parents. Weekly young child is another program ran through the FRC and is coordinated with the City of Avenal; which is a free event for everyone, with free food and activities for the children and families. Last year at the event, Avenal FRC had the Scholastic Book

Fair at the event to where parents can buy books for their children and the FRC was able to pass out free books to the families and children as well. Avenal FRC recently partnered up with Safe Kids Coalition, and Dulce and Patty became car seat techs two years ago. Safe Kids has been able to provide car seat to the FRC, and the FRC was able to hold a car seat event to install and provide car seats to the families who are in need of a car seat. This summer the FRC was able to team up with Safe Kids and were able to pass out life vests to families at the community pool who had young children, as well as they were able to pass out two pool alarms to families who had pools at their home and have the alarms installed at their homes

P. xxx **Spotlight on Service:** Staff from Recreation Association of Corcoran will present an overview of the funded project.

Ana from the Corcoran FRC did a presentation. Corcoran FRC starts their programs for families with children as young as zero months. Certain classes that are held at the FRC for this age group are: tummy time which is where the FRC take the time to talk to the parents and have them watch certain signs from their children. Once the children turn 6 months; the FRC then introduces more activities to the children like color painting with their hands, and feet; as well as textures to children. The FRC also reading and singing to the children at these young stages. The FRC also provides bilingual classes. The FRC even holds their annual Diaper Derby. For their children ages 2-5; more activities are held such as Move and Play, Let's be Creative, Little Kitchen, Time for Art, Dramatic Play, and Carpet Time. Each month the FRC has a certain curriculum to focus on certain areas; such a community workers to where the FRC invites the trash company, the community bus, the fire trucks, etc. to come out and talk to the children about their jobs in the community. The FRC also host community baby showers for the pregnant moms and families in need. Corcoran FRC also coordinates with UCP. Ana stated she too is also a car seat technician for 3 years now. Corcoran FRC partners up with the Safe Kids Coalition and they do car seat events in Corcoran for the families as well. Corcoran FRC also coordinates with the Community Food Bank. Corcoran also partners up with Kings View and help get the families the help they need. Corcoran also partner up with UCCE. Another thing Corcoran FRC also partners up with the Mexican Counseling in Fresno to where they can come to Corcoran and set up in Corcoran for a few days to help the families who need their help.

P. xxx **Staff Report:** July, August & September 2019

Clarissa stated by this time the commission would have a final audit report as well as the annual report for review in order to submit to the state; unfortunately the final audit report had not been received yet. Clarissa stated First 5 does not have the evaluations for our programs; and she has spoke with our consultant and they are working on getting the evaluation plan to Clarissa. First 5 met with the outside auditors on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and provided them with all the information needed. Clarissa reached out to the outside auditor to see when the final report would be available and they stated it would be available by the end of the month of October. Clarissa reached out to First 5 and asked for an extension in submitting the report.

Clarissa was invited to talk to the Lemoore and Hanford FRC Advisory Board and was a good experience. Rebecca has been helpful in helping Clarissa understand the IMPACT grant a little more. Clarissa will be attending a Help Me Grow Convening to get more information on Kings County becoming a Help Me Grow county. Linkages to Learning program; Vanessa had a few regular events in the fall such as Fall registration at the school sites; and is meeting with teachers and getting ready for their Spring registration. The rates for the Fall and Spring Orientation are high, but for some schools they are low. Vanessa and the school sites are trying to figure out how to make those school sites that are low to get an increased participation. The Backpack to Success program was a success, almost 1200 backpacks were given out to children who are

entering kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year. First 5 moved from their original storage unit to a newer and cleaner storage unit in September.

### **Future Agenda Items**

#### **December 2019**

- Minutes from October 8, 2019 Commission Meeting
- FY 19/20 October 2019 Fiscal Report
- Annual Strategic Plan Review and Update
- Community Annual Report for FY 18/19
- Strategic Planning Process for 2020-2025
- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Grantee Achievement Report
- Spotlight on Service: Kings Community Action Organization – Kettleman City Family Resource Center

### **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske asked Commissioner Sanja Bugay to work with Clarissa to arrange a time and agenda for the special meeting and to arrange the invitees. Commissioner Sanja Bugay stated it would be best to work on the individual department on what services to bring, and wasn't planning on hosting a meeting differently than anything else. Commissioner Joe Neves stated the special meeting would be a public meeting, as long as it is posted and the information is available for the public, and the meeting needs to be posted as a special meeting. Commissioner Todd Barlow stated it would be a special meeting but the goal of that meeting would be to review the strategic plan process for the commissioner's benefit.

Commissioner Joe Neves stated it would be nice to have the last strategic plan available, and examples. Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis stated the commissioners can bring forward their pieces of aspects that the commissioner have to contribute to the system, so the commission can have a full inventory of what can be offered. Commissioner Sanja Bugay stated it would be really asked to do the all in all whether its just for Office of Ed or school systems across the board, but it would be really good to know what educational services that are provided, and recognizing all the individual agency's provide for 0-5. Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis stated; the information can be sent out ahead of time collated it and put it into some type of visual if that would help. Commissioner Joe Neves commented that Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis' idea would help a lot.

Commissioner Joe Neves asked Clarissa if some type of report has been generated that talks about school readiness, preschool connection to kindergarten, or is this all going to be new? Rebecca Villa from Office of Education answered; a local planning child counsel would be tasked with meeting with districts, parent groups, or other groups; and how do we know that a lot of quality programs are rated, are they really making a difference. Do teachers see that? Do districts see that? Rebecca Villa stated this is the next phase she is working on that is due in December. Commissioner Joe Neves asked, it will be due in December? Rebecca answered; she would have to report back as the state is working on a Preschool Development Grant which all these data points will be brought together and it would be a grant under the federal government. Rebecca Villa stated she can report back with what is given in December; but Kings County doesn't have right now a standardized ready assessment.

Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis asked what programs do we have would be interesting? Commissioner Sanja Bugay stated she can't tell if what she's asking is too much to ask but to her any inventory we can gather would be helpful. Commissioner Joe Neves asked Commissioner Dr. Teske if Adventist Health do all the deliveries in the county? Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske answered yes. Commissioner Joe Neves then asked Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske what reports they generate of how many receive prenatal care, and how many have postpartum, and if they generate any report of that? Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske answered he believes the hospital does run those reports and has never been part of receiving and reviewing the material, but what goes through the material is prenatal and postnatal, and discharge planning, there are people who coordinate and do that. Commissioner Joe Neves also stated it would be interesting

to see how many births stay in the system, how many births are migrant, or how many lose health care after. Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske stated he has never seen a follow up they have had or if they are generating the on going continual of care, but you can see who came in for emergency delivery or who has all of their prenatal visits, but wasn't sure how much they continue on; but there may be with the new model of health care; they seem to be moving towards that, there's a lot of aspects of that and they are implementing and in reality it seems to be a work in progress and not something that is already there, and whether they are tracking all of these kids he doesn't know. Commissioner Joe Neves stated it would be interesting to see how many births there are, how many come in prepared, and how many attend organized baby showers. Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske stated it would be interesting to see how many continue with their follow up, if the kids are following up with their pediatrician and getting their ongoing health care screenings.

Commissioner Joe Neves stated he doesn't know how many students show up to kindergarten ready with their immunizations because the health department gets slammed the week before school or the first day of school to get their immunizations, and it would be kind of neat to track to find out how many of those students are prepared and ready to learn, but how many are prepared to enter school. Commissioner Todd Barlow stated for Early Childhood Education, Rebeca Villa is the head of Office of Educations Early Education department, foster-homeless resources possibly that might touch 0-5 population, also special education service provided to Office of Educations preschoolers. Commissioner Todd Barlow stated it was a very good budget year, it was a really good sign that State of California might be moving in a positive direction for early childhood education, and the governor actually gave us a budget that included money for special education services for this population of students. All budget bills are one-time bills, but hopefully that is a sign for future investment on their part, and as Clarissa will send out the information; the commission will put it all together.

Commissioner Joe Neves asked Commissioner Todd Barlow if they track how many school transportation gets students to school. Commissioner Todd Barlow answered the individual districts provide transportation and it depends if the districts track numbers, and there are so many parents who bring their kids to school because they want to, and not because the need is there. Commissioner Joe Neves asked how many are charter schools that are students from outside of that school district? Commissioner Todd Barlow answered; it's a significant intra-district transfer population at our districts that will skew our numbers too. Commissioner Sanja Bugay wondered if there are other data entries like Adventist Health to where we can see the disconnect in services, and if KCAO can share anything of their services they get to help with children from 0-5. Commissioner Joe Neves stated KCAO could probably generate a report of all of their head start programs, and that should be a very easy report. Rebecca Villa stated KCAO does generate the report, and as the local planning childcare counsel they do a priority report, and are working on their strategic plan and their needs assessment for children 0-5 in Kings County and can turn that over. Commissioner Joe Neves asked if the childcare in high schools are Headstart or stand alone? Rebecca Villa answered they would probably be Headstart in our county, and West Hills childcare is state-funded. Commissioner Joe Neves stated a good question to ask if high school located childcare centers are part of the plan.

Commissioner Dr. Lisa Lewis also talked about postnatal depression after having their babies if the mother knows where to go after leaving the hospital? Which is a topic that got brought up with the health department; to where behavioral health and public health can work together to provide psychiatric services immediately for any mom who is having postnatal depression, and that is something to add in the conversations as it too affects the children as well. Commissioner Joe Neves stated those numbers would be good as well. Commissioner Sanja Bugay asked if the December 3<sup>rd</sup> would still be good to have the Commissioner meeting as the regular Board meeting is canceled due to the Board would be at CSAC in Sacramento. All commissioners and Clarissa answered December 3<sup>rd</sup> would still work for all of them. Commissioner Dr. Milton Teske stated the next Commission meeting would be December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the working meeting would be as arranged.

**Review Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

- December 3, 2019 at 3:00 PM
- Adjournment @ 5pm

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