



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2010
3:00 p.m.

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

COMMISSIONERS ROLL CALL –

All commissioners present. New Commissioner Tim Bowers, County Superintendent was welcomed by the group.

REVIEW AND MODIFICATION TO AGENDA – None

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

2010-08-001 Approval of Minutes for July 6, 2010 Commission Meeting

Motion Made by:	Commissioner Winkler
Motion 2 nd by:	Commissioner Ford-Sherman
All in favor:	All in favor
Opposed:	None
Motion:	Passes –

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

a) Fiscal Report (s)

- Fiscal Report – July 2010 – Full expenditures in fiscal report are for year in advance payments to property leases.
- 2009/2010 Year End – *Pulled – will be presented at September meeting.*

b) Staff Report Before providing her Staff report, ED Watson presented a plaque to MAFS in recognition of her service as chair during the 2009 year, and cognition was given to CAB members from both the Hanford and Lemoore Family Connection sites; Deena McCoy Ana Solórzano Martha Tamayo, Rose Vega and Barbara Hill from Lemoore Family Connection sites, respectively. There is a potential forthcoming member representing the Santa Rosa Rancheria. ED Watson and Commission Chair Montgomery welcomed and thanked the CAB members.

Break for ten minutes with commission meeting to resume at 3:20pm.
Meeting was resumed at 3:21pm

ED Watson provided her staff report highlighting the CAPCC grant awarded to First 5 to coordinate a Car Seat Safety Installation training for community based providers. Following the training we will be

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able to hold child safety seat checks. The training is tentatively scheduled to occur in February 2011. An increase in citations to drivers not complying with Child Care Seat regulations will be a revenue generator for county funding for child safety seats. ED announced the resignation of School Readiness Coordinator Jon-Michael Hice effective Friday, August 20, 2010.

c) Grantee Report - UCP: Parent & Me Grantee Reports: UCP Parent & Me; Judy Newton provided a presentation related to a farm animal activity that is used in the Parent & Me Program. Farm visit by clients included parents; one of the social benefits of the field trip is that fosters a resiliency in parents; they refer all parents to the FRC. Graduation was held at Jefferson School Parent & Me site; parents marched with children as they too have grown; parents danced with children; diploma's were distributed; it was very supportive and joyful setting. Included in the report is a before and after handwriting sample from a child participant; you can see the difference within the writing sample. Kids are moving on and ready for school.

Commissioner Black was unaware that schools were not doing K assessments; and seeing this information brought that back Discussion followed with Judy Newton regarding maturation; and visible progression.

Commissioner Ford-Sherman shared a story of a young man who was asked of the last time he felt success; he pulled out a preschool graduation photo and at 14 offered that as his last time he felt successful; underlining how important these events are.

d) Evaluation Subcommittee Report

Commissioner Black offered that the review team took this very seriously; and discussed a peer review process from the school system; rating provided an outside evaluation as to what you were doing and what others were doing;

Commissioner Black reviewed the minutes that were created from the subcommittee meetings; all evaluation materials will be reviewed at the September meeting.

BB Reviewed notes from last meeting; Will review all of the materials at the September meeting; A lot of documentation was produced. It took us a while to get back together; Jacky hosted us on August 6, Discussed who attended the meeting; they reviewed all of the evaluation documents; both Cindy and Jacky contributed to the explanation of the documents; it was clear to the committee that the team was happy with the peer evaluation process; recommendations or suggestions included John Stankovich's request to separate the evaluations from the recommendations; the recommendations were not binding; there has to be a paradigm shift from this kind of model; what educators are used to looking at to; compliance and supplantation was discussed.

ED Watson had worked with UCLA to develop a framework of what the evaluation should look like; there was a discussion and those forms were in here but it wasn't supported. Another discussion was about who would collect data and how would it be recorded; Commissioner Black has talked to two systems people and also to Jerry Waymire at KCOE, who suggested a web based system. Commissioner Bowers stated that KCOE use several web based systems to collect data; Commissioner Black added that Standard Deviation would not be included;

Commissioner Black informed that the Commission will be without an evaluation for the year; it will take a lot of discussions with contractors; we would need to streamline the process; being web based, it would be transparent for anyone to look at it.

Commissioner Ford-Sherman commented that the analysis would need to have a lot of elements and that she would like to address the concerns prior to a request for a vote; this is our funding if we don't do this right the (state) Commission could say you didn't meet your fiduciary responsibility.

Revised forms will be presented as an Action Item in September.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2010-08-002 First 5 CA Children & Families Commission Annual Report & Audit FY 2008-2009

ED Watson outlined reporting timelines for the state and local commission. Comments or questions were posed to the audience: there was no response;
Kings County does not look like LA or San Francisco, the way the information was presented does not match how Kings County allocates funding for local programs;
It was offered that it can be reported that it was shared and public comment was sought;
Commissioner Black made reference to chapter: XX page 23, indicating that we do the New Parent Kit;

2010-08-003 Nomination of 2010/2011 Chair Elect - Nominating Committee Chair

Sub committee met and choose to nominate Commissioner Jacky Lowe; she was more than willing to step up and was assured her by Commissioners that they would support her and assist her in the ramping up year.

Motion Made by:	Commissioner Black
Motion 2 nd by:	Commissioner Winkler
All in favor:	All in favor
Opposed:	None
Motion:	Passes –

2010-08-004 Conflict of Interest Code – Changes were made to reflect position allocations.

Motion Made by:	Commissioner Black
Motion 2 nd by:	Commissioner Ford-Sherman
All in favor:	All in favor
Opposed:	None
Motion:	Passes –

2010-08-005 Response to Grand Jury Report -

A detailed report was discussed; any modifications would need to be ratified and provided to the BOS to consider for approval; ED Watson read each finding and recommendation along with a response to each finding;

Per Commissioner Winkler add to Grand Jury response the fact that we are doing a lot with the miniscule funding made available for these services;

Commissioner Ford-Sherman asked if we can refer to the fact that a lot of things are happening that occur within each of these communities;

The report on finding should show that the total be indicated not the average cost over the four years.

STUDY SESSION

- **First 5 California Project Legacy: CARES Plus Status Report** – First 5 California has yet to release the allocation levels for each county; that will bring changes to the proposed CARES Plus program. The guiding principals include much more emphasis on the Bachelors degree level with center based approach; the current teacher matrix used by the state is outdated and proposed a teacher certification system; for this project a new data base will be implemented; it has been proposed that there be a 2:1 match; we are requesting that the state be more lenient in the definition of the match not being a hard match;

Question to audience members CARES Jessica Kemp offered that there were 5-6 people in attendance at the Fresno CARES Plus meeting;

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Ford-Sherman request for Commission future agenda items: put something on future agenda to look at equilibrium; something like an update to what has happened with First 5 and where it is going, not a strategic planning session; just general information.

Jacky Lowe; put on future agenda a discussion on CARES Plus.

- September:
 - FY 09-10 Year-end Program Report
 - Study Session: ASQ Developmental Screening Tool
- October:
 - 2009-2010 Annual Audit & Report
 - Raising a Reader Continuation Sites Evaluation
- November:
 - Parent & Me evaluation
 - Status Report: MAA Billing Opportunity
- Pending – date unknown
 - Evaluation Framework Progress Report
 - Study Session: CA Budget Update

ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn from Commissioner Winkler seconded by Commissioner Black; all in favor.