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COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 22, 2008
Petersen Event Center
720 12th Street, Modesto, CA 95354

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Members Present: Vicki Bauman, David Cooper, Dick Monteith, Mary Ann Lee, Nelly Paredes-Walsborn, George Skol, Dan Souza (Chair), and John Walker.

Members Absent: Denise Hunt

Staff Present: John Sims, Executive Director; Erica Inacio, Administration; Tina Jamison, Accountant; Kirsten Jasek-Rysdahl, Program Evaluator; Luis Molina, School Readiness Coordinator; Dan Rosas, Program Monitor; and Jack Doering, Counsel.

I. Chair Souza called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Chair Souza welcomed those in attendance.

Commission and staff members were introduced.

Chair Souza recognized Mick Krausnick, previous Commission Counsel, for his years of service to the Commission and the children of Stanislaus County. Mick stated that it had been a pleasure to serve in the Commission since its inception and to work with the Commission staff. Mick and his wife, Claudia, are now retired.

II. Public Comment Period
None.

III. Consent Calendar

The Consent Calendar was approved.

Moved Skol, Seconded Paredes-Walsborn. – Unanimously approved.

IV. Agenda Items

A. The Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2008.
Approved on consent.

B. Executive Director's Office

1. The Commission heard a presentation on the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget and the Long Range Financial Plan, as required by State law. The adoption of the plan is the first step in authorizing expenditures by contractors. The budget for FY 2008/2009 totals \$13,571,131.

The budget presented continued program activities from the current year through June 30, 2009. Some of the significant features included:

- Revenues were estimated at \$8.5 million
- The costs for new and expanded programs were included in the proposed budget, however authorization to execute contracts with new and expanded programs was not requested as part of the budget adoption action. These programs will be considered by the Commission in May and the costs, if approved, would be subtracted from the Contracts Adjustment line item.
- If all budgeted expenditures were made in 2008/2009, approximately \$5 million of the fund balance would be needed to fund 2008/2009 programs.

John Sims, Executive Director, updated the Commission on the State Budget. According to recent reports, Democrats are in support of First 5 helping at the local level with programs that are

cut at the state level, such as poison control, but they are also very worried about how to continue to provide basic statewide services, like Medi-Cal. Republicans seem more focused on how to divert First 5 funds to specific General Fund programs, like Healthy Families or Medi-Cal. Commissioner Skol is in the process of arranging a meeting with Senator Cogdill so that Chairman Souza and John Sims can meet with him to explain the impact of diverting Prop 10 funds.

Once the budget numbers and projections were introduced and explained a **Public Hearing was opened at 4:48 p.m.** to receive public comments.

Judy Kindle, Sierra Vista Child and Family Services, informed the Commission that with a reduction imposed on the Family Resource Centers by the Community Services Agency, they will be having to reduce community services.

Dawn Reece, Waterford School District, advocated that the Commission spend the fund balance reserves prior to the State taking action to take it away from the local Commissions.

Public Hearing was closed at 4:51 p.m.

A motion was made to:

- Approve the recommended budget of \$13,571,131 for fiscal year 2008-2009
- Adopt the financial projections for fiscal years 2008-2009 through 2012-2013 as the Commission's long range financial plan.
- Authorize staff to submit the proposed budget for inclusion in the County Budget.
- Work with contractors to develop 2008-2009 budgets for the amount specified on the budget summary (as approved).
- Execute an agreement with Modesto City Schools for the period 2008-2009 through 2011-2012 to provide access to students in 4th and 6th grades for the purposes of gathering data for a school readiness evaluation. The budget for the agreement in 2008-2009 shall not exceed \$7,000.
- Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a one year total contract agreement with the following FRC/DR's:
 - Aspira FRC CFC Share: \$175,000 Total: \$278,113
 - Center for Human Services (Ceres) CFC Share: \$251,023 Total: \$346,529
 - Center for Human Services (Westside) CFC Share: \$285,053 Total: \$397,918

Note: Total amount includes CSA funding.
- Direct staff to work with the Administrative and Finance Committee to implement the 2008-2009 budget.

Moved Skol, Seconded Cooper. Unanimously approved.

A motion was made to approve the following budget and contract authorization recommendations:

- 211 (\$200,000)
- Laura's House (\$18,421)
- DMCF – MOMobile (\$121,050)
- Families in Partnership – Aftercare (\$72,358)
- CSUS – School Readiness Evaluation (\$131,856)
- Corporation for Standards and Outcomes (\$7,000)
- CSA FRC Accountant (\$73,217)

Moved Skol, Seconded Paredes-Walsborn. Unanimously approved.

Chairman Souza handed the gavel to Commissioner Walker and he along with Commissioner Skol stepped out the room to abstain from the motion to approve the following budget and contract authorization recommendation:

- SVCFS-Hughson (\$152,197 CFC share, with a total of \$214,056 including CSA funding).

Moved Cooper, Seconded Bauman. Unanimously approved. Abstained Skol and Souza.

Chairman Souza and Commissioner Skol returned and Commissioner Paredes-Walsborn stepped out of the room.

A motion was made to approve the following budget and contract authorization recommendations:

- El Concilio (\$225,000)
- Family Support Network (\$175,000)

Moved Walker, Seconded Skol. Unanimously approved. Abstained Paredes-Walsborn.

Commissioner Paredes-Walsborn returned and Commissioners Lee and Walker stepped out of the room.

A motion was made to approve the following budget and contract authorization recommendations:

- Healthy Cubs (\$1,449,350)
- HBO (\$1,284,160)

Moved Cooper, Seconded Bauman. Unanimously approved. Abstained Lee and Walker.

Commissioners Lee and Walker returned and Commissioner Bauman stepped out of the room.

A motion was made to approve the following budget and contract authorization recommendation:

- Healthy Start Support (\$456,796)

Moved Paredes-Walsborn, Seconded Lee. Unanimously approved. Abstained Bauman.

Commissioner Bauman returned and Commissioner Skol stepped out of the room.

A motion was made to approve the following budget and contract authorization recommendations:

- North Modesto/Salida Family Resource Center CFC Share: \$176,300 Total: \$315,235
- Parent Resource Center CFC Share: \$344,784 Total: \$451,175
- The Bridge (\$175,000)

Moved Paredes-Walsborn, Seconded Cooper. Unanimously approved. Abstained Skol.

Commissioner Skol returned.

Commissioner Bauman made a motion to authorize Commission staff to work with the school readiness sites submitting a School Readiness application to California First 5 for Cycle 1 carryover funds for FYs 08/09 and 09/10 for a total of \$679,796, and to authorize the Executive Director to execute agreements with each school district for fiscal years 08/09 and 09/10.

Moved Bauman, Seconded Paredes-Walsborn. Unanimously approved.

At a future meeting, the Commission will make a decision on the following:

- Extension to June 30, 2009 on the Breastfeeding Coalition (\$4,738)
- Extension to June 30, 2009 on the CARES Project (\$600,807)
- Continuation of the Car Seat Safety Project (\$132,225)
- Continuation of the Infant & Child CPR/First Aid (\$11,257)
- Continuation of the Shaken Baby Syndrome Program (\$84,137)
- Funding the Family Justice Center (\$333,333 per FY for 3 years)
- Funding of the Stanislaus Recovery Center – Childcare Facility (\$1,000,000)
- Budget increase for the HBO program (\$141,509)
- Budget increase for the Infant & Child CPR/First Aid Program, if continued (\$2,080)

If any of the programs above are funded at a later time, the amount approved would be subtracted from the Contract Adjustments line item.

It was noted that the following contracts had been executed or authorized previously for FY 08-09 and required no Commission action at this time:

- BHRS (\$1,273,009)
- Children's Crisis Center (\$437,200)
- Chatom (\$100,000)
- Keyes (\$100,000)
- Grayson (\$150,000)
- Riverbank (\$250,000)
- Turlock (\$300,000)
- Von Renner (\$100,000)
- Waterford (\$100,000)
- YCCD – CARES Project –through December 31, 2008 (\$600,807)

- Breastfeeding Coalition – through February 28, 2009 (\$9,434)
- CHS –On the Safe Side (\$76,929)
- HSA-RIDE (\$50,000)
- SAFE Court (\$50,000)

2. The Commission reviewed the Commission’s 2006-2008 Strategic Plan as required by Section 130140 of the California Health and Safety Code, which states that “the county commission shall, on at least an annual basis,...review its county strategic plan and...revise the plan as may be necessary or appropriate”.

The Commission also discussed a process to be used to develop a strategic plan for 2009-2012. An outline draft was provided. The outline is made up of six sections:

- Section 1: Prop 10 and the Stanislaus Commission
 - Voter approved
 - Why early education
 - Appointments/ Current Membership
 - Commission Structure
 - Mission, Vision, Principles
- Section 2: Stanislaus County Demographics
- Section 3: Past Strategic Plans
 - Priorities and Funding Allocations
- Section 4: Future Priority Areas (by Result Area)
 - Planned Indicators
 - Priorities and Allocations
- Section 5: Future Funding Allocations
 - How Selected (Continue existing contracts or RFP)
- Section 6: Evaluation Plan
 - How indicators will be reviewed

The Commission stated that it was imperative to have public input when developing a new Strategic Plan. An efficient process to obtain public input needs to be developed so that a product that identifies priorities is complete and provides direction for a new Strategic Plan.

Commissioners were provided with a survey, prepared by Commission staff, which listed all the current goals of Prop 10 funded programs. The Commission will complete the survey identifying what they believe to be a high, medium or low priority and submit their survey anonymously. Staff will compile the results but they will not be disclosed until input is obtained from the public on what they believe their priorities are.

Staff will continue the process development discussion with Commissioners at the Committee level.

C. Committee Reports

1. The Commission accepted the minutes for the Operations Committee meeting of April 9, 2008.
Approved on Consent.
2. The Commission accepted the minutes for the Administrative & Finance Committee meeting of April 7, 2008, including the Quarterly Financial Report – March 31, 2008.
Approved on Consent.
3. The commission accepted the minutes for the Executive Committee meeting of April 14, 2008.
Approved on Consent.

D. Program Reports

1. The Commission accepted the monthly report from the CARES Project of the Child Development Training Consortium for the month of March 2008.
Approved on Consent.

V. Correspondence - **Approved on Consent.**

1. The Commission accepted a “thank you” card from Elizabeth Laffranchini.
2. The Commission accepted a “thank you” card from June Gibson.
3. The Commission accepted a “thank you” letter from Cynthia Barstad.
4. The Commission accepted a “thank you” letter from Lisa Wadlow.
5. The Commission accepted a letter from Sandra Huntley.
6. The Commission accepted a letter from Karen Poppen.

VI. Commissioners' Reports

1. Commissioner Walker shared with the Commission information on the upsurge in infant deaths due to asphyxia or SIDS. In the first three months of 2008, 6 children have died as a result of asphyxia. Statistical analysis indicates that the deaths are occurring between birth and 1 year of age.

Dr. Walker thanked a number of people who formed part of the review team, the health care community, hospitals, clinic systems, family resource centers, and many more.

VII. Staff Report

John Sims, Executive Director, shared with the Commission that:

- He is attending as a presenter at the California Family Resource Center meeting.
- The Hands on Health van was at the Modesto Nuts game on April 8, 2008. Unfortunately due to the weather and being a weekday, there was not much of an attendance.
- Harold Stanislaw, CSUS SR Evaluator, will be presenting on the results of the School Readiness longitudinal studies in Berlin, Germany.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.