



**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 25, 2020  
Stanislaus County Office of Education, Board Room  
1100 H St., Modesto CA 95354**

**Commissioners Present:** Vicki Bauman (Chair), Ignacio Cantu, Jr. (Vice Chair), Vito Chiesa, David Cooper, Kathy Harwell, Mary Ann Lilly-Tengowski, Nelly Paredes-Walsborn, George Skol, Dr. Julie Vaishampayan

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Tom Boze, Commission Counsel; David Jones, Executive Director; Veronika Carrasco, Confidential Assistant IV; Veronica Ascencio, Accountant III, Pam Thompson-Ryan, Account Clerk III

1. Chair Bauman called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Commission members, staff, and attendees were introduced and welcomed.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Announcement of Commissioner Recusals – None
4. Presentation
  - A. The Commission heard a presentation from Cradle to Career representatives. Marian Kaanon and Scott Kuykendall explained that Cradle to Career was formally launched in April 2018 and is a long-term commitment for systems to come together. This initiative will follow individuals from healthy pregnant moms until their child turns 26 years of age. Five initiatives comprise the Cradle to Career initiative: StanREADY, StanREADS, StanMATH, Stan FUTURES and StanCareers. A study showed that high school students lack a person to look up to that looks like them. As a result of this data, Stanislaus State recently received a grant to hire 47 Civic Action Fellows who are Stan State juniors and seniors. These Fellows are people of color to serve as new peer mentors within the Cradle to Career partnership. Kaanon highlighted that the Cradle to Career Initiative is emphasizing that as a parent, they are the child's first teacher. The Cradle to Career team is asking for organizations to collect ASQ data to look for potential solutions. The presenters requested that First 5 Stanislaus Commissioners and leadership attend the Cradle to Career Summit and to sign the Cradle to Career Partnership Pledge. It was also requested for the Commission to align the Ages and Stages Questionnaire data from the contracted Family Resource Centers with the StanREADY initiative.

Commissioner Cooper asked David Jones if he was part of the Cradle to Career Steering Committee. Jones shared he is not a Steering Committee member, and he is an Action Team Lead for the StanREADY team focusing on ages 0-5.

5. Public Comment Period (Limit of 5 minutes per person) - None

6. Consent Calendar

Items 6.A.3 and 6.A.4 were removed from the Consent Calendar and were acted on separately so First 5 could correct the meeting minutes. These changes are non-substantive so an amendment to the minutes is not needed; only a correction.

A. Miscellaneous

1. Approved the December 3, 2019, Commission Meeting Minutes
2. Approved the February 10, 2020, Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes
  - a. Result Area Fiscal Report as of December 31, 2019
  - b. Second Quarter Financial Report 2019-2020

5. Accepted the 2018-2019 Purchasing Card Compliance Review

6. Approved the Executive Director to Negotiate and Sign an Agreement with **insightsoftware** for Fiscal Software License and Maintenance  
**Motion by Skol, Second by Cooper. (9-0)**

3. Approved the February 13, 2020, Operations Committee Meeting Minutes as corrected to reflect the correct day of the week from Monday to Thursday  
**Motion by Cooper, Second by Skol. (9-0)**

4. Approved the February 19, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes as corrected to reflect the correct day of the week from Monday to Wednesday  
**Motion by Paredes-Walsborn, Second by Lilly-Tengowski. (9-0)**

7. Discussion

A. Approved to accept a Mini-Grant Award from Complete Count California and Associated Partners. First 5 Stanislaus had the opportunity to apply for grant funding from the First 5 Association in the amount of \$3,000 to be used for activities or print items related to the 2020 Census. First 5 was awarded this funding and was also made aware there may be more funding available. For this reason, David Jones asked the Commission for authorization to receive, record and use up to \$7,500 of funding for activities or print items related to the 2020 Census, should additional funds become available. Jones also mentioned the possibility of partnering with other organizations that align with First 5's Strategic Plan as it pertains to Census work and using this money to host events or provide Census materials.

**Motion by Skol, Second by Paredes-Walsborn (9-0)**

B. Approved the Executive Director to Negotiate and Sign an Agreement with Stanislaus County Office of Education for Ages and Stages Questionnaire Training. First 5 has partnered with Strategies 2.0 to provide funded partners with free local trainings in the past. In an effort to continue adding value through these trainings, First 5 is looking to provide more Ages and Stages Questionnaire Trainings. The partner First 5 is looking to provide this training is the Stanislaus County Office of Education. Commissioner Harwell asked if this training would be available to all of First 5's funded partners to which David Jones said yes and that First 5 might expand beyond funded partners as well.

**Motion by Lilly-Tengowski, Second by Chiesa (9-0)**

8. Public Hearing- None

9. Correspondence - None

10. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Paredes-Walsborn shared that she attended a parent café in Oakdale this past January and was impressed with the activities and attendance. She also expressed her gratitude to all Commissioners and staff who attended the February Summit and for all the travel arrangements that were made for Commissioners to attend the February Summit in Irvine Ca. She enjoyed the summit and learned a lot from it as well, such as the difference between Promotoras and Family Friends and Neighbors. Commissioner Harwell shared how Dr. Rosemarie Allen spoke about the effect of trauma on children and disparity. She also shared that boys and girls of color are more likely to be suspended from preschool. Commissioner Harwell further mentioned that this keynote speaker shared a lot of new beneficial information to the group and she spoke about how teachers may treat children differently and the percent of discipline that occurs within the color community. Chair Bauman also added that the keynote speaker was fantastic and very powerful in talking about implicit bias. Commissioner Harwell spoke about the importance of dual language learners and how much more the brain is developed in those who learn two languages at once. Commissioner Harwell mentioned this also helps children in problem-solving and cognitive skills. Commissioner Skol shared how interesting the scientific equipment used to determine brain function in infants is and how it is used to measure brain waves.

11. Staff Reports – David Jones thanked the Commissioners for attending the February Summit in Irvine and those who attended the January 29 First 5 Board of Supervisors presentation. Susan Mendieta Beasley was thanked for presenting at the Board of Supervisor’s meeting and for bringing clients to share their story as well. Jones also reminded Commissioners that 700 Forms are due April 1<sup>st</sup> and that ethics training is due by the end of March for some as well. He explained that Commissioners could fulfill this with an online class they received a link for over email. County Counsel Boze was not certain if County Counsel would be able to provide an in-person ethics training before the deadline as a results of some departmental changes. Commissioner Skol asked whether there would be waivers available offering an extension to complete the course if an in-person version was not offered by the County. Counsel Boze indicated that a training of some sort would need to be attended.

Further, Jones spoke about the mid-year budget and how the \$100,000 the Commission accepted last August from Sunlight Giving was included. David Jones shared the importance of Adverse Childhood Experiences (Aces). Jones also gave a revenue update and shared that First 5 has received revenue funding for July – November and Prop. 56 funding as well from the state. The Executive Director also briefed Commissioners on IMPACT funding from the state of California and shared that about five years ago First 5 Stanislaus had the right of first refusal for funding targeting the quality of early childhood education and First 5 Stanislaus declined the funding. Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) accepted the funding five years ago. First 5, YCCD and the Stanislaus County Office of Education have been working together for the past few months in regards to IMPACT funding for this new round of funding. First 5 wanted to make sure it was prepared for these discussions to see if it was appropriate for First 5 to pursue that funding or not. Jones emphasized that they are getting close to making this decision but at the moment it does not look like First 5 will be a lead organization in this endeavor. However, YCCD and First 5 have been working together to look at First 5’s strategic plan to identify opportunities to work in partnership with the Family Resource Centers, Healthy Starts and libraries. More meetings are scheduled to take place as the three organizations work collaboratively on the grant application. The FRC Leadership Team wants to move forward with

the On the Verge leadership cohort for their staff for this next fiscal year. This is an exciting opportunity. First 5 is also in talks with United Way on a possible partnership. Jones also shared that there has been a date established for the Spanish ECE conference (May 16<sup>th</sup>) and it is currently planned to be taking place at Bret Harte Elementary. First 5 is anticipating the use of Sunlight Giving Funding for the Spanish ECE event. Commissioner Bauman shared that she became aware of some training which would be taking place in Spanish with an English translations. Jones also shared that First 5 Stanislaus was featured in a Stanislaus Magazine and passed out copies.

12. The Commission meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.