

FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO
Technical and Professional Advisory Committee
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Members Present:

Carol Skiljan, Chairwoman
Aimee Zeitz
Elizabeth Maruchau
Jim Farley
Jo Ann Leone
Lindsey Wade
Martha Trevisan
Patricia Sinay
Philip Ziring
Robert Yarris

Members Excused

Karma Bass, Vice-Chair

Staff Present:

Barbara Jiménez, Executive Director
Lynn Eldred
Grace Young
Lauren Chin
Shiri Hoffman, County Counsel

Minutes for March 21, 2011

Call to Order

Chairwoman Skiljan called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Approval of TPAC Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2010

ON MOTION OF TPAC member Farley, seconded by TPAC member Yarris, TPAC approved the minutes of November 15, 2010 as presented.

AYES: Skiljan, Bickel, Farley, Leone, Maruchau, Trevisan, Yarris, Wade, Zeitz, Ziring
ABSENT: Bass
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

Opportunity for Public Comments

No public comments were received

TPAC Member Recusal Reminder

Chairwoman Skiljan reminded the TPAC members to recuse themselves from voting on any agenda item that has a real or perceived conflict of interest.

TPAC members received the current list of the Commission's Contractors and Sub-Contractors for their review.

1. Overview of TPAC Roles and Responsibilities

Executive Director Jiménez provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of TPAC in relation to advising the First 5 Commission of San Diego. She noted that Commission staff will ensure that TPAC members are informed about any decisions that are made by the Commission.

Chairwoman Skiljan asked staff to consider adding term of office to the TPAC Operating Rules.

TPAC discussed moving their meetings to an earlier time, and decided to change the regular meeting time to 9:30 a.m.

2. Fostering Safe Communities

Executive Director Jiménez gave a brief overview of the “Live Well, San Diego” Initiative. She stated that the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is developing a comprehensive plan for “Safety” as it refers to fostering communities where all individuals and families are connected, protected and prepared. The goal is to identify opportunities for HHSA to integrate services, optimize resources, and increase collaboration with partners in support of safety.

Executive Director Jiménez reported that the next steps for developing the plan for Fostering Safe Communities is to work with key partners to identify shared goals and priorities; develop a framework and objectives; and design an implementation plan. A survey is being conducted for advisory members to provide their input. Commission staff will forward the link for the survey to TPAC members. TPAC will receive a presentation on the *Fostering Safe Communities* plan in the near future.

3. Presentation on FY 2009-10 Evaluation Findings

Leslie Clarke from Harder+ Company presented the FY 2009-10 First 5 San Diego Annual Evaluation report. The presentation covered key findings and results from the Commission’s initiatives and special projects in the areas of Health, Learning, Family, and Community.

TPAC member Yarris requested information about the number of children that have a grandparent as a caretaker; and the percentage of children served by First 5 San Diego that speak a language other than English.

4. Background on First 5 San Diego's Investment in Quality Preschool

Staff members Grace Young and Steven Smith provided TPAC with background information on First 5 San Diego’s investment in quality preschool, the Preschool for All Demonstration Project (PFA). The presentation highlighted the hallmarks for quality preschool, California’s efforts to improve early childhood education, and the Preschool For All Demonstration Project goals.

5. Staff Update

Executive Director Jiménez reported that the legislature approved AB99. This bill requires the State First 5 Commission to remit \$50 million, and the local commissions to send a total of \$950 million. This money is due to the State by June 30, 2012. Commissions that receive less than \$600,000 per year in Prop 10 revenue are exempt from the requirement. It is estimated that AB 99 will result in the loss of \$88.3 million from First 5 San Diego’s fund balance. This bill currently has not been signed by the Governor.

Executive Director Jiménez stated that at the last Commission meeting, the Chair asked staff to write a letter on her behalf to let the legislators and the Governor know that the commission is very concerned regarding the loss of local First 5 funds to the State. The letters were sent on February 18, 2011.

Executive Director Jiménez noted that she has accepted a position as the Deputy Director in the North Region with the Health and Human Services Agency. She stated that she will continue managing the First 5 Commission until a new Executive Director is hired.

6. Future Agenda Items

- Quality Preschool Initiative

7. Adjournment

Chairwoman Skiljan adjourned the meeting of the TPAC at 4:11 p.m. to reconvene on May 16, 2011.