

FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO
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Members Present:

Fred Baranowski, Chair
Amy Thompson, Vice-Chair
Tracy Drager
Hank Kim
Gina Ellen

Staff Present:

Alethea Arguilez, Executive Director
Martin Cherry, Operations Administrator
Tina Bagsic, Fiscal Manager
Karen Hays, Executive Administrative Assistant

Members Absent:

None

Alternate Member(s) Present:

Cameron Urquhart

Guest / Prospective Member Present:

Ricardo Macedo

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2021

1. Call to Order

Chair Baranowski called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 9:03 am.

2. Opportunity for Public Comments

There were no public comments received.

3. Recusal Reminder

Chair Baranowski reminded the Finance Committee Members to recuse themselves from voting on any agenda items that have a real or perceived conflict of interest.

4. Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from September 22, 2020

ON MOTION OF Vice-Chair Thompson, seconded by Member Drager, the Committee approved the Minutes for the September 22, 2020 meeting.

AYES: Baranowski, Thompson, Kim, Ellen, Drager

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

5. Approval of the Commission Financials for Second Quarter FY 2020-21

The Commission reviewed and discussed the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues and Expenditures including the 2nd Quarter Budget Projection for the quarter ending December 31, 2020.

ON MOTION OF Member Drager, seconded by Member Kim, the Committee approved the Commission Financials for the Second Quarter FY 2020-21.

AYES: Baranowski, Thompson, Kim, Ellen, Drager

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

6. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Arguilez reported on the following items with the Committee:

- First 5 San Diego held an All-Contractor Meeting on January 15, 2021 providing general updates and discussion challenges impacting program targets and necessary adjustments as a result of COVID-19.
- Staffing updates:
 - Vacancies for APOM & Fiscal Manager have been filled (Lenette Javier and Tina Bagsic respectively).
 - Sharon Qin, AAll, will be transferring to the HHS Budget Office and recruitment to fill this position will follow.
- Savings are being realized by putting our public annual report and executive summaries via a new microsite vs. printing hard copies.
- First 5 San Diego has applied for an ACEs Aware Grant put out by Surgeon General, Dr. Nadine Burke-Harris' office to bolster a network of care by integrating and aligning resources for the youngest members of our community and pregnant women. The grant is intended to bring this network of care partners together with a technological infrastructure. Key partners on this effort are Rady Children's Hospital and American Academy of Pediatrics as co-leads. Award should be announced on January 21, 2021.
- Governor's budget:
 - Family Resiliency, CalWORKs funding for home visiting, has not been identified with a reduction.
 - First 5 Association has been advocating for the legislative components that will be most beneficial for our families (i.e. Golden State Stimulus / rapid cash support to families; Income Tax Credits).
 - Early Learning – we're seeing a continuation of Prop 64, the Cannabis Tax. An extra \$21.5M was identified in addition to the \$44M of ongoing. It has been slated to increase capacity of full-day care for children 0-5 years. An additional identification of the Prop 98 General Fund is looking to increase Transitional Kindergarten. There is a one-time \$250M for increasing capacity, plus training for staff and facility dollars. These funds will not go to Community-Based Organizations rather School Districts and/or Local Education Agencies (LEAs).
 - \$1B in childcare funding within the proposed COVID Relief Package. This is a continuation of support to the workforce, childcare providers, and those in essential worker functions.

7. Future Agenda Items

- FY 2021 – 2022 Proposed Budget including an updated Financial Spending Plan

8. Adjournment

Chair Baranowski adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am to reconvene on March 16, 2021.