

FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO
9655 Granite Ridge Drive, Suite 120, MS A-211
San Diego, CA 92123
(858) 285-7710

Members Present:

Fred Baranowski, Chair
Tracy Drager
Hank Kim
Gina Ellen
Ricardo Macedo
Patty Groulx – Acting HHSA Member

Staff Present:

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

Members Absent:

Amy Thompson, Vice-Chair

Alternate Member(s) Present:

Cameron Urquhart

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2021

1. Call to Order

Chair Baranowski called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 9:02 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 January 19, 2021

ON MOTION OF Member Drager, seconded by Member Kim, the Committee approved the Minutes for the January 19, 2021 meeting.

AYES: Baranowski, Drager, Ellen, Groulx, Kim, Macedo

ABSENT: Thompson,

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

5. Approval of the Commission Financials for the Period ending February 28, 2021

The Commission reviewed and discussed the Balance Sheet for the period ending February 28, 2021.

ON MOTION OF Member Kim, seconded by Member Ellen, the Committee approved the Commission Financials for the period ending February 28, 2021.

AYES: Baranowski, Drager, Ellen, Groulx, Kim, Macedo

ABSENT: Thompson

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

6. Approval of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budgets and Financial Spending Plan

The Commission reviewed and discussed Commission's fiscal year 2021-22 Operating Budget, Sustainability Fund Budget, and updated Financial Spending Plan.

ON MOTION OF Member Groulx, seconded by Member Drager, the Committee approved the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budgets and Financial Spending Plan

AYES: Baranowski, Drager, Ellen, Groulx, Kim, Macedo
ABSENT: Thompson
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

7. Executive Director Report

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

- We have been paying close attention to the President's American Rescue Plan.
 - \$43B of total funding with a heavy focus on the Early Childcare Sector and significant increases in child tax credits which will specifically help our low-income families.
 - Focus on state's expanding Medicaid eligibility for women who are postpartum up to 12 months. This is a very critical time in development and wellbeing for both mothers and infants. First 5 San Diego has strategically invested in a pilot for maternal mental health within the HDS program in one region. The vision is to expand this pilot in the future to be countywide through all the HDS regions.
 - First 5 Association is actively engaged and leading statewide discussions and driving legislative priorities in anticipation of this funding.
 - There is an increase in the emergency funding for Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV), which is federal home visiting dollars.
- We have diversified our funding to support HV and that comes with challenges aligning various policies and funding requirements a few examples are:
 - Different funders have different rules and present challenges when aligning and/or integrating the regulations and reporting requirements.
 - Risk of loss of funding as different funding streams change their priorities or there is a competition for those funds.
- First 5 San Diego has been working with Catalyst San Diego, formerly San Diego Grantmakers, on a maternal health pilot expansion. Approximately 75-100 women would be served for approximately \$250K. This would require various funders to support this pilot project.
- Future funds that can be potentially accessed are Mental Health Services Act, as well as collaborating with CWS and their new Family First Services Prevention Act.
- In early discussions with UCSD Institute of Empathy and Compassion which will help support our work in home visiting.
- First 5 Association's Advocacy Day will be held virtually this year on April 27. Members of the Finance Committee will receive invitations to join us in advocating for our local children and families.

8. Future Agenda Items

- Third Quarter Budget Projection for FY 2020-21.

9. Adjournment

Chair Baranowski adjourned the meeting at 9:32 am to reconvene on April 13, 2021.