

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION

HSCC

October 2019

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – August 5, 2019

- Approve 2021 Strategic Plan Consulting Contract
- Amend Persimmony Contract for Data Management Services
- Approve Final Budget and 10 Year Financial Plan for FY19/20
- Presentation: Help Me Grow

HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING MEETING – October 7, 2019

- Amend CalWORKs Home Visiting Contract for Additional Funding
- Review and Adopt F5 Sacramento FY18/19 Annual Report
- Receive 2021 Strategic Planning Update
- Presentation: F5 Sacramento Sustainability Plan Evaluation

STATE AND LOCAL UPDATES

Legislative Update

The state legislature has officially adjourned for the 2019 session. First 5 has been advocating for three bills that align with our policy priorities over the course of this legislative period. These bills are now awaiting signature by the Governor. If signed, they represent significant progress in our efforts to expand our local Help Me Grow program, to improve birth outcomes for African American women and infants, and to strengthen Family Resource Centers' ability to receive dedicated funds from the State of CA. All of these issues are key for improving the health and wellbeing of children and families in our County.

The three bills that are on the Governor's desk awaiting approval are:

- AB 1004 (McCarty): Medi-Cal Developmental Screening. This bill would require screening services to children up to age 3.
- SB 464 (Mitchell): California Dignity in Pregnancy and Childbirth Act. This bill would require implicit bias training for perinatal providers and better data collection for maternal mortality and morbidity rates.
- SB 436 (Hurtado): Family Resource Center. The bill would define a "family resource center" is into statute. First 5s are named as critical partners in intent language.

Black Child Legacy Campaign (BCLC) wins Statewide Award

The Black Child Legacy Campaign won a Merit Award from the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), honored under the Health and Human Services Urban category. CSAC's annual statewide Challenge Awards program honors innovation and best practices in county government. First 5 has been an integral partner with the County, Sierra Health Foundation and many other BCLC partners to reduce African American child deaths in the county. We are proud to be a key contributor toward these efforts.

Sacramento Child Abuse Prevention Cabinet

The Sacramento Child Abuse Prevention Cabinet was awarded \$750,000 from the Federal Department of Justice. The Cabinet will now have \$250,000 each year for three years to fund our work on the development and implementation of a Sacramento Child Abuse Prevention Plan. The award will be used by the Child Abuse Prevention Center (CAPC) to continue to engage leadership from County departments including DHA, DHS, DCFAS and Frist 5, along with private and public partners in education, health and social services. The planning grant will provide infrastructure and allow for countywide education, awareness and coordination of the Prevention Plan. A retreat for the Prevention Leadership Team is scheduled for October 31, with a goal of presenting a Prevention Plan to the Board of Supervisors in early 2020. First 5 staff are looking forward to having this groundbreaking plan completed so that it can be used as the roadmap for prioritizing services in the First 5 Sacramento 2021 strategic plan.

Census 2020 Update

The Commission continues to play a key role in Census 2020 planning. First 5 formed a 0-5 Hard-to-Count Committee earlier this year to focus on local outreach for the 2020 Census. In September, we coordinated two meetings with our Census partners, including a community outreach training for agency front line staff and a re-convening of the 0-5 Hard to Count Committee. The Commission will continue to recruit outreach partners, contribute toward the development of key messages and distribute Census swag and other resources to communities across the county. More information on the census at: census2020.saccounty.net

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ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADVISORY BOARD REPORT
For October 10, 2019 Board Meeting

Melinda Avey provided extensive feedback from the Board's Criminal Justice Ad-Hoc Committee, which she chairs. Need for intoxicated individuals to be offered nearby detoxification rather than merely a few hours in the main (downtown) jail's drunk tank. Also, jail releasees with mental health conditions are given very limited psychiatric meds, but typically wait 5 months to see a psychiatrist for a continuing prescription. Even if they have one, there is no pharmacy near the jail... A methadone/buprenorphine treatment provider reported that in January 2020, Medicare will cover methadone and buprenorphine meds. Also, if current Federal legislation becomes a law, physicians no longer will be limited on the number of patients they prescribe buprenorphine, nor need special training. When France did this, overdoses declined but diversion increased.

There was much discussion at the Prevention and Education Committee on e-cigarettes, benefits for adult smokers as well as problems for adolescents (often non-smokers) with their still-developing brains. Particular concern is with using highly concentrated marijuana oils in e-cigarettes, especially from the "black market", but it appears that even marijuana from dispensaries is frequently untested for contaminants or level of THC.

September's Recovery Happens event was discussed, with suggestions for improvement.