

## **FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION**

### **HSCC Update**

**August 2020**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING - August 3, 2020**

- Approve 2021 Implementation and Systems Improvement Plan
- Approve Revenue Contract with First 5 CA for Home Visiting Coordination
- Approve Final Budget for FY 20/21 and 10-Year Financial Plan
- Presentation: First 5 COVID Response Bright Spots

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING MEETING -October 5, 2020**

- Public Hearing on First 5 Annual Report for FY 19/20

#### **GENERAL UPDATES**

The Legislature and the Governor helped preserve and augment critical funding for services, systems, and supports for California's young children and their families that will help them weather the COVID-19 pandemic and recession.

Specifically, the 2020-21 final budget resulted in:

- Maintaining reimbursement rates for subsidized child care providers, and holding harmless subsidized programs serving families both in person and through distance learning.
- Adding new child care spaces through federal funds; giving stipends to child care providers offering care to low-income children during the pandemic.
- Extending child care vouchers for essential workers, at-risk children, and children with disabilities for 90 days with federal funding from the CARES Act, and giving the workers priority for available year-long subsidized slots, as long as they meet income requirements.
- Preserving funding for the Black Infant Health program.
- Continuing Dental Managed Care service in Los Angeles and Sacramento Counties for calendar year 2021.
- Preserving Prop 56 payments to improve care for Medi-Cal patients, including developmental screenings for young children and ACEs screening and provider training until July 1, 2021.
- Preserving supplemental rate increases for developmental services providers, including Early Start, and keeping Regional Centers whole.
- Maintaining CalWORKs home visiting for families currently receiving services. This reduction in the expansion funds did not affect CAPC's funding.
- Extending the California Earned Income Tax Credit and the Young Child Tax Credit to ITIN filers with children under age six.

One critical issues that the First 5 Association will be advocating in weeks ahead is the Nicotine-Based Vaping Tax, which has been deferred and will be addressed in August.

#### **First 5 E-News**

In August, First 5 is launching an e-newsletter as another communication vehicle to keep connected with contractors, community members and businesses. Topics will vary based on current trends and will feature a contractor's corner, a spotlight section, connection to resources and educational materials. The first edition will primarily be dedicated toward racial equity issues.

### **Addressing Cultural Responsiveness**

First 5 is contracting with Impact Foundry to provide additional supports to staff and funded partners including targeted trainings and technical assistance to enhance our cultural responsiveness. As part of the planning process, Impact Foundry is conducting a partner survey and phone interviews to assess needs for training, consultation and discussion around cultural responsiveness, storytelling that supports fundraising and partner engagement, and organizational and individual development topics. Services provided will include a range of workshops, trainings and supports that enhance skills, build capacity and increase organizational effectiveness.

In addition, First 5 may utilize this partnership to engage in ongoing staff and Commissioner professional development and training to inform agency practices regarding racial, economic and social justice.

### **Funding Cycle 20 21- 20 24 Update**

In April, the Commission approved the three year Strategic Plan for funded services beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. On August 3, Commissioners approved the Implementation and Systems Improvement Plan. (See Attached) The Plan expands upon the Strategic Plan by providing detail regarding funded strategies within each result area. The next planning step is to release competitive Requests for Proposals (RFPs) in the fall. We encourage interested organizations to check the First 5 Sacramento website regularly for more information.

### **Unequal Birth Campaign**

First 5 Sacramento partnered with Sacramento County Public Health and RSE to expand its efforts to reduce African American infant deaths. The mass media campaign aims to raise awareness about the role of racial bias and discrimination in African American infants and maternal death disparities.

The campaign includes creative advertising placement on top radio stations, high-traffic freeway billboard locations, social media, Pandora, and web banners. Since the launch of the campaign, it has generated a total of approximately 12 million impressions and 110,000 engagements on social media. All advertising pieces direct the public to learn more about the issue and potential solutions at [UnequalBirth.com](http://UnequalBirth.com).

In light of recent events surrounding racial and social inequities, the message from *Unequal Birth* continues to be both timely and relevant. As the campaign continues through June 2021, we will monitor conversations to look for opportunities to create renewed interest and action surrounding this topic.

**Department of Health Services**  
**Report to Human Services Coordinating Council**  
**August 2020**

- Public Health "Stay at Home " Amended Order signed by County Health Officer on July 14, 2020- Information at <https://www.saccounty.net/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx>
  - Continue to spend hundreds of hours addressing COVID -19
  - Contact tracing- OHS staff perform rapid contact tracing for those who test positive and follow-up for new cases - Overwhelming task and new tracers are being supplied via Sierra Health Foundation
  - Navigator program - Reopened - Training started for navigators
  - Testing- Going well - STEM EXPRESS takes over on August 10, 2020, increasing testing to ten community based sites
  - Data dashboard-DAILY UPDATES on cases, tests, hospitalizations, ICU, deaths and contact tracing activities to identify any outbreak EARLY - Concerning increase of hospital/ ICU - Case counts are off due to crash of State database CalREDIE
- Medi-Cal Reform: SB1029 introduced granting more legal and procedural power to county Medi-Cal Commission -Testimony by Beilenson - Passed by Assembly Health Committee 13-0, on to Appropriations
- Integrated Care Campus - Switched effort to buy motels - significant progress
- Mental Health Initiative in Schools -Announced at June 24, 2020, press conference
- Working with Supervisor Serna on a joint city/county Methamphetamine conference in the spring
- Consulted with the Sacramento County Office of Education on their decision to stay with online learning through at least October

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# Human Services Coordinating Council

## Report from the Public Health Advisory Board Aug 9, 2020

### 1. Health Services Update

At our July meeting, Dr Beilenson reported on recent activity in the Department of Health Care Services:

Mental Health Providers will be placed in some of the County's schools beginning this Fall.

There is legislation pending that would radically change the Geographic Managed Care system currently used to provide care for Medi-Cal patients in Sacramento County.

At the time of his report, there were 4776 cases of COVID-19 in Sacramento County, and 78 deaths. Dr. Beilenson described difficulties maintaining a robust testing program due to national supply line deficiencies. Dr. Beilenson and Dr. Kasirye have been communicating broadly with the press and with community groups to encourage the wearing of masks, social distancing, hand washing, etc. PHAB members wondered whether Public Health could do a better job communicating with youth and young adults. A few PHAB members volunteered to help with outreach efforts.

### 2. Public Health Update

Dr. Kasirye described recent Public Health Division activities. She has been spending considerable time managing Public Health Lab activities, testing at the public drive through site and in the Jail. There has also been a tremendous amount of work around contact investigation, which was generally overwhelmed by the recent surge. Dr. Kasirye has issued a number of public health orders in conjunction with State mandates. She continues to follow the COVID status of nursing homes and other congregate facilities.

### 3. Tobacco Control Coalition Letter

The Tobacco Control Coalition, a standing subcommittee of PHAB, recently composed a letter to the Rancho Cordova City Council regarding an incident where a 14-year old boy was "roughed up" by Police when they apprehended him with a Swisher Sweet, a small cigar. The letter suggested to the City Council that they consider updating their regulations, consistent with the State, and decriminalize tobacco possession by a minor. PHAB voted to support their letter.

### 4. Adult Correctional Services

Dr. Damiano reported that they had done a good job controlling COVID-19 in the County Jails. All cases were caught on admission and effectively isolated.

### 5. Emergency Medical Services

Dr. Damiano reported that EMS had distributed 8.2 million pieces of PPE to various health and mental health facilities throughout the County.

## **6. Latino Leadership Council**

Herman Barahona, Chair of the LLC Board, and Elisa Herrera, Executive Director, described the activities of this non-profit, health-related organization. They provide outreach and case management to the Latinx communities in Placer and North Sacramento County. They are partnered with Sutter, Kaiser, and other providers. Among their clients, they serve undocumented, mono-lingual Spanish speakers, and attempt to connect them with medical providers. They work closely with their partners and try to arrange a warm “hand-off” once connections are made. They sometimes accompany their clients to medical appointments, even after regular business hours.