

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION
HSCC Update
February 2020

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – December 2, 2019

- Review & Adopt F5 FY18/19 Annual Report to the Legislature
- Review & Adopt F5 FY18/19 Financial Audit
- Approval of Community Connections Grants
- Nominate and Appoint 2020 Vice Chair

HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING MEETING – February 18, 2020

- Approve 2021 Strategic Planning Elements
- Presentation: Evaluation of Efforts to Reduce African American Child Deaths

STATE AND LOCAL UPDATES

2021 Strategic Planning

Staff will present the 2021 Strategic Plan Elements to the Commission for approval on Feb 18, including the Mission, Vision, Strategic Funding Principles, 3-Year Spending Plan and Allocations by Result Area. As more than 25% of the budget needs to be trimmed, it has been a difficult journey. The draft Plan is expected to be presented to the Commission and to the Board of Supervisors in March-April.

First 5 and the State Budget Proposal

Governor Newsom announced his proposed 2020-21 State Budget on January 10th. Emphasizing many of the themes of his inaugural budget, the Governor introduced a \$222 billion state budget that expanded services to tackle homelessness and address affordability across CA.

A key proposal in the Governor's budget was the creation of the Department of Early Childhood Development under the CA Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS), effective July 1, 2021. The goal of this department is to promote unified, quality, and affordable services under a single system of state administration and to reduce agency silos. The programs listed below will be under the purview of the newly created Department of Early Childhood Development:

Early Childhood Policy Council
CalWORKs child care (all stages)
Voucher-based programs
Direct contract programs
Head Start and Early Head Start
Emergency child care bridge program (for foster children)
Child care quality programs

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Initiative:

ACEs Aware, a first-of-its-kind screening effort, led by the California Surgeon General Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, to give Medi-Cal providers training to screen for exposure to ACEs. The budget allocated \$40.8 million to DHCS to screen children and adults covered by Medi-Cal.

Developmental Screenings:

DHCS will begin covering payments to encourage Medi-Cal providers to administer age-appropriate developmental screenings, to assess whether a child's motor, language, cognitive, social, and emotional development are on track for their age. The Governor's budget allocated about \$54 million in combined state and federal funds for the additional developmental screening payments.

Early Childhood Policy Council Appointment

Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon announced his appointments to the Early Childhood Policy Council (ECPC) that included Commissioner Donna Sneeringer. The ECPC will advise the Governor, Legislature and Superintendent of Public Instruction on statewide early care and education policy, including the implementation of the 2019 California Assembly Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Childhood Education report. As the Director of Government Relations for the Child Care Resource Center, Commissioner Sneeringer works with advocacy organizations and service providers to identify the need for early education and childcare across California. Donna was instrumental during the development of the Early Childhood Education report that acknowledges First 5 as a leader in early care and education.

Dental Fee-For-Service Proposal: DHCS is proposing to transition all Medi-Cal dental services to the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system. Currently, dental geographic managed care (GMC) exists in two counties – Sacramento where it is the main delivery system, and Los Angeles where it is an option, but the majority of the population opts to use FFS. Due to the ongoing performance challenges, DHCS is proposing this change so utilization will increase. This transition is proposed to occur in January 2021.

Early Learning and Childcare Summit

In January, the City of Sacramento hosted more than 120 local, state and national leaders for their first ever Early Learning and Childcare Summit. Mayor Darrell Steinberg, Vice Mayor Eric Guerra and Mayor Pro Tem Angelique Ashby offered opening remarks and joined experts to discuss how early learning and childcare intersects with economic growth, racial and economic equity and child well-being. Among the panelists were First 5 Sacramento, Child Action, Inc., Sacramento County Office of Education, SETA Head Start and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The goal of the event was to discuss the multifaceted topic with various stakeholders and brainstorm ways to take action to help families and children ages birth to 5 thrive.

Black Child Legacy Campaign Presentation at First 5 CA Conference

First 5 Sacramento presented a session at the 2020 Child Health, Education, and Care Summit in February. The presentation is titled "Building Health Equity in Sacramento County: Black Child Legacy Campaign - Sacramento's Aligned Effort to Reduce African American Child Deaths". It included a panel featuring Chair Serna, Michelle Callejas, First 5 partner agencies and other local Sacramento leaders with the Black Child Legacy Campaign.

Census 2020

First 5 Sacramento continues to take the lead in increasing census participation for households with children ages 0-5. A small grant from the First 5 Association will

allow involvement from parents and trusted messengers to distribute census information and assist with completing the form. A children's book, "We Count" will also be distributed in multiple languages. The book includes counting and colors for kids, and census education for the parents. The First 5 Association developed an outreach tool kit that includes ready-to-use social media, fact sheets, posters, bookmarks, radio spots, earned media materials and pre-written articles. Staff will lead a 'train the trainer' for contractors and community partners on February 20th.

Department of Health Services
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- Continuing work regarding Medi-Cal Reform
- Continuing expansion of MHSA
- Meetings scheduled/continuing regarding Integrated Care Campus
- Tobacco Ordinance pending – Outreach to proponents and opponents
- Sacramento County Health Center is performing well
- First Syringe disposal box placed at Harm Reduction Services on Stockton Blvd.
- Coronavirus – Drs. Beilenson and Kasirye have given multiple interviews

Peter Beilenson, MD, MPH

February 2020 Report to the Human Services Coordinating Council

Strategic Plan

The various projects detailed in the Plan are being tracked monthly by the Executive Committee and most are on schedule.

General Meeting

The officers for 2020 are Chair Reggie Clator, Vice Chair Angelina Woodberry, Secretary Cindy Cain and Member-at-large Bradley Miller. A community Survey was created and distributed. Member Retreat is February 10.

Children's Trust Fund

All 3 contractors are pretty much on schedule. We will be funding CAPC to do the Oversight Committee Report next year, which relieves a significant amount of staff time which is needed to support other Coalition activities. Contractors provided a yearly report to the entire Coalition. An RFA has been developed for the funding of the Childrens Report Card

Ernie Brown, Sacramento County Children's Coalition

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Public Health Advisory Board

February 13, 2020

Recent Topics of Discussion:

1. Sexually Transmitted Infections - February

PHAB heard presentations from Staci Syas, manager of the County's STI/HIV programs. Unfortunately, there continues to be a sharp increase in the incidence of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis. Chlamydia and gonorrhea are most prevalent in the 15 - 24 population groups. Syphilis affects older ages. The occurrence of these diseases can have devastating effects, causing infertility, premature births, childhood anomalies and death. Staci briefly described efforts to combat these diseases, including education, case finding, and STI clinics. Unfortunately, the epidemic continues. PHAB will form a subcommittee to explore this area, make recommendations.

Jovanie Harris, and educator with Planned Parenthood, provides educational programming in some schools with the greatest incidence of disease. He discussed the challenges.

2. Women, Infants, and Children - January

Amelia Schendel, Director for WIC, discussed the efforts of her agency. WIC is a federally-funded supplemental nutrition program. Its goal is to improve pregnancy outcomes and promote optimal health and growth in children 0-5 years, years that are very consequential because of their lifetime impact. They also serve the homeless and foster families. Services include free, healthy foods, nutritional education and counseling, and referrals to medical care and community services. There is an emphasis on breastfeeding. There are currently five clinic locations. In addition to 41.4 FTE employees, there are many volunteers, including students in nutrition, nursing, etc. Unfortunately, WIC funding is at risk. First 5 provides funding for the lactation program, but this will be decreased by 40%. They are also dealing with encroachment of homeless on their clinic space, which makes it difficult to provide services.

Steven Orkand
