

**Human Services Coordinating Council Agency Report  
June 2021**

**Department of Child, Family and Adult Services Updates  
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- When the Dine at Home Sacramento Meals Program ended April 30, 2021, DCFAS shifted funding to transfer the 180 remaining recipients to the Meals on Wheels (MOW) by ACC program. The contract will end on June 30, but fortunately, MOW by ACC received additional federal funding, so the recipients will be able to remain in the program and continue to get their nutritional needs met.
- DCFAS released a Letter of Interest/Statement of Qualifications to elicit interest from community-based providers to operate an emergency shelter for older adults experiencing or at risk of abuse or neglect.
- DCFAS is implementing a staggered plan to have employees return to the office. Management employees will return on June 15; supervisors and administrative services officers will return June 28; and all remaining employees will return July 12. All employees will return to their pre-pandemic schedules, e.g., if they were teleworking or had a 9/80 schedule, they will resume those schedules. DCFAS will adjust protocols based on updated guidance from Cal-OSHA and Public Health. DCFAS will also begin assessing the extent to which more employees can telework moving forward.
- DCFAS submitted a balanced budget to the Office of the County Executive. Due to cost increases, we eliminated a contract for a program that never started, thus having no impact to existing services. No other reductions were made. DCFAS also submitted several growth requests, and many are included in the County's Recommended Budget. Budget Hearings will be held on June 9, 10 and 11 and if the Board supports the requested growth, DCFAS will gain 30 new positions. The majority will go to IHHS and CPS and one will go to department's Administrative Services Division.
- DCFAS is planning to offer Implicit Bias training to the next round of DCFAS employees. The first round of training targeted leadership and management and DCFAS invited several other departments and agencies to send their leadership teams as well. This next round will focus on supervisory level staff and DCFAS will extend the opportunity to others.

## Department of Health Services

### Director's Report to HSCC – June 10, 2021

**Novel Coronavirus:** Coronavirus case transmission in Sacramento County is slowing and are now in the Orange Tier as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. This gives opportunities for more businesses and venues to open. June 15<sup>th</sup> is the date that the State still intends to move Beyond the Blueprint and discontinue the color tier system. Businesses will be able to open up with exceptions for “mega- events” that will still have some guidance in place. At this time, Cal OSHA is still indicating they are going to require mask wearing in indoor workplaces and at mega-events that have mixed groups of vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

**Wellness Crisis Response and Call Center (formerly Alternative to 911):** We have continued to do planning with law enforcement partners and learning about various models that we may be able to adapt for our program implementation. We will be seeking additional community input and plan to develop this project more fully over the next few months. Budget presentation for this program is scheduled for the Board of Supervisors on the morning of 6/9/21.

**Cal AIM Planning:** The County is drilling down on how to best implement Cal AIM efforts within our County and community based organizations in partnership with our managed care plans. We plan to host a workshop with the Board of Supervisors later this summer as we learn more from the State about the rollout and the available resources to communities.

**Laura's Law/Assisted Outpatient Treatment:** our intention is to beginning planning in earnest for this Program after the Board of Supervisors has approved the County budget. Sometime in late June or early July we will have a meeting with community groups and stakeholders.

**Elimination of Dental Managed Care:** There is a proposal on the table by the State Department of Healthcare Services to eliminate Dental Managed Care and move to a Fee for Service model this year. There is an alternative proposal by the Legislature that would delay this for one year with a planning process required beforehand. We have been engaging with the State and monitoring what the likely impacts will be so that we can advocate to ensure community members have a smooth transition to the Fee for Service model when the time comes.

**Mental Health Services Act Plan:** Our MHSA Plan has been developed with extensive community input. It will go to the Board of Supervisors for approval in August.

**FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION**  
**HSCC Update**  
**June 2021**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – May 3, 2021**

- Approval of Funding Recommendations for Evaluation Services and RAACD Steering Committee Support
- Approval of Lease Agreement 2021-2027
- Approval of CalWORKs Revenue and Contracting Authority - Home Visiting
- Approval of Recommended Budget and 10-Year Financial Plan for FY 21/22
- Presentation: Birth & Beyond Evaluation Report for FY 19/20

**UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA- August 2, 2021**

- Approval of Updated 2021-2024 Implementation Plan
- Approval of Final Budget and 10-Year Financial Plan for FY 21/22
- Presentation: Community Connections Grant Wrap-up
- Presentation: Demonstrating Impact through Tableau Dashboards

**CA State Budget Update**

With the release of the Governor's May Revise last month, First 5 staff have been monitoring several bills that will greatly impact children and families, including:

- The disbursement of the \$300 million in Federal funds for child care funding
- SB 395 Vape Tax with First 5 receiving our equivalency of 15%
- Increased funding to support California's prevention work under the Family First Prevention Service Act to build locally driven services and support for children at risk of entering foster care
- Augmentation to the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children
- The ECE Coalition Letter ask for a comprehensive child care family focused plan (access, reimbursement structure, facilities improvements and professional development).
- The May revise was silent on the bill that was introduced into the State budget process which would send \$20 million in one-time COVID Relief funding to the county First 5 Commissions for local early childhood systems integration. The Association and First 5 Sacramento is supporting the bill due to the unique state fiscal and political landscape and the opportunity to advance the understanding of the connection between early childhood systems development and child outcomes to the work of First 5s. We have already begun our systems integration work within the Home Visiting Coordination Collaborative, but have many ideas for additional systems, including better integration of the health plans/health systems. Even if this money does not get allocated in the final State budget, First 5 staff will continue our efforts to work closely with the health plans and health systems, especially as relates to disproportionate health outcomes for minority children and pregnant women.

- The May Revise called for the elimination of Dental GMC, which has been an on-again/off-again item on the Governor's budget for the last two years. Key concerns with the elimination include: uncertainties regarding the Fee-For-Service (FFS) provider network capacity, a relatively short transition time (4-6 months) to move all clients from GMC to FFS, and the potential loss of a critical school-based oral exam and fluoride varnish program that is currently funded by the Dental plans. The upside is that we typically see higher utilization rates in a FFS model, so it is expected, though not guaranteed, that rates would increase with the change. County leadership reached out to Senator Pan to advocate for a delay in terminating the program. As a result, the legislature has rejected the proposed termination and is asking the governor to conduct some research on the impact of moving to Fee-for-Service and to develop a transition plan prior to recommending any future elimination.

### **Office Space Updates**

First 5 staff are working with County Architectural Services Department to prepare for the build out of the updated Commission offices at our current location. The lease, which was approved by the Commission in May, outlines a significantly reduced footprint with fewer individual offices and an update to existing cubicles that will allow for additional hoteling space. This will right-size staffing needs, as several First 5 employees will continue to telework several days a week. The lease eliminates one-third of our office space and improves the overall environment by building out a glass wall in the conference room and having new paint and carpets installed. We anticipate saving approximately \$67,000 per year on leasing costs, as compared to our current least rate. These funds, which will total nearly \$445,000 over the 80 month period, will be returned to the Commission's reserves for future investment into direct services for children and families.

### **Community Resilience/Leadership Initiative**

The Commission's Community Connections Grant (CCG) Program will culminate on June 30. Over the last 5 years, more than 60 parent-led groups have been funded by First 5 to build social capital, reduce isolation for families with young children and provide family strengthening activities (literacy, arts, nutrition, cultural events, etc.) First 5 has been actively looking for partners in the community that would continue to support such a program that encourages building relationships and civic engagement. I am pleased to report that HealthNet, through a partnership with Lead 4 Tomorrow, will provide one year of funding for Family Huis and parent leadership opportunities. While the Family Huis help build leadership at the personal and family level, the community leadership program will work with other local community-based organizations, including our contractors and members of our Home Visiting Collaborative to build leadership capacity of parents and caregivers at the community level. Parents that participate in trainings and activities will receive a small stipend to recognize the value of their time and energy. The Commission staff are excited to partner with HealthNet and Lead4Tommorw to continue the work started through the CCG program.

### **Commission Seat Open**

Commissioner Terrie Porter resigned her seat on the Commission as a result of her job move to Los Angeles. This leaves an open seat that will serve as Commissioner Wagstaff's alternate. According to bylaws, the seat must be filled by a County employee working in a leadership position within Social Services. Chevon Kothari, the County's new Director of Health Services, has applied to join the Commission and will begin in August, pending Board approval.