

**Human Services Coordinating Council
Agency Director's Report
June 2022**

**FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION
HSCC Update
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HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – May 2, 2022

- Approve FY22/23 Recommended Budget and 10-Year Financial Plan
- Racial Equity in Strategic Planning Discussion- Targeted Universalism
- Approval of 2024 Strategic Plan Decision Points:
 - Consultant Services Contract
 - Spending Plan
- Approve Proposal to First 5 CA for Refugee Support
- Approval of ARPA Funding to Implement Building Strong Families Project
- Approval of CalWORKs Home Visiting Revenue Agreement with DHA and Expenditure Contract with CAPC for the Family Support Initiative
- Public Hearing: First 5 CA Annual Report for FY21/22

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO GENERAL UPDATES

Strategic Planning Update

Commissioners have begun discussions around Strategic Planning for the 2024 funding cycle. This strategic planning process will differ from those previously and aims to incorporate a Racial Equity framework for decision making. At the May Commission meeting, a consultant was hired and the \$44.6 Million spending plan was approved. Over the summer, staff will be busy collecting community input/parent voice to strengthen our understanding of child & family assets and needs. We will be reaching out to all partners to promote an on-line needs assessment survey. Our goal is to reach at least 2,000 parents and get their input on what's important/helpful in raising happy, healthy children who reach their full potential.

ARPA Funding Secured- Building Strong Families

First 5 partnered with the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS) to request American Rescue Plan Act funding to implement a new program titled Building Strong Families. Last month, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved funding in the amount of \$3.9 million over the next 2.5 years. First 5 and DCFAS will contract with community based agencies to hire Family Support Navigators. The Navigators will connect stressed families to critical services such as home visiting, health and mental health services, transportation,

housing and basic needs, with a goal of building stronger families in the geographic locations hardest hit by COVID.

Afghan Refugee Services Proposal Submitted

First 5 Sacramento applied for a grant from First 5 CA for \$750,000 for next fiscal year. If awarded, the funding will be distributed to six local refugee support agencies. These agencies attend a community listening session to help inform the development of our proposal. The group prioritized emergency housing, navigator/case management staffing and the distribution of basic needs such as car seats, cribs, baby clothes, diapers, etc.

Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (REDI)

In the upcoming months, staff and our consultants, Racial Justice Advocates, will continue to meet to further actualize recommendations from our REDI + Cultural Responsiveness Survey. We will provide opportunities for committee members to review and plan to assess individual capacities to leverage and support the REDI+CR work. Lastly, the willingness and commitment of commissioners, advisory committee members and staff to support this work has been demonstrated throughout this process and was highlighted as exemplary.

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Novel Coronavirus: Our COVID-19 case rates have significantly climbed during this past month. That being said, we are still not seeing a significant increase in our hospitalizations and death rates. We will continue to monitor and are still recommending vaccinations and boosters as the most effective strategy for avoiding serious illness and death. We are also strongly encouraging mask wearing in areas that may have high transmission rates.

Monkey Pox: Sacramento County was the first to get a case of Monkey Pox in California. As of 5/31, we have 3 confirmed cases and are doing contact tracing/testing to determine if there will be others. We are working to vaccinate contacts of those that have tested positive at this time to reduce the overall spread/impact.

CalAIM Planning: CalAIM planning continues to be underway as we are working with the Plans to look at significant investments in building capacity surrounding school based mental health, services to the unhoused population, services for individuals with severe mental illness and substance use disorders, and services for those transitioning out of incarceration. We encourage individuals to stay apprised of these efforts through our website: [CalAIM-Home \(saccounty.gov\)](https://www.saccounty.gov/calaim-home) and through the CalAIM Roundtables. If you have any questions related to CalAIM Roundtables or stakeholder effort in general, please contact saccalaimroundtable@transformhc.com for more information.

Health Authority Commission: The Health Authority Commission continues to engage in Strategic Planning efforts to improve health care access and quality for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. These meetings are open to the public and other stakeholders. For more information go to: [Sacramento County Health Authority Commission \(saccounty.gov\)](https://www.saccounty.gov/health-authority-commission)

Behavioral Health Continuum: DHS is looking to build out capacity for additional sub-acute beds, substance use disorder residential treatment beds, and children's crisis beds. A recently finalized RAND Study helped to inform these gaps in our care continuum. We have submitted a grant to the State (BHCIP) to build a 64 bed sub-acute facility that we hope to hear about in the end of June.

Behavioral Health Initiative Updates: We are hoping to launch both our Assisted Outpatient Treatment (Laura's Law) and our 24/7 BH Urgent Care expansion later this summer. Due to significant workforce challenges with hiring for our Wellness Crisis Call Center and Response Teams (Alternative to 911), we anticipate an October 1st launch date vs. a July go live date. This program is intended to serve all jurisdictions in Sacramento County, including our cities. We are also requesting additional staffing capacity to increase services to our unhoused populations in encampments, shelters, etc.