

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

**FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION
HSCC UPDATE
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HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – March 7, 2022

- Approve 2024 Strategic Plan Timeline and Release RFA for Strategic Plan Facilitation (Centering Racial Equity into Planning Process)
- Presentation: F5 Sacramento Annual Evaluation Report for FY20/21

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO GENERAL UPDATES

Strategic Planning Update

Staff 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 REDI framework for decision making. We are working on an overview of the timeline, plans for Commission involvement and participation in strategic planning retreats.

Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (REDI)

Responses to the Racial Equity and Cultural Responsive survey that Commissioners, staff and Advisory Committee members participated in late last year have been compiled and recommendations for moving our REDI efforts forward have been developed by our consultant team at Racial Justice Advocates. A report of recommendations will be discussed later this month in a joint meeting of the SOS and Advisory Committees. We're looking forward to digging into the recommendations and talking in greater detail about what implementation might look like and the various roles that each group can play in making them a reality.

Staff are also actively engaged in efforts to plan and implement parent leadership and advocacy opportunities. We're exploring a variety of ways for parents to engage with us and each other including an online learning, a self-paced option, as well as a formal program called Parent Leadership Training Institute.

Afghan Refugee Services

Hibiu Hummadi, Health Programs Manager with Opening Doors, presented at the February Quarterly Contractor's meeting. The presentation walked attendees through the Afghan Placement and Assistance Program. The language barrier, literacy and low income continue to be challenges. First 5 Sacramento will continue our partnerships with local agencies to connect refugees with young children to family support services. F5CA will release a Refugee Assistance RFP on March 15, which F5 Sacramento will apply for up to \$750,000. Staff plan to hold a listening session with Afghan parents and providers to gain their insight into what the biggest needs, opportunities and assets are locally. We will use this

information to develop our proposal and ultimately to distribute funding to providers who can implement the prioritized activities.

Regional HV Summit:

First 5 Sacramento has taken the lead in coordinating a Regional Summit for Home Visitors from Sacramento and 8 other surrounding counties. On April 26, [Dr. Ernie Mendes](#) facilitate a virtual summit dedicated to supporting home visiting and family support service staff. This topic is especially important, as a recent Home Visiting Workforce Study funded by F5CA found that:

- The well-being of the home visiting workforce is a concern, with one quarter reporting to have depressive symptoms
- Since COVID, the home visiting workforce is working almost twice as much as before.
- About half of the respondents would like additional mental health support.
- Reporting more depressive symptoms and experiencing discrimination in the workplace decreased the likelihood of remaining in their current position.

First 5 Advocacy Day

This year's annual First 5 Advocacy Day will be held virtually on Tuesday, April 19th. The day will begin with an opening meeting from 9-10 a.m., followed by legislative meetings scheduled throughout the day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Child Care Forum

In partnership with Corbin and Kaiser, child care advocates and parents, First 5 Sacramento participated in a Child Care Forum on February 26. The hybrid event also provided an in-person option held at the Fruitridge Community and Aquatic Center. The event defined the problem as experienced by childcare providers; gave a platform for parents to voice challenges they face with securing child care; and addressed short and long term solutions for our local elected officials to begin childcare reform. Assemblymember McCarty joined the forum, sitting alongside the panelists, to brainstorm solutions and reiterate his support for expanding childcare and Universal PreKinder for all three and four year olds.

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Novel Coronavirus: As case rates have dramatically dropped over the past several weeks, the Governor is moving California to a SMARTER Plan to move past the pandemic. This doesn't signal that there will be no mitigation efforts, but we will shift to doing more pandemic response into a state where COVID becomes more like a seasonal flu. Mask mandates were lifted for all individuals in most settings, other than those that may either be federally regulated (airports) or have individuals who may be immunocompromised and have a greater risk of transmission (health care settings, jails, etc.). For all other settings and individuals, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, there is still a strong recommendation, although no mandate. Schools mask mandates will be lifted on 3/11.

Wellness Crisis Call Center and Response Team (formerly Alternative to 911): We continue to plan for these efforts with a target implementation date of July 2022. A WCCCRT Advisory Board (which is a subcommittee of the Mental Health Board with additional community membership) is being appointed this spring to assist in guiding efforts.

Assisted Outpatient Treatment (Laura's Law): The Board approved the model and budget for our AOT implementation on 1/11/22. We intend to launch this program by July 2022. We are closely watching the Governor's announcements on Care Courts to see how this may interact with Laura's Law implementation.

CalAIM Planning: We will be launching a series of CalAIM Roundtables to keep our community and partners informed of the rollout. The first one was completed on 3/9, with monthly sessions scheduled from here on out. For more information on this email saccalaimroundtable@transformhc.com

Medi-Cal Managed Care Procurement: The California Department of Healthcare Services process for MCP procurement is underway. The Board of Supervisors voted on 3/9 to write letters of support for HealthNet, Molina and Anthem based on a rigorous process that the Health Authority Commission developed and implemented. Kaiser entered into a direct contract with the state to continue to serve its beneficiaries. We should know by this fall which MCPs will be chosen to serve Sacramento County.