

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MEETING AGENDA

from its diverse members, this committee operates as a safe space in order to fulfill our purpose to advise the Commission on how best to serve all children and families in Sacramento County.

February 9, 2024

2:00-3:30PM

This is an In-Person Meeting for Committee Members

2750 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 330
Sacramento, CA 95833

Community/Public May Join By Zoom:

<https://saccounty-net.zoomgov.com/j/1619371049?pwd=WERsdjJHNStjWmIyRVMOVzB4bmhpQT09>

Members:

Robin Blanks, Kairis Chiaji, Carolyn Curtis, Junior Goris (Vice Chair), Janea Hackett-Little, Heidi Keiser, Edward Lewis, Maria Lopez, Fatima Malik, Jennifer Mohammad, Alexxandria Paige, Silvia Rodriguez (Chair), Chase Smith, Tony Smith, Linda Thrift, Darsey Varnedoe, Darla Williams, Walter Wyniarczuk

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| 1. Call to Order/Roll Call | 5 minutes |
| 2. Welcome & Icebreaker | 10 minutes |
| 3. Public Comments on Off-Agenda Items | 2 minutes |
| 4. Meet & Greet with Commissioner Dave Gordon | 15 minutes |
| 5. Approve Minutes from December 8, 2023 | 5 minutes |
| 6. Appoint Alternate Member to the Evaluation Committee | 5 minutes |
| 7. Review & Approve 2024 Long-Range Agenda | 10 minutes |
| 8. Executive Director Update | 10 minutes |
| 9. Presentation: Reducing African American Child Deaths | 30 minutes |
| 10. Member Announcements/Comments | 5 minutes |
| 11. Adjourn | |



ADISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT ACTION SUMMARY

December 8, 2023 2:00 PM

Members: Katie Andrew, Robin Blanks, Kairis Chiaji, Carolyn Curtis, Junior Goris (Vice Chair), Janea Hackett-Little, Heidi Keiser, Edward Lewis, Maria Lopez, Fatima Malik, Jennifer Mohammad, Alexandria Paige, Silvia Rodriguez (Chair), Chase Smith, Tony Smith, Darsey Varnedoe, Darla Williams, Walter Wyniarczuk

Staff: Julie Gallelo, Executive Director
Stephanie Wills, Clerk of Commission
Erin Maurie, Communications and Policy Director

Absent: Kairis Chiaji, Edward Lewis, Alexandria Paige, Silvia Rodriguez, Darla Williams. Fatima Malik attended via Zoom as a non-voting member.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

ACTION: The meeting was called to order at 2:25 PM by Vice-Chair Junior Goris.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Before the meeting was called to order, members participated in a 25 minute ice breaker called 'search and sign'. It allowed members the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about each other.

3. Public Comment and Off-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

4. Approve Minutes from October 13, 2023

ACTION: Motion to approve from Robin Blanks, seconded by Jennifer Mohammad. Katie Andrew and Walter Wyniarczuk abstained. Motion passes.

5. Approve 2024 Meeting Calendar

ACTION: Motion to approve from Carolyn Curtis, seconded by Robin Blanks. Motion passes.

6. Executive Director's Report and October Meeting Debrief

Julie Gallelo debriefed with members on continuing the conversation on the Advisory Committee's role in advancing racial equity with First 5 Sacramento.

Executive Director's Highlights included:

- The November 6, 2023 Commission Meeting
- Update on Sac Family Connect collaboration and website launch
- The funding proposal review process and committee member recruitment
- Living Wage Survey
- REDI +CR staff update
- Children's Fund update
- Child Safety Forward Collaboration

7. Creating the Advisory Committee Meeting Structure

At the October meeting, members participated in an exercise to create a framework for future meetings. The feedback was reviewed, and members provided the following suggestions for future meetings:

- Meet and Greet with Commissioners
- Presentations from contractors
- REDI +CR check-ins
- Teambuilder activities

The following members agreed to create a subcommittee to develop a long-range calendar for 2024: Jennifer Mohammad, Robin Blanks, Maria Lopez and Junior Goris.

8. Member Announcements/Public Comments

Tony Smith made a public apology to the members regarding a controversial inquiry he made about whether or not there is hard evidence that racism is a root cause of poor health outcomes for black women and babies. He stated that his inquiry created discomfort for members and that was not his intention. The members agreed that the Advisory Committee Meetings Agreements and Value Statement will help guide future conversations in a safe space.

Walter Wyniarczuk asked if staff could share with the Commissioners the Advisory Committee's role in advancing racial equity with First 5 Sacramento. Jennifer Mohammad will provide the Committee report at the February 5, 2024 Commission meeting.

Adjourned: 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Maurie

First 5 Sacramento Commission

First 5 Advisory Committee Long-Range Calendar 2024

Date	Presentation
February 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teambuilder • Meet & Greet with Commissioner Dave Gordon • Appoint Alternate Member to Evaluation Committee • Review + Approve Long-range Calendar • Presentation: Reducing African American Child Deaths
April 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teambuilder • Budget Update • Participatory Funding Process + REDI (April + Stephanie) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Space for Brainstorming
June 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teambuilder • Meet & Greet with Commissioner LaWanda Wesley • FY 22-23 Annual Evaluation (ASR) •
August 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teambuilder • Presentation: Help Me Grow (SCOE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Space for Brainstorming
October 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teambuilder • Meet & Greet with Commissioner Steve Wirtz • Presentation: Health Equity at the State Level (Silvia R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Space for Brainstorming
November 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teambuilder • Review & Comment on 2025 Policy Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Space for Brainstorming
Desired Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive Presentation from Community Groups, Staff, Members and Grantees, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advocate Orgs- Youth Forward/Sac Kids First ○ School Student Bodies ○ Domestic Violence WEAVE ○ Early Childhood Nutrition-Preschool/TK Opportunities • Discussion about Community Needs (for next Strategic Plan period)
Teambuilding/ Icebreakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cush Ball • 2 Truths and 1 Lie • Arm Slinky • Lost Shoes • Build a Story

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION
Advisory Committee Updates
February 2024

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST COMMISSION MEETING – February 5, 2024

- Approval of Fiscal Year 2024-25 Policy Priorities
- Public Hearing: Review and Adoption of the First 5 Sacramento Commission Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022-23
- Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute Contracts for Programs in the 2024 Strategic Plan Priority Areas of Health and Well-Being and Systems Improvement in the Amount up to \$12,158,109
 - Pregnancy Peer Support
 - Breastfeeding Support
 - Help Me Grow
 - Crisis Nurseries
 - Family Engagement & Connection at Schools
 - Oral Health Systems Improvements

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO GENERAL UPDATES

First 5 Welcomes New Staff

Sheng Yang joined the First 5 staff in December as an Administrative Services Officer I. Sheng has been with the County for over three years and comes to First 5 from the Department of Finance where she was an auditor. Sheng has a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and is currently working on her Master of Business Administration in Finance from California State University, Sacramento. Sheng will be supporting current contracts and developing new contracts for the next funding cycle, FY 24-27.

Staff is in the process to on-board two additional administrative staff in the coming months.

Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) Retreat

On January 6, First 5 Sacramento kicked off the second year of PLTI with a retreat at Sacramento State University. In total 40 parents will be participating in 20 weeks of sessions on civic engagement. The Spanish class will be held at La Familia FRC and the English class will once again be held at Robertson Community Center. PLTI funding is made possible by our partnership with Sacramento County Department of Public Health and a Sacramento County Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) grant.

First 5 Association Annual Summit and Advocacy Day

The annual state summit is in Sacramento February 5 and 6, concluding with Advocacy Day on February 7 at the state capital. Commissioner LaWanda Wesley will kick off the Summit with a welcome and land/labor acknowledgement and meet with state leaders for Advocacy Day.

First 5 Sacramento Presentation to First 5 CA Commission

On January 25, the executive director addressed the F5 CA Commissioners at their quarterly meeting. Highlights of the presentation included a PowerPoint showcasing our unique Greater Sacramento Region (9 county commissions) and focused on our diversity and strengths. Information and outcomes were provided on regional efforts, including three First 5 CA grants: Refugee Family Services, Home Visiting, and IMPACT early learning programs. First 5 Sacramento and the Refugee Enhancement and Development Association-REDA (our contractor working directly with refugee families in Sacramento) requested that First 5 CA continue to invest in systems improvement and direct services for refugee families. Funding is currently scheduled to culminate on June 30, 2024.

Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion and Cultural Responsiveness (REDI +CR)

The Participatory Grant Making (PGM) process led by REDI partners Pure Jeanius Consulting and Touchstone Consulting is in its initial phases. First 5 staff and partners are working collaboratively with County leadership to leverage CBO capacity building efforts funded by ARPA. Partners recognize that there is strong alignment across the county-wide projects which seek to expand capacity and sustainability of small to medium grassroots agencies, especially those that are owned, operated by and/or serving families of BIPOC residents and families. By working collaboratively with the County, First 5 can maximize resources and ensure that we don't fatigue the agencies we are seeking to work with under our new REDI+CR funding allocation in the 2024 strategic plan.

In addition to working with staff and County leadership, Pure Jeanius Consulting attended the First 5 Sacramento Regional Meeting in January to share Sacramento's participatory grantmaking process and similar initiatives. Regional executive directors were so interested that a series of meetings have been scheduled to focus on Participatory Grantmaking in order to leverage efforts.

An all-staff REDI retreat is scheduled for February 29, where the team will continue to focus on building individual and collective capacity and mapping out future equity work.

Celebrating 25 Years

This year First 5 celebrates 25 years since the passage of Proposition 10. First 5s across the state will be using a customized local logo throughout the year. We will proudly display this on all related Commission correspondence. The Sacramento Region is planning a 25-year recognition in the fall and will keep you posted on the planning.



Sacramento County Child Care Coalition

Last fall, the Childcare Coalition requested \$650,000 in ARPA funds from several County Supervisors to address the loss of child care providers during the pandemic; \$300,000 had already been allocated for this purpose. The Board of Supervisors approved the additional amount. The funding from each district will specifically be used to support child care providers located within Districts 1, 3, 4 and 5 for the following: 1) child care provider stipends and 2) technical assistance and start-up costs for newly licensed Family Child Care Home providers.

City of Sacramento Children’s Trust Fund

First 5 staff attended Sacramento’s Mayoral Candidates Forum on January 27 at Hiram Johnson High School. The following five candidates are scheduled to speak: Steve Hansen, Kevin McCarty, Dr. Flo Cofer, Dr. Richard Pan and Julius Engel. This mayoral forum is sponsored by the Sac Kids First Coalition and the focus will be on asking candidates how they plan to make Sacramento a safer, more equitable, and vibrant city for our families, children and youth.

On February 1, the Planning and Oversight Commission for the Sacramento Children’s Fund will meet to hear and discuss recommendations for their strategic plan. Local early childhood experts, including First 5, will make recommendations to the committee for the Early Childhood priority. This group has been meeting for the past several months to identify three primary recommendations: 1. Increase access to affordable, quality childcare, 2. Support early school success and, 3. Provide economic supports for families with young children (guaranteed income program, family support navigators, rental assistance).

Governor’s Proposed Budget FY 24-25

In January, the Governor released his proposed budget for FY 24-25. This kicks off the beginning of state budget negotiations over the next six months. This budget overall maintains investments, makes cuts in specific areas and does not increase major funding programs. While there are proposed cuts in this budget to address a \$37 billion shortfall, the Administration plans to hold off on major proposals until they see what the April tax receipts look like.

The specific areas for families are around maintaining early childhood education initiatives related to childcare slots and state preschool, and continued investment in children and youth behavioral health. There was no funding indicated for continuous Medi-Cal coverage protection for young children ages 0-5, which was adopted in the 2022-23 Budget but is conditional on the Department of Finance’s (DOF) financial approval in 2024. This omission will likely result in a delay in implementation beyond January 2025. These top three areas will be the focus of discussion with state legislators at the First 5 Association’s Advocacy Day.