

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION

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EVALUATION COMMITTEE

ACTION SUMMARY

Thursday, January 14, 2021 – 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM



Members: Steve Wirtz (Chair), David Gordon (Vice Chair), Olivia Kasirye

Advisory Committee Member(s): Tony Smith, Robin Blanks

Staff: Julie Gallelo, Carmen Garcia-Gomez

Absent: Dave Gordon

Consultant: Applied Survey Research



This meeting took place via Zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions and to adhere to the County's policy on social distancing.

1. Call to order and Roll Call

Action: Meeting was called to order at 3:11 PM. A quorum was established and introductions by attendees.

2. Public Comments on Off-Agenda Items

Action: None.

3. Approve Draft Action Summary of October 19, 2020

Action: Smith/Blanks. Approved with suggested edits.

4. Approve 2021 Evaluation Committee Meeting Calendar

- Review Year at a Glance Agenda Items

The Committee approved the meeting calendar for 2021. Staff explained the attached Year at a Glance Agenda Items, the list can be revised based on the committee's feedback. Committee motioned to approve the meeting calendar and meeting topics with the understanding the list may change.

Action: Blanks/Smith. Approved

5. Staff Update

Staff informed the committee that the RFP for Data Management System was released in the fall, resulting in 6 vendors submitting proposals. Chair Wirtz asked how the transition period will be addressed. Staff explained that a transition period was built into the timeline should Persimmony not continue to provide the service. Chair Wirtz shared the concern of losing data should the current vendor change. Staff explained the importance of archiving data but ensuring the data is available for future use.

The Evaluation Consultant RFP will be released once the Data Management Systems top 3 proposals are identified, in late January.

Additionally, staff have been working to train new data entry and program staff on Persimmony.

J. Gallelo asked about the Birth and Beyond issues of missing data in Persimmony in previous years. Staff explained that the missing data was a result of children not being entered and assigned a service of home visit. That has been corrected. ASR staff added that it was a very significant issue in previous years by correcting the issues, this year we didn't have any missing dosage data.

Action: None

6. General Evaluation Update – Applied Survey Research

ASR presented the evaluation activities for December 2020. A revision was made to the date of when the Birth and Beyond Annual Report is being presented to the Committee – change from February to March as there is no meeting in February.

ASR provided an update on the Special Studies, they will be presented to the Evaluation Committee in July. Chair Wirtz asked what the topics of the special studies will include. ASR explained that the exact program has not been identified yet, however, it has been discussed that perhaps the Crisis Nursery may be a program that will be looked at. Staff shared that Help Me Grow may be another program that will be studied.

Action: None

7. Review First 5 Sacramento Annual Report FY 2019-20

ASR staff presented the First 5 Sacramento Annual Report, thanking the Committee members for sending feedback ahead of the meeting. The presentation will focus on highlights of the report.

Action: Make the following edits to the report and/or pay special attention to the following:

- Include impact of Covid in the executive summary.
- Add four causes of preventable infant deaths in the report. Ensuring that the data already included in the report is not lost/changed but enhanced (percent decreases).
- Highlight the outcome of "vision screening received services" in the Executive Summary.
- Revisit the B&B data the numbers on the table do not add up.
- Add: consider a transition sentence, "The following results are organized by the 3 Priority Areas" in Executive Summary.
- Moving forward identify additional outcome indicators for B&B.
- Double check the countywide comparison data: 0-17 and 0-5
- Figure 53: remove the Unknown Dosage (n=0)
- Figure 54 make edits to the graph (n=76 may be a typo)

8. Committee Member Comments

a. Miscellaneous

Is there a need for alternates for the Commissioners serving on the Evaluation Committee? J. Gallelo will explore and talk to County Counsel to seek guidance.

b. Future Agenda Items/Presentations – no discussion

Adjourned: 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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First 5 Sacramento Commission