

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION

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EVALUATION COMMITTEE

ACTION SUMMARY

Monday, March 15, 2021 – 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



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

Advisory Committee Member(s): Emily Bowen, Robin Blanks

Staff: Julie Gallelo, Carmen Garcia-Gomez

Absent:

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 1:04 PM. A quorum was established and introductions by attendees. Chair Wirtz and other members welcomed the newest member, Emily Bowen.

2. Public Comments on Off-Agenda Items

Action: None.

3. Approve Draft Action Summary of January 14, 2021

Action: Blanks/Wirtz. Approved with suggested edits.

4. Staff Update

Staff provided an update on the Data Management System RFP, with Persimmony International, Inc. as having been selected as the vendor. Chair Wirtz added that the Persimmony International, Inc. demonstrated to be a strong proposal. Staff shared the timeline and planning meetings to ensure the data management system is ready for implementation by July 1st.

The Evaluation Services RFP was released in February, 1 letter of intent was received. The proposal submitted by ASR will be reviewed internally and a recommendation will be provided to the Commission at the May meeting.

Action: None

5. General Evaluation Update – Applied Survey Research

ASR provided an update on the evaluation activities that took place during the month of February. Activities include updates to the evaluation plans, RAACD 6-month data pull, Birth and Beyond Annual Report and presentation to the Evaluation Committee, and the planning for special studies that will be conducted

in the spring. The Special Studies will focus on Help Me Grow and Crisis Nursery and will be presented to the Committee in July.

Action: None

6. Review the RAACD Mid-Year Dashboard
ASR provided an overview of the indicators that are of particular interest at this point in time. The dashboard does not include all of the indicators used in the RAACD report for Black Mothers United.

Chair Wirtz asked a clarifying question regarding the number of referrals provided, in which not all mothers received referrals. ASR staff confirmed that we are not looking at 100% of moms receiving referrals, rather those that need them. Following with how many of those that received a referral, how many were connected and received services as a result of the referral.

The dashboard is created in partnership with staff from Her Health First, if there are any discrepancies in the data, it is looked at and corrected. Any follow-up needed, an internal meeting is scheduled with the program planner and the program to discuss.

Action: Recommendation to include the number of women who entered the program in the FY and how many rolled over from the previous FY to give the total number participating in the program. Take a closer look at the PHQ-9 completion rate and possibly identify any challenges in increased completion rates. Further, look at the Infant Safe Sleep Training and Cribs because 100% of the women should receive this service.

Look at the participants who didn't complete the program - partially completed - what does that mean? Did they not complete the post-partum visit? In addition, the unable to locate, can something be done to identify if those clients delivered?

Birth Outcomes Number of Babies n=33 does not add up the # of babies born with a healthy birth outcome, babies that were low birth weight and babies that were born preterm. ASR staff to verify that data and follow-up with the committee. ASR staff verified prior to the end of the meeting and updated the chart. There will also be an explanation for babies who were both preterm and low birth weight.

7. Review and Approve Evaluation Committee's Roles and Responsibilities
Commission staff presented the Evaluation Committee's Roles and Responsibilities, the document is meant to be a living document and changes can be made as fit. There was discussion regarding the Resolution on Racial Equity and Social Justice and ensuring the work continues to be prioritized.

Action: Approved Gordon/Blanks

8. Presentation: Birth and Beyond Annual Report FY 2019-20
ASR presented the Birth and Beyond Annual Report, explaining that the report highlights services to families who have children from 0-17 because there are different funding sources. Commission staff asked if in the future, the report could include a table that shows all 3 funding streams, ages served, service models, etc. per funding source.

Chair Wirtz ask in regards to low numbers in the program assignment and why may be. Birth and Beyond staff indicated that the data doesn't get entered into Persimmony. The collaborative has recognized that there is missing data and the issue needs to be corrected. Commission staff added the importance of doing quality assurance on data because client records are not updated; it is recommended that exports happen once a quarter and data looked at for errors.

Further, CPS Joint Visits were discussed, in particular whether there is a gap in CPS Joint Visits with the 129 that did not receive a CPS Joint Visit (335 referred, 206 who received a CPS Joint Visit). Are these clients who the program cannot engage? ASR suggested adding a variable to the data look-up, identifying families who are receiving CPS Joint Visits. Birth and Beyond staff explained that not all families referred by CPS don't necessarily receive a Joint Visit.

J. Gallelo explained the issue with the data error in an earlier report. J. Gallelo met with DHHS and the issue was addressed and corrected. ASR worked with CPS to correct the data and ensures the data is accurate.

Action: Accepted with recommended follow-up in regards to the issues mentioned above.

9. Committee Member Comments

a. Miscellaneous

Chair Wirtz suggested that members read the Black Child Legacy Campaign report and the First 5 California Home Visitation Workforce Report

b. Future Agenda Items/Presentations – no discussion

Adjourned: 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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