

SYSTEMS OPTIMIZATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

DRAFT ACTION SUMMARY

April 18, 2023– 12:00 p.m.

Members: Erik Fernandez y Garcia

Advisory Committee Member(s): Heidi Keiser, Katie Andrew

Staff: Julie Gallelo, LaTina Price, Erin Maurie, Lindsay Duncel

Community: Jordan Katti & Alyssa Mullins, Applied Survey Research

Absent: Donna Sneeringer, Aiyana Evans, Carolyn Curtis (Advisory)

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. Public Comment on Off-Agenda Items

None.

3. Approve Draft Action Summary of February 21, 2023

Action: MOTION: E. Fernandez y Garcia, Second: H. Keiser
Approved as recommended.

4. Receive Update on Policy and Advocacy Activities

Policy and Advocacy Update

E. Maurie provided committee members with an update on policy and advocacy activities. She reported that First 5's annual Advocacy Day will be held virtually on April 19, 2023. To kick-off the day, participants will view an inspirational video with interviews from two First 5 Sacramento parent leaders. Meeting calendar includes meetings with new members of the state legislator giving staff an opportunity to build awareness and begin partnership building. She added that Commissioners Evans, Sneeringer and Turner Johnson will be participating in advocacy day along with staff.

Committee members were informed of a meeting hosted by Child Action, Inc. virtually on April 5th to celebrate the Week of the Young Child. The meeting brought together community leaders to talk about Child Care Advocacy through a Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Lens. Guest speaker was City of Sacramento Vice Mayor Eric Guerra, a long-time supporter of childcare

providers. The most recent advocacy efforts in Sacramento County include the creation of a Countywide Child Care Coalition supported in part by First 5. The coalition is comprised of local ECE experts and focuses on child care priorities for providers and parents.

H. Keiser, Policy Director for Child Action, Inc. stated that this was the first time providers and parents were a part of discussions on how to engage in racial equity, diversity and inclusion. The agency hired a DEI consultant to support these efforts.

J. Gallelo shared that the first official ask of the Child Care Coalition was of the County Board of Supervisors to use ARPA money to provide matching funds for stipends to child care providers in unincorporated areas. Providers within city limits received \$5,000 from the City of Sacramento's ARPA funds.

5. Receive Update on Systems Improvement/Sustainability Activities REDI +CR

L. Price provided committee members with an update of staff activities and participation in capacity building retreats focusing on racial equity, diversity and inclusion. She stated that staff have completed a total of three retreats and have a final retreat planned for June. Committee members reviewed past agendas providing an overview of the learning topics and processes staff have been engaged in.

Livable Wage Research

L. Price reported that staff, with the help of an intern, have begun researching the topic of a livable wage for Sacramento County. She stated that staff are investigating the benefits and challenges of moving towards a livable wage for First 5 funded positions. Committee members discussed....

6. Review SOS Evaluation Report – Historical View

This report highlights the Commission's systems work from a historical point of view demonstrating efforts that began early on as strategies, most of which have culminated but have long lasting benefit to children and families. These early successes also laid the foundation for the Commission's commitment for systems improvement and sustainability.

A draft outline of the SOS Evaluation Plan was reviewed and discussed at the October 2022 SOS Committee meeting. Since then, ASR along with First 5 staff, researched and drafted highlights and outcomes for the Commission's historical systems work. This resulting evaluation report will also be reviewed by the Evaluation Committee for feedback. Committee members received the SOS Evaluation Report presented by J. Katti from Applied Survey Research.

Members were advised that feedback will be incorporated into the final report set to be presented to the full Commission at the August Commission meeting.

7. Committee Member Comments

H. Keiser announced that the Children’s Coalition applications in response to contracts for Homeless support, mental health support for children and families, and childcare have been submitted and are being reviewed with awardees to be determined in the next month.

K. Andrew announced that Liberty and CPSP providers participated in a free learning event focused on dental care during pregnancy. She stated that 2022 data showed that pregnant women were not utilizing dental care.

8. Upcoming Events/Future Agenda Items

Next SOS Committee Meeting scheduled for June 20, 2023 in person at the First 5 Sacramento Office.

Adjourned: 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LaTina Price, Systems Optimization &
Sustainability Manager
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