



January 25, 2021

January Meeting Minutes

Zoom Conference Call

Commissioners Present

Paul Tichinin	Jim Flaherty	Sandra Applegate	Ben Anderson
John Haschak	Lucresha Rentería	Erica Baumker	Jenine Miller

Public Present

Julie Fetherston	Maritza Villa	Alexandra Rounds	Megan Cavalli	Samantha Bond
Bonnie Boek	Jenna Flesch	Andres Alvarado	Stephanie Zazueta	Taff Cheneweth

ITEM 1 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Tichinin called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and welcomed visitors. The Commission and staff made introductions.

ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Commissioner Tichinin asked for public comment on non-agendized items and opened the public hearing. No comment public received. Commissioner Tichinin closed the public hearing.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR (ACTION)

- Meeting Agenda
- DRAFT December 14, 2020 Commission Meeting Minutes
- Fiscal Report for October 2020
- Fiscal Report for November 2020
- Staff Report

Motion to adopt the consent calendar.

Motion/Rentería, Second/Anderson (all ayes, no nays) Motion Passed.

A roll call of the Commission was taken.

Yes: Tichinin, Anderson, Rentería, Baumker, Applegate, Haschak & Flaherty

ITEM 4 OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Tichinin introduced Jenine Miller as the new Commissioner to the commission and staff. Jenine Miller has been working in Mendocino County Mental Health for 14 years. She started out a clinician of crisis management and has worked her way up from being a line staff clinical to the Director of Behavioral Health which includes mental health and substance use disorders treatment. She currently supervises their public health programs in addition to their behavioral health programs. She has her doctorate in Psychology and did a lot of work with both the adult and youth population.

Commissioner Haschak administered the Oath of Office to Jenine Miller.

ITEM 5 PRESENTATION OF SURGEON GENERAL ON RESILIENCE

Executive Director, Julie Fetherston, presented on the California Surgeon General’s Report on Adverse Childhood Experiences, Toxic Stress and Health.

ITEM 6 DISCUSSION ON SCHOOLS AND COVID-19 (ACTION)

ED Fetherston is not sure if they need to act today on this topic but would like to discuss with the commission. She reviewed the letter that was provided in the meeting packet that points out the effect’s children are having due to not attending school in person, increase of child abuse and decrease of resources. This type of trauma will be generational, so ED Fetherston is questioning how do they compare that to the risk of going back to school and being potentially exposed to COVID-19? There are some schools that have been able to open with protocols that mean lower risk of infection.

Commissioner Flaherty commented he felt the letter was powerful and made him think about doing a similar letter. He had the idea of reaching out to Ukiah Unified School District (UUSD) and the districts around them and ask if a letter of support from FIRST 5 Mendocino (F5M) would help them in their decision making. ED Fetherston mentioned she had reached out to Mendocino County Office of Education (MCOE) and Michelle

Hutchins about whether preschools were opening, what their needs are, where are they on the decision making and how they can help them, but she has not heard back just yet. The guidelines are different based on the ages; usually the end of the age spectrum is more likely to spread the virus.

Commissioner Tichinin would like to add their support to this matter, but it is important to find out how and what that would look like. He asked ED Fetherston if she could do a follow up email, so they are able to get more clear and accurate information before moving forward. Commissioner Rentería commented it would depend on what tier the county is in. Commissioner Tichinin said they should table this item until they have more information.

ITEM 7 UPDATE ON COUNTY AUDITOR

Commissioner Tichinin provided a quick recap on what they have done regarding the A-87 costs from the County. He recently met with the Board of Supervisors and presented their concerns. The auditor agreed to meet via Zoom with him, ED Fetherston and Business Manager, Jenna Flesch. At the end of the meeting, he agreed that there could be some type of resolution and they should put a proposal together and submit it. They are now working on a proposal that backtracks to when they were paying a reasonable amount and move forward from there. Another option would be to separate F5M from the county fiscally but keep going through them for Board appointments. As for the limiting amount that can be taken out has been removed. They are now allowed to request as much as they are wanting without a cap.

ITEM 8 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, QUORUM CHECK & ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

ED Fetherston announced that Maritza Villa-Castillo, Administrative Assistant, would be leaving FIRST 5 Mendocino as of February 5th, 2021. She has been with the organization for five years and is now headed to a new stage in life. The Commission thanked her for her service.

Commissioner Anderson mentioned they have hired a full-time therapist for their Care for Her department. They will begin in March. The Care Management Team Manager has left, and he is now supervising that program.

Commissioner Flaherty commented that in the Surgeon General Report presented earlier has many letters in the beginning and believes they are useful and encourages everyone to read them.

Commissioner Baumker mentioned they hired two new pediatric providers at the office in Ukiah. The pediatric nurse practitioner is bilingual in English and Spanish and they have a new Pediatrician.

Commissioner Applegate reads and gets read to by her grandchildren every night.

Commissioner Rentería mentioned they got a new physician who will start in the next week. They started to do their surveillance testing again. They have vaccinated about 300 people and the second dose will be administered in a couple of weeks.

Commissioner Miller mentioned they have received a grant for Home Visiting and will be expanding that program. They are currently in the process of recruiting. They are focused on being on the Latin population so they will be looking for bilingual workers to get out and expand it through the county. They have two new nurse practitioners for public health. They are working with the sheriff's department on applying for Prop 64 grant for their community to look at illegal marijuana grows and education for use for the youth population on cannabis use.

Quorum check for next meeting on February 22, 2021

Yes: Commissioner(s) Tichinin, Anderson, Applegate, Rentería, Flaherty, Miller and Baumker

No: Commissioner(s)

Tentative: Commissioner(s) Haschak

COMMISSIONER TICHININ ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4:05 P.M.