



March 21, 2022
March Meeting Minutes
Zoom Conference Call

Commissioners Present

Paul Tichinin	Bekkie Emery	Sandra Applegate
John Haschak	Ben Anderson	

Commissioners Absent

Lucresha Rentería	Jenine Miller	Erica Baumker

Public Present

Julie Fetherston	Bonnie Boek	Alex Rounds	Monica Galliani
Andres Alvarado	Jade Aldrich	Megan Carson	Marissa Daniel

ITEM 1 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Applegate called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and welcomed participants. The Commission and staff made introductions. Commissioner Applegate reminded the Commission to turn in all Form 700s by April 1.

ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Commissioner Applegate called for public comment on non-agendized items and opened the public hearing. No public comment was received. Commissioner Applegate closed the public hearing.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR (ACTION)

- Meeting Agenda
- DRAFT Minutes from February 2022
- Staff Report

Motion to adopt the Consent Calendar.
Motion: Haschak, Second: Anderson
Yes: Anderson, Applegate, Emery, Haschak, Tichinin,
Abstain: None
Absent: Baumker,
Miller, Rentería
Motion Passed

ITEM 4 MEETING LOCATIONS (ACTION)

ED Fetherston explained to the Commission that AB 361 requires a vote to determine whether future meetings will be held in person or virtually. The commission must also vote on the location of future meetings. Commissioner Applegate suggested holding hybrid meetings with both teleconferencing as well as in-person options. Discussion regarding scheduling options ensued.

Motion to continue to hold virtual meetings through April 2022.
Motion: Anderson, Second: Haschak
Yes: Applegate, Anderson, Emery, Haschak, Tichinin
No: none
Absent: Baumker, Miller, Rentería

Motion Passed.

ITEM 5 First 5 California Annual Report to the Public (ACTION) – ED Fetherston presented the First 5 California Annual Report. The report contained data collected from all agencies, such as revenues, demographic statistics, and more. She explained that although the report provides a great overview of the general services provided by all First 5s, the report does not encompass all systems work provided by First 5 Mendocino specifically. The report can be accessed through the link below:

https://www.cfc.ca.gov/pdf/about/budget_perf/annual_report_pdfs/Annual-Report-20-21.pdf

Public Hearing was opened at 1:12 p.m.

Motion to accept the Annual Report.

Motion: Tichinin, Second: Haschak

Yes: Anderson, Applegate, Baumker, Emery, Haschak, Tichinin, Rentería

Abstain: None

Absent: Baumker,

Miller, Rentería

Motion Passed

Public Hearing was closed at 1:13 p.m.

ITEM 6 Car Update - ED Fetherston explained that there may be legal complications preventing F5M from giving the car away. She also explained that the Families First Act of Title IVE allows direct service to families, should the County opt in to the Title IVE program. This would make the car a valuable tool for direct family services. Discussion regarding the potential use of the car ensued.

Motion to table discussion until the fiscal year end.

Motion: Anderson, Second: Haschak

Yes: Anderson, Applegate, Emery, Haschak, Tichinin, Rentería

Abstain: None

Absent: Baumker,

Miller, Rentería

Motion Passed

ITEM 7 Update on Talk, Read, Sing

ED Fetherston gave an overview of what the early learning and literacy program will entail. It will center around promoting healthy and learning-inducive interactions with children. The two main components will be a media campaign and book distribution. The program will be integrated into IMPACT and aligned with Strategic Plan communication and programmatic goals. Key elements will include:

- More holistic approaches to early learning
- Focus on developing healthy attachments between children and caregivers
- Promoting brain development
- Increasing supportive and engaging environments
- Activities feasible for any socio-economic bracket
- Culturally inclusive content

Commissioners expressed approval of the program and its development-driven focus. ED Fetherston further explained the proposed book distribution process, which will stem from sign-up forms submitted by caregivers.

ITEM 8 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, QUORUM CHECK AND

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

- *Commissioner Anderson* – Announced that the Mendocino Community Health Clinic has added a pediatrician to their Willits location.
- *Commissioner Tichinin* – Thanked staff for all their great work.

Quorum Check for Next Meeting:

Executive Committee Meeting: April 11, 2022, from 4:00-5:00 pm via Zoom.

Commission Meeting: April 25, 2022, at 1:00-4:00 pm. Commissioners Applegate, Anderson, Tichinin, and Haschak are available. Those absent will be polled and reported via email.

COMMISSIONER APPLGATE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 1:38 P.M.