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Commission Minutes

February 8, 2021

As authorized by Governor Newsom’s Executive Order, N-25-20, dated March 12, 2020, the meeting will be held via teleconferencing with members of the Commission attending from separate remote locations.

Members of the public shall have the right to join the meeting and offer public comment by calling 1 (669) 900 6833 using meeting ID# 860 6081 2382. This altered format is in observance of the recommendation by local officials that certain precautions be taken, including social distancing, to address the threat of COVID-19.

Public comment periods: Matters under the jurisdiction of the Board, and not on the posted agenda, may be addressed by the general public at the beginning of the regular agenda and any matters on the agenda before the Board for consideration. However, California law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter, which is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an emergency by the Board. Any member of the public wishing to address the Board during the Public Comment period will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.

Commissioners Present: Gwen Nitta
Patrick McCarthy
Kim Tucker
Rosemarie Smallcombe
Jennifer McCollom
Kim Martin

Commissioners Absent: Lydia Lower, Margarita King, Shannon Gadd

Executive Director: Nikki West

Members of the Public: Nicole Lezin

I. Call to Order: 4:03 pm

II. Public Comments
None

III. Approval of Minutes:
a. December 14, 2020

A motion was made by Rosemarie Smallcombe to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 meeting. Patrick McCarthy seconded the motion, motion approved. A roll call for all votes was taken.

Ayes –6
Noes – 0
Absent –3 (Lydia Lower, Margarita King, Shannon Gadd)

IV. Budget Reports:

a. Discuss and Approve First 5 and School Readiness Budget Reports (December 31, 2020)

The Commission discussed the budget report for December.

Rosemarie Smallcombe made a motion to approve the December 31, 2020 Mariposa First 5 and School Readiness budget report as presented, and Kim Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

A roll call for all votes was taken.

Ayes –6

Noes – 0

Absent –3 (Lydia Lower, Margarita King, Shannon Gadd)

Abstained – 0

V. Update on Strategic Plan by Nicole Lezin

The consultant, Nicole Lezin, gave the Commission an update on her progress with the Strategic Plan.

VI. Review Mariposa County First 5 Evaluation Report (2019-2020)

The Commission reviewed the Evaluation Report submitted to First 5 CA as the final piece of 2019-2020 FY SPCFA requirements.

VII. Discuss and Approve Contract for Speech Pathologist

The Commission discussed the possibility of contracting with a Speech Pathologist to assist students in the First 5 program. Rosemarie Smallcombe made a motion that the contract be approved contingent on approval by MCUSD Superintendent Jeff Aranguena. Patrick McCarthy seconded the motion. Motion approved. A roll call for votes was taken.

Ayes –6

Noes – 0

Absent –3 (Lydia Lower, Margarita King, Shannon Gadd)

Abstained – 0

VIII. Discuss and Approve Revised Budget

A revised budget for 2020-2021 was presented to the Commission. A motion was made by Jennifer McCollom to approve the revised budget, Patrick McCarthy seconded the motion. Motion approved. A roll call for votes was taken.

Ayes –5

Noes – 0

Absent –4 (Lydia Lower, Margarita King, Shannon Gadd, Kim Tucker (left the meeting at 5:17pm))

Abstained – 0

IX. Executive Director's Report

Nikki West gave the Commission updates on several items including preschools, First 5 CA, Home Visiting Program Grant, Workforce Pathways Grant and an SPCFA update.

X. Adjourn the Meeting: Next Meeting: April 12, 2021 at 4:00pm

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Kim Martin and seconded by Jennifer McCollom. Motion approved. A roll call for all votes was taken.

Ayes –5

Noes – 0

Absent –4 (Lydia Lower, Margarita King, Shannon Gadd, Kim Tucker (left the meeting at 5:17pm))

Abstained – 0