



**COMMISSION MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Friday, April 19, 2024 9 a.m.

Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services

202 Mira Loma Avenue, Oroville

Almanor Room

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**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**1 Chair- Call to Order**

Chair called the meeting to order at 9:13

**2 Roll Call- Identification of Alternate Commissioner**

If Alternate Commissioner(s) are needed, they shall be selected in the following order:

Dr. Rumneet Kullar, Paul Arnold

Commissioners Present: DeAnne Blankenship, Shelby Boston, Dr. Shelly Hart, Scott Kennelly, Tami Ritter, Seng Yang

Alternate Commissioners Present: Paul Arnold, Dr. Rumneet Kullar

Commissioners Absent: Dr. Shaun-Adrián Choflá, Dr. Holly Kralj, Matthew Reddam

Commissioner Kullar and Arnold were identified as voting members.

**3 Agenda Review**

**4 Public Comment**

*Public Comment allows members of the public to comment generally on matters within the Commission's purview but are not on the agenda. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The Commission cannot take action on any matter not listed on the agenda, but may provide staff direction.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Items listed in the Consent Agenda are approved as a set without discussion or individual motions. Individual items may be removed from the consent agenda during Agenda Review or Consent Agenda on the request of any one member. Items not removed will be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items will be placed in Regular Agenda.*

**5 [First 5 Butte Commission Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2024](#)**

**6 [First 5 Butte Commission Special Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2024](#)**

**7 [Fiscal Year 2023/24 Mid-Year Financials](#)**

**8 [Chico Area Recreation and Park District Contract Amendment](#)**

**Commissioners:** DeAnne Blankenship Shelby Boston Dr. Shelley Hart Scott Kennelly Tami Ritter Seng Yang

**Alternates:** Paul Arnold Dr. Rumneet Kullar

Approve an amendment to the Chico Area Recreation and Park District contract X24832 for July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, to provide Nature's ABCs services. The maximum payment for the 12-month term is \$9,010.

**9 [Community Action Agency of Butte County Contract Amendment](#)**

Approve an amendment to the Community Action Agency Inc. contract x25012 for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to provide Child Advocate services. The maximum payment for the 12-month term is \$68,815.

**Motion to approve consent agenda**

**Motion/second:** Hart/Yang

**Ayes:** Arnold, Blankenship, Boston, Hart, Kennelly, Kullar, Ritter, Yang

**Nayes:** None

PUBLIC HEARING

**10 [First 5 California Annual Report](#)**

The Commission will conduct a public hearing and ask for input about the First 5 California 2022/23 Annual Report

The Chair opened the public hearing at 9:14 am and asked for public comment about the First 5 California Annual Report. There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Hart asked Director Bauer how or if rural counties are prioritized in the distribution of First 5 California services. Director Bauer shared that First 5 California does not coordinate their outreach efforts with First 5 local agencies. Director Bauer has engaged in ongoing communications with First 5 California in an attempt to be notified of outreach efforts in Butte. Commissioner Hart would like to see more of that information included in the First 5 California Annual Report.

The Chair closed public hearing at 9:17 am.

REGULAR AGENDA Presentation/Discussion/Possible Action

*Public Comment is invited at each agenda item. Agenda items may be taken out of turn. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes.*

**11 Butte County Public Health Maternal Child & Adolescent Health Presentation PRESENTATION**

The Commission received a presentation from the Butte County Public Health Maternal Child & Adolescent Health for the MCAH Five Year Needs Assessment. An overview of the most recent key data point and health metrics was outlined. Commissioners and the public asked several questions based on the data presented.

[Maternal Child Adolescent Health 2023-24 Needs Assessment](#)

**12 [Commissioner Appointments and Renewals](#) ACTION**

Commissioners Arnold and Hart terms are set to expire June 30, 2024. Commissioner Kullar submitted and application to be considered for regular commissioner.

**Motion to approve recommendation to the Butte County Board of Supervisors for term renewals for commissioners Arnold and Hart, and recommend commissioner Kullar as a regular commissioner**

**Commissioners:** DeAnne Blankenship Shelby Boston Dr. Shelley Hart Scott Kennelly Tami Ritter Seng Yang

**Alternates:** Paul Arnold Dr. Rumneet Kullar

**Motion/second:** Ritter/Blankenship  
**Ayes:** Arnold, Blankenship, Boston, Hart, Kennelly, Kullar, Ritter, Yang  
**Nayes:** None

**13** **FY 2024/25 Budget Workshop** **PRESENTATION**  
The Commission will review and discuss a draft FY 24/25 budget

The Commission received a presentation of its FY 24/25 budget. Commissioners discussed possible non-prop 10 funding opportunities to compensate for prop-10 declines including Families First Prevention Services Act, Behavioral Health Services Act, and Cal AIM.

**14** **Social Solutions Contract Renewal** **ACTION**  
Approve renewal and sole source exception of a contract with Social Solutions Global for provision of the Apricot 360 database, for the term of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026. The maximum payment for the 24-month term is \$64,656.06.

**Motion to approve the Social Solutions contract for a 24-month term not to exceed \$64,656.06.**

**Motion/second:** Arnold/Yang  
**Ayes:** Arnold, Blankenship, Boston, Hart, Kullar, Ritter, Yang  
**Nayes:** None  
**Absent:** Kennelly

**15** **Hmong Cultural Center of Butte County Family Center Contract Renewal** **ACTION**  
Approve a contract with the Hmong Cultural Center of Butte County for the provision of Family Center services, for the term of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. The maximum payment for the 12-month term is \$168,864.

**Motion to approve Hmong Cultural Center Contract for \$168,864 as the agenda reflects.**

**Motion/second:** Kullar/Hart  
**Ayes:** Arnold, Blankenship, Boston, Hart, Kullar, Ritter  
**Nayes:** None  
**Recused:** Yang recused himself at 10:21am and returned at 10:24am proceeding the vote  
**Absent:** Kennelly

**16** **Jesus Provides our Daily Bread DBA Jesus Center Contract Renewal** **ACTION**  
Approve a contract with the Jesus Provides our Daily Bread DBA Jesus Center for the provision of Family Center services, for the term of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. The maximum payment for the 12-month term is \$154,826.

**Motion to approve the contract**

**Motion/second:** Arnold/Kennelly  
**Ayes:** Arnold, Blankenship, Boston, Hart, Kennelly, Kullar, Ritter  
**Nayes:** None  
**Absent:** Yang

**17** **Northern Valley Catholic Social Services Family Center Contract Renewal** **ACTION**

**Commissioners:** DeAnne Blankenship Shelby Boston Dr. Shelley Hart Scott Kennelly Tami Ritter Seng Yang  
**Alternates:** Paul Arnold Dr. Rumneet Kullar

Approve a contract with Northern Valley Catholic Social Services for the provision of Family Center services, for the term of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. The maximum payment for the 12-month term is \$979,002.

Director Bauer explained the contract amount is significantly higher than others due to the merging of the NVCSS FRC and NVCSS HFA contracts into one. HFA staff will serve as subject matter experts for all FRC sites. Chair Boston added that this is the contracting structure the Commission has intended to develop. NVCSS staff Norma Lacy and Carrie Powers shared that the new process is working out well. That communication internal to NVCSS and with First 5 staff has been very important. Powers adds that NVCSS staff are approaching the change with the right attitude which is making the change easier.

**Motion to approve contract.**

**Motion/second:** Hart/Kullar

**Ayes:** Arnold, Blankenship, Boston, Hart, Kennelly, Kullar, Ritter, Yang

**Nayes:** None

**18 Youth for Change Family Center Contract**

**ACTION**

Approve a contract with Youth for Change for the provision of Family Center services, for the term of May 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. The maximum payment for the 14-month term is \$72,747.

Director Bauer explained that this contract is a result of a joint RFP between First 5 and DESS to blend multiple funding sources. All funding sources will be available on July 1, 2024 at which times, services will start in Magalia. Commissioner Hart requested clarification around the age ranges that will be served based on the different funding sources. Director Bauer clarified that the CDBG funds through DESS will allow for services past age 5 and that First 5 will use this opportunity to learn with Youth for Change how to provide services to different ages. Chair Boston added that DESS funding covers an expanded age range of 18+ year olds. Commissioner Hard expressed gratitude to Director Bauer and Chair Boston for their work to re-establish services on the Ridge.

**Motion to approve contract**

**Motion/second:** Hart/Arnold

**Ayes:** Arnold, Blankenship, Boston, Hart, Kennelly, Kullar, Ritter, Yang

**Nayes:** None

**19 First 5 Children and Families Advisory Committee Report**

**INFORMATION**

Stepping Stones and Options for Recovery programs met with the committee. Director Bauer thanked Commissioners Boston and Kennelly as their staff were fantastic and prepared. The committee would eventually like to create a visual representation of the 0-5 system and how programs work together.

**20 First 5 Executive Committee Report**

**INFORMATION**

Chair Boston provided an update on the work of the Executive Committee including the transition of First 5 from Public Health to DESS and the midyear budget revision.

**21 Director Report**

**INFORMATION**

The Commission received a report from Director Bauer which included an update on the CYBHI Round 1 grant activities and progress. An additional round of Home Visiting Coordination funding was received. First 5 Butte has collaborated with First 5 Glenn and will be supporting them through this round of funding. The Mothers Strong website has been updated. Mothers Strong Coalition meeting agendas and minutes are now available online. Director Bauer highlighted the newly developed First 5 Family Center website and calendar.

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## 22 Commissioner Announcements

## INFORMATION

Commissioner Kullar announced the inaugural class for the psychiatry residency program at Behavioral Health is starting soon. Commissioner Kennelly shared that April is National Alcohol Awareness month, Stepping Stones graduation is also occurring this week. May is Mental Health Awareness Month and BCBH's new Sobering Center will be opening this summer in July or August. The facility will offer 14 beds that will serve sobering center patients as well as 5150 crisis patients. Mooretown Rancheria is partnering with BCBH and has donated \$250,000 towards the facility. Chair Boston highlighted that April is also Child Abuse Prevention Month. Butte's CAPC continues to be on a hiatus. Chair Boston is having regular contact with the CAPC Board. Child welfare is continuing to work towards their redesign and has been holding focus groups with their consultant. Commissioner Ritter encouraged everyone to participate in the Butte County survey to help identify funding priorities.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:08am**

**Next regular meeting June 21, 2024**

Minutes approved by the Commission at their June 21, 2024 meeting

### Non Agendized Items

**Funding approved since the February 16, 2024 Commission Meeting:**

**Research/News/Legislation:**

**Resources and Information:**

<https://www.hellobrightline.com/brightlifekids/> Behavioral health coaching for parents, caregivers, and kids 0–12. No cost, no insurance required, no referrals needed. Funded by CA Department of Healthcare Services.

<https://solunaapp.com/> **Confidential support for 13- to 25-year-olds in California. No cost. No pressure.** Chat 1:1 with a professional coach, use interactive tools to destress, or explore quizzes, videos, forums, and more. You choose! No cost, no insurance required, no referrals needed. Funded by CA Department of Healthcare Services.

[2023-Annual-Report-PDF \(buttecounty.net\)](#) Butte County Department of Public Health 2023 Annual Report

**Letters of Support:**

[Assembly Bill 2982 Letter of Support](#)

**For Reference:**

[Grantee Manual](#)

[Policies and Procedures](#)

[Commission Bylaws](#)

[FY 2023-2024 Approved Budget](#)

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