



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Friday August 18, 2023 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services

202 Mira Loma Avenue, Oroville

Almanor Room

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1 Chair- Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 am

2 Roll Call- Identification of Alternate Commissioner

Commissioners Present: DeAnne Blankenship, Shelby Boston, Dr. Shaun-Adrián Choflá, Dr. Shelly Hart, Matthew Reddam, Tami Ritter, Seng Yang

Alternate Commissioners Present: Dr. Rumneet Kullar

Commissioners Absent: Scott Kennelly, Holly Kralj

Dr. Rumneet Kullar was identified to vote.

3 Agenda Review

Commissioner Yang identified a conflict and stated he will recuse for the portion of Item 7 where the contract with the Hmong Cultural Center of Butte County is discussed.

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 June 16, 2023](#)

No items were requested to be pulled, the consent agenda passed.

REGULAR AGENDA Presentation/Discussion/Possible Action

Commissioners: DeAnne Blankenship Shelby Boston Dr. Shaun-Adrián Choflá Dr. Shelley Hart Scott Kennelly Dr. Holly Kralj
Matthew Reddam Tami Ritter Seng Yang

Alternates: Dr. Rumneet Kullar

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.

6 **Nomination of Alternate Commissioner** **ACTION**

Recommend the Butte County Board of Supervisors appoint Paul Arnold, retired educator and administrator, as alternate commissioner, with a term expiring June 30, 2024, to fulfill the role of *Representative of local school district*.

Motion to approve a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to appoint Paul Arnold as alternate commissioner

Motioned/Seconded: Ritter/Yang

Ayes: Blankenship, Boston, Choflá, Hart, Kullar, Reddam, Ritter, Yang

Nayes: None

7 **Family Center Contract Approvals** **ACTION**

The Commission will consider the following:

[Approve a contract with the Hmong Cultural Center of Butte County for October 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to provide Family Center services. The maximum payment amount for the nine month contract is \\$165,732.](#)

Approve a contract with the Hmong Cultural Center

Motioned/Seconded: Choflá/Reddam

Ayes: Blankenship, Boston, Choflá, Hart, Kullar, Reddam, Ritter

Nayes:

Absent: Yang

Commissioner Yang rejoined at 9:11

[Approve a contract with Magalia Community Church for September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to provide Family Center services. The maximum payment amount for the ten-month contract is \\$54,530.](#)

Approve a contract with Magalia Community Church

Motioned/Seconded: Hart/Yang

Ayes: Blankenship, Boston, Choflá, Hart, Kullar, Reddam, Ritter, Yang

Nayes: None

[Approve a contract with Northern Valley Catholic Social Services for September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to provide Family Center services. The maximum payment amount for the ten-month contract is \\$387,711.](#)

Approve a contract with Northern Valley Catholic Social Services

Motioned/Seconded: Hart/Yang

Ayes: Blankenship, Boston, Choflá, Hart, Kullar, Reddam, Ritter, Yang

Nayes: None

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Matthew Reddam Tami Ritter Seng Yang
Alternates: Dr. Rumneet Kullar

[Approve a contract with Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association for September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to provide Family Center services. The maximum payment for the ten-month contract is \\$199,826.](#)

Approve a contract with Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association

Motioned/Seconded: Ritter/Hart

Ayes: Blankenship, Boston, Choflá, Hart, Kullar, Reddam, Ritter, Yang

Nayes: None

[Approve a contract with The Jesus Center for September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to provide Family Center services. The maximum payment amount for the ten-month contract is \\$141,036.](#)

Approve a contract with Jesus Center

Motioned/Seconded: Hart/Choflá

Ayes: Blankenship, Boston, Choflá, Hart, Kullar, Reddam, Ritter, Yang

Nayes: None

8 [First 5 Commission 2024 Meeting Calendar](#)

ACTION

The Commission will review and consider approval of its 2024 meeting calendar

Approve the First 5 Commission 2024 meeting calendar

Motioned/Seconded: Ritter/Choflá

Ayes: Blankenship, Boston, Choflá, Hart, Kullar, Reddam, Ritter, Yang

Nayes: None

9 [Executive Committee Report](#)

INFORMATION

10 **Director Report**

INFORMATION

Director Bauer provided an update about the following:

- Family Resource Center training module development
- First 5 network disaster preparedness group is meeting
- Overview of outreach events and meetings attended by staff
- Overview of maternal mental health outreach to providers

11 **Commissioner Announcements**

INFORMATION

The Commission had a discussion, initiated by Commissioner Ritter, about the variation of formula between the birth hospitals and WIC. A number of strategies were identified for follow up.

Update: Commissioner Kullar researched the issue and found the following- *After some quick calls and investigating, WIC provides three different kinds of Similac per their website and a plant-based Enfamil formulation. Enloe already solely provides Similac 20 which WIC also covers. Oroville Hospital currently provides Enfamil but is in the process of switching to Similac and this transition should be fully complete by January 2024.*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am

Next regular meeting October 27, 2023

Minutes were approved by the Commission at their October 27, 2023 meeting

Non-Agendized Items

Funding approved since the June 16, 2023 Commission meeting:

[\\$3000 to Dr. Eric Neal for the *Little Readers* early literacy program.](#)

Research/News/Legislation:

[Californians are smoking less: Why that's a problem for these early childhood services.](#) Cal Matters, July 2023

[FDA approves first pill to treat postpartum depression.](#) CNN, August 2023

[More services in the works to local agencies supporting early childhood mental health.](#) Action News, August 2023

[Black parents and their children are more likely to experience unfair treatment when seeking medical care.](#) Urban Institute, July 2023

Information:

[California Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant Training program 2023-2024](#)

For Reference:

[Policies and Procedures](#)

[Commission Bylaws](#)

[FY 2023-2024 Approved Budget](#)