



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Friday February 16, 2024 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services

765 East Avenue, Chico

Condor Room

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1 Chair- Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2 Roll Call- Identification of Alternate Commissioner

Commissioners Present: DeAnne Blankenship, Shelby Boston, Dr. Shaun-Adrián Choflá, Dr. Shelley Hart, Scott Kennelly, Matthew Reddam, Tammi Ritter, Seng Yang

Alternate Commissioners Present: Paul Arnold

Commissioners Absent: Dr. Holly Kralj

Alternate Commissioners Absent: Dr. Rumneet Kullar

Commissioner Arnold was identified as a voting member for the meeting.

3 Agenda Review

Motion to approve the Agenda

Motioned/Seconded: Arnold/Hart

Ayes: Arnold, Blankenship, Boston, Choflá, Hart, Kennelly, Reddam, Ritter, Yang

Nayes: None

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

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

Alternates: Paul Arnold

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 October 27, 2023](#)

6 [Fiscal Year 2023/24 Mid-Year Budget Revision](#)

Motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Mid-Year Budget Revision

Motioned/Seconded: Choflá/Yang

Ayes: Arnold, Blankenship, Boston, Choflá, Hart, Kennelly, Reddam, Ritter, Yang

Nayes: None

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.

7 [Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget Workshop](#)

DISCUSSION

The Commission will receive a presentation and provide direction to staff about Long Term Financial Plan and budget development for Fiscal Year 2024/25.

Program Analyst Miller provided a budget and long-term financial plan presentation. Commissioners discussed the importance, and examples, of sustainable funding the Commission could pursue. Commission Boston acknowledged the funding landscape is always moving and changing and Commission staff are doing a good job of chasing down funding. Commissioner Hart uplifted the need to help Commission funded partners to develop their own sustainability strategies.

8 [First 5 Staffing and Administrative Costs](#)

ACTION

Consider authorizing Director Bauer and Commissioner Boston to continue to explore and take action steps towards transitioning the staffing of the Commission from Butte County Public Health to the Department of Employment and Social Services by July 1, 2024.

Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of a transition from Butte County Public Health to the Department of Employment and Social Services to negotiate an agreement for lower administrative costs for the Commission. Commissioner Choflá and Ritter inquired about potential implications for Commission staff. Chair Boston, Blankenship and Program Manager Brooke ensured this transition would have no consequences for staff.

Chair Boston and Commissioner Blankenship recused themselves and left the room at 9:23 am.

Commission Choflá made a motion to authorize Director Bauer and Commissioner Boston to continue to explore and take action steps towards transitioning the staffing of the Commission from Butte County Public Health to the Department of Employment and Social Services by July 1, 2024. The MOU will go to the Chair to be signed, and will not come to the full Commission for a vote.

Motioned/Seconded: Choflá/Reddam

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Alternates: Paul Arnold

Ayes: Arnold, Choflá, Hart, Kennelly, Reddam, Ritter, Yang

Nayes: None

Abstain/Recused: Boston and Blankenship

9 Contract Termination **ACTION**

Consider termination of the contract with Valley Oak Children's Services in the amount of \$184,775.

Motion to approve the termination of the contract with Valley Oak Children's Services and authorize Director Bauer to send a letter of contract termination.

Motioned/Seconded: Ritter/ Choflá

Ayes: Arnold, Blankenship, Boston, Choflá, Hart, Kennelly, Reddam, Ritter, Yang

Nayes: None

10 Help Me Grow **PRESENTATION**

The Commission will receive a presentation from Help Me Grow Butte

The Commission received a presentation from Commission staff St. Luis and Yang on Help Me Grow Butte services provided in the 2023 calendar year. Commissioners asked questions and discussed how HMG Butte handles cases that involve mild to moderate behavioral health needs, if and how HMG Butte in tandem with other local community-based organizations as well as why not all HMG cases result in a referral for services.

11 Executive Committee Report **INFORMATION**

12 Children and Families Committee (aka SPEAC) Report **INFORMATION**

Commissioner Reddam commended Department of Employment and Social Services- Children Services Division and Behavioral Health staff for engaging in conversation and answering questions related to the service their agencies provide to the 0-5 community. SPEAC committee is working towards identifying gaps, and barriers families are experiencing when seeking services.

13 Funding Opportunity **ACTION**

Consider authorizing Director Bauer and Commissioner Blankenship to collaborate on a funding application through the Cal AIM PATH CITED opportunity.

Commissioner Blankenship introduced a collaborative funding opportunity for Butte County Public Health and the Commission. Public Health would like to apply to receive funding to serve the newest Cal AIM population, Native and African American women who are on Medi-Cal and pregnant or up to 12 months post-partum. The Commission's First 5 Family Centers would work as a hub to refer eligible women to PH for Cal AIM services.

Motion to approve Director Bauer and Commissioner Blankenship to collaborate on a Cal AIM PATH CITED funding opportunity

Motioned/Seconded: Yang/ Hart

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Alternates: Paul Arnold

Ayes: Arnold, Blankenship, Boston, Choflá, Hart, Kennelly, Reddam, Ritter, Yang

Nayes: None

14 Director Report

INFORMATION

The Commission will receive a verbal report from staff

Program Manager Brooke provided an update on the status of the First 5 Family Center sites soft launch schedule. As well as the newly developed First 5 Family Center logo. Program Manager Brooke and Commissioner Blankenship shared highlights from attending the annual First 5 Association Summit and Advocacy Day in Sacramento. Commission staff have received the CYBHI round 1 executed contract and are in the process of scheduling multiple Triple P trainings for staff, First 5 funded partners and community based partners.

15 Commissioner Announcements

INFORMATION

Alternate Commissioner Arnold has joined CASA. He shared they are in need of more male volunteers. Commissioner Reddam offered to answer any questions about the new Cal AIM Wellness Coach benefit. Commissioner Kennelly gave an overview of Prop 1 and what effects its passage would have on local MHSA funding.

Chair Boston shared that the Department of Employment and Social Services is re-designing its child welfare program. Stakeholder meetings have occurred, a survey for those who were unable to attend meetings will be shared.

Chair Adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am.

Next regular meeting April 19, 2024

Minutes approved by the Commission on April 19, 2024

Non-Agendized Items

Funding approved since the October 27, 2023 Commission meeting:

[\\$2,000.00 to North Valley Community Foundation to fund tuition for one Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association staff to attend the Nonprofit Institute](#)

[\\$2,163.00 to Dr. Elisa Brown-Carrier to provide books and early literacy promotion at well-child visits.](#)

Research/News/Legislation:

[CBS Action News Story about First 5 Declining Revenue](#)

[Study links positive maternal mental health during pregnancy to fewer psychiatric issues in children \(psypost.org\)](#)

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Information:

[Butte County Local Food Network GROWN Program video](#)

[Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome \(ca.gov\)](#)

Letters of Support:

[Paradise Unified School District- Community Schools Grant](#)

For Reference:

[Grantee Manual](#)

[Policies and Procedures](#)

[Commission Bylaws](#)

[FY 2023-2024 Approved Budget](#)

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