



FIRST 5
BUTTE COUNTY
CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Friday, August 16, 2024 9 a.m.

Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services

202 Mira Loma Avenue, Oroville

Almanor Room

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1 Chair- Call to Order

Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 am

2 Roll Call- Identification of Alternate Commissioner

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

Paul Arnold

Commissioners Present: DeAnne Blankenship, Shelby Boston, Dr. Shaun-Adrián Choflá, Dr. Shelly Hart, Dr. Holly Kralj, Dr. Rumneet Kullar, Matthew Reddam, Tami Ritter

Alternate Commissioners Present: Paul Arnold

Commissioners Absent: Scott Kennelly

Commissioner Arnold was identified to vote.

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 June 21, 2024](#)

6 [Partnership Health Plan First 5 Grant Funding Opportunity](#)

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Authorize staff to submit an application to Partnership Health Plan for funding to build capacity to become an ECM provider and utilize Cal AIM to support the First 5 Help Me Grow and Family Center system.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

Motion/Second: Ritter/Choflá

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

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 Home Visiting Services Expansion

ACTION

Consider approval of an interagency Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission and the Department of Employment and Social Services for \$271,300 revenue, for the term of September 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, to support the expansion of Butte Baby Steps to include the child welfare protocol eligibility.

Consider approval of an amendment to the Northern Valley Catholic Social Services Contract X25572 to increase by \$82,360 to allow for expanded services for home visiting through June 30, 2025. The maximum payment for the 12-month term is \$1,061,362.

Action: Approve an interagency MOU between the Commission and the Department of Employment and Social Services for \$271,300, for the term of September 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, and an amendment to increase the NVCSS contract by \$82,360 through June 30, 2025, to support the expansion of Butte Baby Steps to include the child welfare protocol eligibility.

Commissioner Boston announced a recusal because she is the Director of the Department of Employment and Social Services. Commissioner Blankenship asked Director Bauer if the Healthy Families America national has approved this modification, and Bauer replied that they have.

Motion to approve the MOU and contract amendment as a package

Motion/Second: Ritter/Kralj

Ayes: Arnold, Blankenship, Choflá, Hart, Kralj, Kullar, Reddam, Ritter,

Nayes: None

Absent: Boston

8 Park Fire Emergency Response and Recovery

INFORMATION

The Commission will receive an update about Park Fire response and recovery related to 0-5

Director Bauer said that the Commission has an emergency funding policy, and that the County of Butte is currently under a state of emergency. She stated that the potential emergency needs of families have been discussed at the July Executive Committee meeting and that First 5 staff have been kept informed by partners such as the Red Cross of any potential gaps in funding. She stated that no significant needs have been identified by partners. NVCSS stated that they had served 73 families through the Local Assistance Center, but there were not any concrete needs identified that have been unmet by existing resources. Bauer's

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recommendation is for the Commission to continue to hold off on deploying emergency funds until, and if, there are specific needs identified. Commissioner Choflá asked Bauer if community partners were aware of the possibility of First 5 funds, and Bauer responded that funded partners, community partners and county agencies have been notified via email that Commission funds could be available if qualifying unmet needs are identified. She stated that funded partners were also offered the ability to work off-scope by requesting a temporary MOU if requested. No off-scope MOUs have been requested at this time.

9 [Child Abuse Prevention Council](#)

ACTION

The Commission will consider authorizing Commissioner Boston and Director Bauer to develop a plan for how First 5 staff might assume the administration of the Child Abuse Prevention Council and incorporate CAPC resources and activities into the First 5 Help Me Grow and Family Center system.

Commissioner Boston explained that the Department of Employment and Social Services is moving forward with next steps to stabilize the Child Abuse Prevention Council. Boston stated that she has a presentation to the Board of Supervisors at the end of the month to get their approval to re-establish CAPC under DESS and approve a partnership with the Butte County Sheriff's Mounted Posse to serve as the 501c3 for the annual tax donations. Boston is bringing on a consultant to assist with the transition, and will be proposing to eventually bring CAPC under the umbrella of First 5 to integrate caregiver support and child abuse prevention efforts. Commissioner Blankenship asked about the relationship with the Mounted Posse. Boston explained that they are a 501c3 that currently manages donor funds for the sheriff's department, so they have experience with this type of services. They would develop a MOU with the CAPC for the management of the donor funds. Commissioner Ritter asked if the funds would be available to support all ages of children, and Boston replied yes. Commissioner Kralj asked how the transfer of funds would work to First 5, and Boston explained that the donor funds would remain with the Posse and then be provided directly to community organizations under the terms of the Watters and Houx funding criteria. The funds have historically been used for mini-grants and special events. Director Bauer shared that she has spoken with other First 5s who have merged CAPC and it has been beneficial in those counties because it expands services beyond 0-5 for family strengthening, which has become a key focus of many First 5s. Commissioner Reddam stated that he supports the integration and believes that First 5 should be a champion for these types of silo-busting efforts. Commissioner Choflá stated he applauded Commissioner Boston for her work on this. Commissioner Kullar asked about a timeline, and Boston explained that the consultant would be leading the work through this fiscal year.

Motion to authorize Commissioner Boston and Director Bauer to move forward with planning how to integrate CAPC under the First 5 umbrella

Motion/Second: Kralj/Choflá

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

Nayes: None

10 [First 5 Executive Committee Report](#)

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11 Director Report

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Director Bauer shared she would be travelling to San Diego next week to participate in the First 5 CA meeting. She explained that the First 5 Network has been lobbying for a \$25M county stabilization investment from First 5 CA reserves.

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Commissioner Boston shared that Commissioner Blankenship is not the interim public health Director, and Danette York's last day will be October 30.

Commissioner Ritter shared that Recovery on the River will be held at Riverbend Park in Oroville on August 31.

Commissioner Reddam shared that BCOE received funding to hire wellness coaches. Wellness coaches will hopefully be integrated into 0-5 services. Coaches require certification, but it is not difficult to get. Would help schools access Medi-Cal billing. Hopeful for prevention and intervention services. The hope is to advance wellness coaches into higher education.

Commissioner Kralj shared that Partnership Health Plan is funding doula services. Training is being offered. Funds eight visits pre-natal and postpartum and support during labor and delivery, including for abortion or miscarriage, as well as three hours postpartum visit. Commissioner Blankenship added that the Maternal Child Adolescent Health program has been working with doulas to assist them to get certified to provide services.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:53 am

Meeting shall adjourn so commissioners can participate in First 5 Family Center grand openings at the following locations and times:

First 5 Family Center at Lakeside
5250 Olive Highway Suite J Oroville
Time 10-10:15 am

First 5 Family Center at Esperanza
630 Washington Street Gridley
Time 10:45-11 am

First 5 Family Center at Renewal Center
Time 11:40-12 pm

Next regular meeting October 25, 2024

For Reference:

[Grantee Manual](#)

[Policies and Procedures](#)

[Commission Bylaws](#)

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