First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission Meeting Agenda

Friday, June 26, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services
765 East Avenue, Chico
Condor Room

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Commission Members: Present: Amy Asher, Scott Kennelly, Dr. Holly Kralj, Dr. Rumneet Kullar, Tiffany Rowe

Absent: DeAnne Blankenship, Dr. Shelley Hart, Matthew Reddam, Tami Ritter

1 Call to Order

Commissioner Rowe called the meeting to order at 9:02 in the role as Chair due to absence of Commissioners Hart and Blankenship

Rowe acknowledged the victims, staff members, and general community impacted by the Butte County Library Chico Branch shooting earlier this week and encouraged the extension of empathy and grace to all community members.

Mission: First 5 Butte County children and Families Commission works collaboratively with partners and community members to build a healthy, integrated system of support for young children and their families and caregivers.

Vision: Every child in Butte County will have the opportunity for a resilient, thriving future through a nurturing, supportive network of families, caregivers, and their community.

2 Roll Call- Identification of Alternate Commissioner and Declaration of Commissioner Recusals

Commissioners Present: Amy Asher, Scott Kennelly, Dr. Holly Kralj, Dr. Rumneet Kullar, Tiffany Rowe

Commissioners Absent: DeAnne Blankenship, Dr. Shelley Hart, Matthew Reddam, Tami Ritter

No recusals noted.

3 Agenda Review/Revision
Adjust time-sensitive items or pull a topic from consideration

No items pulled

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.

5 CONSENT AGENDA ACTION
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 at the request of any one member. Items not removed will be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items will be placed in the Regular Agenda.

First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2026

Fiscal Year 2025/26 Third Quarter Financial Report

Motion to approve Consent Agenda:
Motion/2nd: Kennelly/Asher
Ayes: Asher, Kennelly, Kralj, Kullar, Rowe

REGULAR AGENDA
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 Commissioner Kennelly Children's Champion Award PRESENTATION
The Commission will recognize Commissioner Kennelly for his service as a First 5 commissioner by awarding him a Children's Champion Star

Commission Kennelly was recognized with a Children's Champion Star for his years of service. Bauer read a statement on behalf of the Commission.

7 Resolution for Oral Health Month ACTION
The Commission shall consider adopting a Resolution supporting children's oral health and recognizing June 2026 as Oral Health Month

Motion to adopt the Resolution
Motion/2nd: Kralj/ Kullar
Ayes: Asher, Kennelly, Kralj, Kullar, Rowe

PRESENTATION

Butte County Public Health Department Oral Health Program
The Commission shall receive a presentation from Celia Canalia, Program Coordinator of the Butte County Public Health Department Oral Health Program, regarding oral health prevention services for children and families in Butte County.

Staff from the Butte County Public Health Oral Health Program provided a presentation about their funding and services. Services are currently provided to all children; however, following anticipated future funding reductions, they will only be able to serve Medi-Cal eligible children. They currently have partnerships with multiple preschools, and oral health education can be provided at sites without an MOU.

Kullar commended the Public Health staff regarding the number of children served this fiscal year.

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8 **Resolution for International Father's Mental Health Day** ACTION

The Commission shall consider adopting a Resolution supporting father's mental health and recognizing June 22, 2026 as International Father's Mental Health Day

Kullar read the International Father's Day Mental Health Day proclamation.

Motion to adopt the Resolution
Motion/2nd: Kullar/Asher
Ayes: Asher, Kennelly, Kralj, Kullar, Rowe

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9 **Chico State Rural Reproductive Justice Alliance** PRESENTATION

The Commission shall receive a presentation from members of the Rural Reproductive Justice Alliance, initiative of Chico State University.

Kralj provided a brief summary of the grassroots development of the Alliance in response to community healthcare needs. Students and faculty from the alliance provided a presentation.

Kullar asked if the Alliance is in partnership with Healthy Rural California, and Amy Magnus confirmed they do work together. Asher noted this presentation was very hopeful, and she would be interested in partnering to provide services to Probation families. Kralj and Magnus expressed interest in providing doulas and other resources to the justice-involved population. Public Health staff inquired about the referral process, and Magnus indicated this is still in the development phase. Public Health is also interested in connecting for collaboration. Kralj recognized the students who support the alliance.

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10 **Commission Officers** ACTION

The Commission shall elect its officers for Fiscal Year 2026/27

9:41 a.m.

Bauer noted she received several nominations to re-elect Hart as Chair and Blankenship as Vice Chair and both consented.

Motion to approve the nominations to re-elect Hart as Chair and Blankenship as vice Chair
Motion/2nd: Kralj/Kennelly
Ayes: Asher, Kennelly, Kralj, Kullar, Rowe

Rowe appreciates their willingness to continue in these rules.

11 Commission Committee Assignments ACTION

The Commission shall appoint its committee membership for Fiscal Year 2026/27

Bauer indicated the only active committee at this time is the Children and Families Advisory Committee. She received nominations to re-elect Kralj and Reddam to the committee and both consented.

Motion to approve the nominations to re-elect Kralj and Reddam to the Children and Families Advisory Committee
Motion/2nd: Kennelly/Asher
Ayes: Asher, Kennelly, Kralj, Kullar, Rowe

12 Community Action Agency of Butte County Inc. Contract ACTION

Consider approval of a contract with Community Action Agency of Butte County to provide Family Center services at the Esplanade House. The maximum payment for the 6-month term is $41,655.

Motion to approve the contract
Motion/2nd: Kullar/Kralj
Ayes: Asher, Kennelly, Kralj, Kullar, Rowe

13 Bonterra Tech LLC Contract ACTION

Consider amending a contract with Bonterra Tech LLC for provision of the Apricot 360 database. The amendment extends the term of the contract by one year through June 30, 2027, and increases the maximum payable amount by $42,220.64, not to exceed $113,485.69.

Motion to approve the amendment
Motion/2nd: Asher/Kullar
Ayes: Asher, Kennelly, Kralj, Kullar, Rowe

14 **Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan** ACTION

Consider approval of the FY 2026/27 annual budget in the amount of $3,153,599 and adopt the updated 2026-2032 Long-Term Financial Plan

Miller provided a presentation regarding the budget and long-term financial plan and Bauer discussed the development of the long term financial plan and the challenges involved in planning ahead when there are so many variables and changes that cannot be controlled or forecasted. Bauer noted the fund balance policy will also need to be reviewed and revised as part of the Strategic Plan.

Kullar asked if there are cost containment plans already in mind. Bauer discussed the need to create reductions in operations and programs given they are the largest outflow of funds. Kullar encouraged partners to achieve greater sustainability on their own.

Kralj commended the Commission for providing good guidance and leadership and a balanced approach. She appreciates seeing the bulk of the Commission's money going towards Family Centers.

Rowe encouraged all partners to examine how they have historically done business and look for efficiencies and opportunities to collaborate. She noted DESS is currently the only department funding the Family Centers and called other departments to action as she cannot guarantee that funding will be sustainable.

Motion to approve the 2026/27 Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan
Motion/2nd: Kralj/Asher
Ayes: Asher, Kennelly, Kralj, Kullar, Rowe

15 **Children and Families Advisory Committee Report** INFORMATION

16 **Executive Committee Report** INFORMATION

17 **Director Report** INFORMATION

The Commission will receive a verbal report from the Executive Director

- CAPC
  - Commissioners have been added as interested parties on CAPC communication emails. Commissioners are welcome to attend meetings or send staff to ensure there is broad representation on the Council; however, it is not required.
  - Watters & Houx grants have been approved in the amount of $17,390 to nine community-based organizations to provide a variety of concrete supports and services.
- Butte County Board of Supervisor District 3 Priority Funds

    - The Commission was approved to receive $8,000 from Supervisor Ritter's district to coordinate a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder training series in early 2027. Expert trainers have been identified and may provide training to the Commission in the future as well.
- Paradise Unified School District
    - The Family Center contract has not been fully negotiated due to questions from PUSD leadership and their subsequent research into models from other counties. Staff are unsure if they want to move forward but will have an answer by the August meeting.
- Partnership Healthplan Community Health Worker benefits
    - The Commission has been accredited and contracted and will be submitting five billings soon to satisfy the terms of the IPP grant.
    - Staff were disappointed that PHP is not allowing a hub billing model to allow Family Center staff to bill for Help Me Grow services through the Commission. Staff will continue to advocate for changes to the policy and/or to explore Community Reinvestment funding.
- F5CA Network Resiliency Grant
    - F5CA receives 20% of Prop 10 revenues and counties have asked F5CA to release more of those funds in support of counties. F5CA agreed to release $3 million in various grants. The first grant is $450k, which will be awarded to a single county to implement a statewide community of practice. Bauer volunteered to apply and pass the funds through to First 5 Association of California. At this time, it is unclear if the funds will be accepted, as there have been some administrative challenges that staff are working through with F5CA. The purpose of this work is sustainability and resiliency as tobacco taxes decline.
- BHSA Innovation Grant
    - Eleven counties in the northwest region collaborated to apply for funds to incorporate the community resilience model into caregiver support. This grant is very competitive.
- Strategic Planning is in progress and discussions will continue at future Commission meetings.
- Grantee Appreciation will be held on August 14th and Commissioners are invited. There is usually a speaker, lunch, and a craft or activity. This event is about community building, connection, and wellness. Avo Makdessian will speak around network sustainability.

18 Commissioner Announcements DISCUSSION

Kennelly

- The Chico Youth and Stepping Stones programs have moved to 254 Cohasset.
- Kennelly is retiring and his successor is Dr. Tony Hobson. Dr. Hobson previously worked for Butte County has also served in Plumas, Sutter/Yuba, and Colusa. He begins on August 10th.

Asher

- Probation has been relocated temporarily and will be doing groundbreaking on their new building on July 14th.

Kullar

- Healthy Rural California's psychiatry and family medicine residency programs will partner together to provide collaborative care through Enloe Outpatient Services to support patients with diverse needs. They will be able to serve patients with Medi-Cal and private insurance.
- Twelve psychiatry residents will start in Chico in July.

Commissioner Rowe adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Additional Information:

Funding Approved since the April 10, 2026, Commission Meeting

Contract with Senta Burton Consulting for $5,600 to provide community trainings

Research/News/Legislation

California's New Free-Diaper Program Is Going Straight To Families Who Need It Most - Today's Parent

Bill might make it easier to know what your baby's diaper is made of - Los Angeles Times

California expands WIC food choices- KRCR May 11, 2026

California Impacts - Safe & Sound

San Diego County Supervisors OK Child Development Services Funding | San Diego, CA Patch

CYBHI Evaluation Hub- Case Study Butte County

Fluoride in drinking water has no effect on IQ or brain function

Why do we focus on the Prenatal to 3 age period?

California transitional kindergarten leads preschool expansion, but quality lags, report says - Los Angeles Times

Advocacy

BHSA Budget Ask

Rural Resilience Innovation Hub Letter of Support

For Reference:

Grantee Manual
Policy Manual
Commission Bylaws
FY 2025/26 Approved Budget
First 5 Commissioner Orientation Guide
First 5 Commissioner Quick Start Guide