



**Health Committee Minutes**  
Thursday, July 22 3:00 to 5:00 pm  
[Zoom Conference](#)  
Meeting ID: 506 439 0481

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**Commissioner Members:** Dr. Lourdes Valdez, Seng Yang, Holly Kralj  
**Staff Support:** Anna Bauer, Kimberly Brooke  
**Others:** Michelle Lucero BCOE, Tara Sullivan-Hames Help Central

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**Item 1 Welcome and Introductions**

**Item 2 [Help Me Grow Reimagined](#)**

The committee will review and discuss staff recommendations for Help Me Grow

The Committee discussed the proposed recommendations made in the Help Me Grow Reimagined staff report. Commissioners discussed the amount of FTE proposed and determined it to be appropriate as a starting point with input from Michelle Lucero, current HMG Program Manager. Commissioner Kralj expressed her gratitude toward Michelle, Director Bauer, and the rest of the HMG partners for the amazing work they have been able to accomplish with the program so far. Commissioner Kralj described the integration of HMG into First 5 and BCPH as the best option to grow the program. The commissioners agreed that maintaining a partnership with BCOE and Help Central for HMG activities and support is pivotal in the success of reaching the early learning and care community and leveraging funding from special education and early intervention funds.

The Committee directed staff to develop a projected detailed budget and additional information on potential funding streams available to help fund HMG.

**Item 3 Adjourn** Next meeting September 24, 10 am to 12 pm

**For Reference**

[May 25, 2021 Health Committee Meeting Summary](#)

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