



California Children and Families Emergency Commission Meeting Continuation

May 22, 2020

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 – Opening Remarks

Chair Halvorson reconvened the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Commissioners Present: George Halvorson
Molly Munger
Mayra Alvarez
Shana Hazan
Jackie Majors
Monica Fitzgerald

Commissioners Absent: Muntu Davis

Ex Officio Member Present: Kris Perry

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Information Item 6 – Supporting Stabilization and Rebuilding of Early Learning and Care Sector

Camille Maben, Executive Director, reminded the Commission this meeting is a continuation of the May 15 Emergency Commission Meeting. Ms. Maben stated staff are working on scheduling a budget retreat in mid-June, where Commissioners would review revenue projections, account balances, encumbrances, and possible future investments that align with the Strategic Plan, and that the Commission requested this item to discuss long-term COVID-19 recovery opportunities. Ms. Maben stated the goals of today's discussion are to:

- Talk about the opportunities to address long-term recovery investments.

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- Ensure First 5 California's (F5CA's) long term projects align with other statewide efforts, including the Governor's Master Plan for Early Learning and Care.

Erin Dubey, Education Administrator, provided the following overview of IMPACT and IMPACT 2020:

- IMPACT funding is an investment to support and improve quality for early learning and care settings. This includes family child care and alternative settings such as family, friends, and neighbors. Through IMPACT, F5CA required partners to work closely together and develop a single unified quality improvement plan with one set of goals and targets.
- In IMPACT 2020, one goal is to provide flexibility at the local level so counties can address their unique community needs in the COVID-19 recovery. The Request for Application for IMPACT 2020 sets up a framework to create efficiencies, streamline quality improvement supports, and more effectively engage child care providers and families to provide support for young children.

Ms. Dubey provided the following as potential new programs:

- A possible model for the Commission to consider is Shared Services Alliances. This model is where early learning and care programs voluntarily band together to increase program revenues through different actions like centralizing enrollment, managing payments from families and third-party funders, payroll grant reporting, and key aspects of supervision. The Shared Services Alliances are community-based.
- The other proposal for the Commission to consider is in workforce development. A result of the pandemic is a spike in online learning and the need to develop additional content for the workforce. The early childhood workforce does not have access to the amount of high-quality content to move forward. Over the next two years, the goal is to create 300 hours of content to meet the needs of the early learning and care workforce. If the Commission approved, F5CA has the opportunity to contribute to funding content development.

Commissioner Munger stated she is pleased to hear the two proposals dovetail nicely with the Master Plan. She asked about maximizing the coordination as staff work through the two proposals and think about other ideas.

Ms. Maben stated the proposals build on current partnerships and will expand partnerships with other state agencies that are doing similar work.

Member Perry expressed that what is currently being done is hopefully the beginning of closer partnerships and encompasses many different departments. She stated there is

no more important time to partner, plan, and look for creative way to solve some long-standing problems in ways that F5CA can be more nimble.

Commissioner Hazan asked if private funders should be included.

Member Perry shared that they have been working with private public partnerships for a couple of months with the Master Plan.

Commissioner Hazan suggested an on-line fundraising campaign through public relations efforts to raise money to support the work being done, and to think more broadly when it comes to private funding.

Commissioner Majors agreed with the idea of philanthropy being included.

Chair Halvorson asked if the Commission would like to move forward on either of these two proposals or if they preferred to hold off until the budget retreat before moving forward.

Commissioner Munger stated if waiting a month would impair participation, she would like to move forward, but if it doesn't impair participation, she would like to have a fuller conversation at the retreat.

Ms. Maben stated that staff could come back in June with these topics as part of the budget discussion.

Chair Halvorson stated that the consensus is to wait until June.

Ms. Maben stated F5CA will work with Member Perry and WestEd to present an overview of the Master Plan to the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MOTION/ACTION: Commissioner Munger motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Majors seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.