

**FIRST 5 KERN**  
**KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION**

Special Meeting  
*Strategic Planning Workshop*

Friday, March 2, 2007  
Kern County Department of Public Health  
1800 Mt. Vernon Avenue  
Bakersfield, California

**Minutes**

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 9:05 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Barlow, Jinadu, Koditek, Maben, Maier, and Rhoades  
Alternate Commissioners Newman, Wasson, and Watson  
Absent: Commissioners Brandon, Green, and Phelps  
Alternate Commissioner Cheadle

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Tammie Burns, Kern County Child Care Council, was heard – Requested the Commission seek opportunities to form partnerships and leverage funds; take what is good and expand on it rather than inventing new projects; using the resources available in the community; and to please always keep the good of the child in mind.

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

- 2) Commissioners engaged in a discussion of the Commission's *Strategic Plan for Early Childhood Development in Kern County* facilitated by Steve Barrow, Founder and Principal of the Results, Strategies and Advocacy Institute. There were six parts to the workshop:
  - Facilitator's presentation on the condition of children in Kern County, "Cradle to Kindergarten"
  - A review of what about the Strategic Plan and its implementation is working well work
  - A review of Strategic Plan areas for possible improvement

*Commissioner Phelps entered the meeting during the "for possible improvement" discussion*

- Facilitator's presentation and discussion about First 5 California's evaluation framework and Results Based Accountability
- Six year financial planning work session

*Commissioner Green entered the meeting during the financial planning work session*

- A discussion of next steps and instructions to staff

Commissioners reviewed and reaffirmed the Strategic Areas of focus for the 2007 Strategic Plan, reviewed and discussed key demographics and data regarding Kern County's children, discussed the allocation of the Commission's resources and the setting of priorities, and provided direction to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

- 3) Adjourned to Wednesday, April 4, 2007.