

FIRST 5 KERN

KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, February 25, 2008
2724 L Street
Bakersfield, California

Minutes

COMMITTEE CONVENED @ 10:07 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Present Commissioners: Audelo, Brandon, Goh, Committee Members: Brandt, Burns, Choi, Cook, Gordon, Koenig, Krehbiel, McNally, Monsibais, Puckett, Thal, Wasson, Wood and Woody

Absent Committee Members: Christman, Cloud, Digges, and Nilon

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Chairperson's Report and Report from the Commission
 - Commissioner Brandon reported that she and staff had just completed a new TAC Member orientation. Commissioner Brandon reported that the new members were excited, asked lots of questions and look forward to bringing new ideas to the TAC.
 - Commissioner Brandon reported on the First 5 Kern Commission meeting of February 6, 2008.

- 2) Committee Members:
 - Committee Member Krehbiel reported that there would be a two-day blitz, March 3rd and 4th, 2008 for volunteers assisting with the Earned Income Tax Credit. Ms. Krehbiel added for more information to please contact the United Way of Kern County.
 - Committee Members Wasson and Choi reported on the Babyfest event that occurred over the weekend. Both reported it was an exciting event and look forward to next year's event.
 - Commissioner Goh reported that she and Ms. Wayne had visited one of the First 5 Kern funded sites, the Taft/Maricopa School Readiness Site.
 - Commissioner Goh reported that Ms. Wayne presented at the Taft Rotary on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, and that Ms. Wayne did a wonderful job.
 - Committee Member Brandt reported that she would be participating in the project, Read Across America, at the Richardson Center, March 7, 2008.

- Committee Member Puckett reported that her daughter, who is a new in the child care provider business, is seeking information to help her in her efforts. Committee Member Puckett stated that her daughter attended an Infant Toddler program sponsored by the Kern Child Care Council, First 5 Kern and the Kern County Superintendent of Schools and was so excited about what she had learned and received a kit for new parents.
 - Committee Member Burns reported that the Infant and Toddler conference held Saturday, February 23, 2008, at the University Square was a success. Committee member Burns reported that the event had 190 registered guest, vendors, door prizes, just a great event with lots of fun had by all and thanked First 5 Kern for being one of its sponsors.
 - Committee Member Woody requested a list of programs that First 5 Kern funds and if so can staff make that list available to the committee.
- 3) Executive Director's Report
- Ms. Wayne reminded the Committee of the Strategic Planning Session to be held March 21, 2008, at San Joaquin Hospital, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 4) No one was heard.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5) Introduction of New TAC members
- Commissioner Brandon in order to familiarize the new members asked that all members and staff introduce themselves and what it is that they do.
- 6) Minutes of January 28, 2008 meeting – APPROVED
Motion by Committee Member Krehbiel
Second by Committee Member Cook
All Ayes
- 7) SWOT Analysis in preparation for the Strategic Planning Session on Friday, March 21, 2008 facilitated by Kimberly Fulton, Chief Program Officer
- Chief Program Officer Kimberly Fulton reminded the TAC members to complete and email the SWOT analysis back to her. Ms. Fulton stated this information would be crucial to the Strategic Planning Session scheduled March 21, 2008.
- 8) Report on Partnership Committee by John Nilon –

- Ms. Wayne reported that the Partnership Committee had not met. Ms. Wayne reported that John Nilon, Director, Kern County Department of Public Health has scheduled an Integration of Social Services meeting for Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. This meeting will include discussion at a fundamental level by county decision makers.
- 9) Brainstorming session for direction of TAC –
- The committee members had an active discussion for more than an hour. Commissioner Brandon closed the discussion reporting that the next meeting will cover the discussion of next steps from all of the issues and feedback from today's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- 10) Adjourned to Friday, March 21, 2008 from 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. at San Joaquin Hospital for Strategic Planning Session