

Regular Commission Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, January 7, 2016

Mono County Office of Education Conference Room
451 Sierra Park Rd., Mammoth Lakes, California

Commissioners Present: Jeanne Sassin, Chair
 Stacey Adler, Vice Chair
 Rick Johnson
 Megan LePlat

Staff Present: Molly DesBaillets, Executive Director
 Kaylan Johnson, Administrative Assistant/Fiscal Specialist
 Didi Tergesen, CARES Coordinator

Commission Vice Chair Adler called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Minutes (ACTION)

Consideration of minutes for the October 15, 2015 Commission meeting.

ACTION: Approve the October 15, 2015 minutes, for which a quorum is present.

MOTION: Commissioner Adler

SECOND: Commissioner Johnson

VOTE: Unanimous

ABSTENTIONS: Commissioner Sassin, none

3. First 5 Mono County FY 2014-2015 Evaluation Report (INFORMATION)

Ms DesBaillets presented First 5 Evaluation Report for FY 2014-2015.

- Ms DesBaillets indicated changes/updates made to packet since distribution. Paper printouts showing updates were distributed to commission members.
- High satisfaction reports from First 5 participants continue. Mono county was recently ranked 6th in the state in Exclusive Breast Feeding.
- Increased Peapod Playgroup participation (345 families): Commissioner Sassin asks what contributes to increased attendance. Ms DesBaillets states factors may include the popular Mammoth summer location at Mammoth Creek Park, offering a Peapod group on the Reservation in Benton, and Peapod leader C. Robasciotti's recruiting efforts in Walker.

- Employee Retention: Commissioner Johnson questions employee replacement process specific to Peapod. Ms DesBaillets states that new leaders are often previous Peapod participants; although leaders have been lost when their child ages out of the program. Ms DesBaillets states the change from Contracted Employees to Employees of MCOE is appreciated as employees are now receiving benefits and feel like they are part of a group.
- Program Referral Sources: Labor & Delivery at Mammoth Hospital is the highest referral source, followed by Home Visitors. Commissioner Johnson recommends finding a new referral source within Mammoth Hospital Women's Clinic. Commissioner Wilson (absent) has also addressed this at the hospital's Maternal Child Wellness meetings.
- Participant Demographics: Ms DesBaillets intends to change data system to read physical address instead of mailing address to accurately reflect location of a family served. Ms DesBaillets intends to address the Race/Ethnicity categories to reflect other First 5/CA state regulations. She recommends changing 'Hispanic:White' to 'Hispanic: Unknown'.
- Home Visitor Exit Survey: Commissioner Sassin recommends offering the option of completing the survey on an iPad via Survey Monkey to improve Exit Survey completion rates.
- Identifying Gaps and Correlating Data: Commissioner Johnson questions how to correlate data to provide reflection of actual gaps and needs among ages, families, and/or locations. Ms DesBaillets states the new data-tracking system (through new IMPACT program) can address this as well as focusing on priority to low-income families.
- Childcare Licensing: Childcare locations have decreased in Mono County. Discussion followed on how to over-come state licensing barriers, including information availability, costs, potential subsidies, and local support thru all agencies.

4. First 5 Mono County FY 2014-2015 Annual Report (PUBLIC HEARING)

Opportunity for the public to comment on the draft for FY 2014-2015 First 5 Mono County Annual report.

No public comment.

5. Award and Agreement between First 5 Mono and First 5 CA for IMPACT (ACTION)

a.

ACTION: Authorize base-funding from First 5 CA to First 5 Mono for IMPACT

MOTION: Commissioner Adler

SECOND: Commissioner Johnson

VOTE: Unanimous

ABSTENTIONS: Commissioner Sassin, None

b.

ACTION: Approve Agreement for \$159,954.00 between First 5 CA and First 5 Mono for IMPACT 7/1/2015 thru 6/30/2020, authorizing Executive Director to sign.

MOTION: Commissioner Johnson

SECOND: Commissioner Adler

VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: Commissioner Sassin, None

6. Commission Budget (INFORMATION)

Ms DesBaillets explained First 5 budget is on target, with 50% of revenue received for fiscal year and expenses slightly under budget at this time.

7. 5-Year Fiscal Plan (ACTION)

5-year Fiscal Plan discussed. The only tentative budget item is the continuing grant of the Small County Augmentation. If the funding is ended for this program, Ms DesBaillets does expect to receive the Small County Augmentation revenue for at least 1 more year. Upon a loss of Small County Augmentation grant, First 5 may need to cut programs in the future. Commissioners agreed to keep the Small County Augmentation grant in the 5-Year Fiscal Plan.

ACTION: Approve 5-year fiscal plan
MOTION: Commissioner Adler
SECOND: Commissioner Johnson
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: Commissioner Sassin, None

8. Program Updates (INFORMATION)

- a. CARES Plus Program: Ms Tergesen reports. Two Spanish trainings have taken place for Spanish-speaking Child Care Providers, courtesy of UC Davis Trainings. Inyo County Superintendent provided CPIN training with Mono County participants. Ms Tergesen has applied for funds from the Child Care Council to assist with participants travel to trainings. The Provider Appreciation Dinner on May 21 is in the planning process with IMACA.
- b. Oral Health Initiative: Ms Tergesen reports that she and Claudia Molina provided fluoride varnish treatment and oral health education to 6 sites throughout the county.
- c-h. Ms DesBaillets reports on other program updates: The increasing number of family home-visits at First 5, increasing Twitter followers, & Kindergarten Round-Up date for Mammoth is set for 3/16/16.

Commissioner Sassin closes Public Hearing at 4:10pm

9. First 5 Mono County FY 2014-15 Annual Report (ACTION)

ACTION: Approve the First 5 Mono County FY 2014-2015 Annual Report
MOTION: Commissioner Johnson
SECOND: Commissioner Adler
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: Commissioner Sassin, None

10. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Adler reports on MCOE's application for the Foster Youth Services Coordinating Grant that may serve the 13 foster children currently in Mono county.

Commissioner Adler reports the start of the free Inter-Cambio, an English/Spanish language exchange at the Mammoth Lakes Library, every Tuesday 5:30-7pm.

11. Director Report

Ms DesBaillets reports:

- a. The Community Development Block Grant funding will be on next agenda with information on new the preschools in Bridgeport and Benton.
- b. Abriendo Puertas, a Spanish-language training for parents navigating the school system, will start in March.
- c. Ms DesBaillets attended the IMPACT Hub meeting with First 5 CA, working with them to develop the requests for application.
- d. Ms DesBaillets attended the Small County Summit by First 5 Association. They have a new staff member who is advocating policy work in Sacramento on Family Strengthening, Intervention, Oral Health, and Quality and Early Learning Systems.
- e. Ms DesBaillets submitted the IMPACT Phase II application in draft form. A new consortium was formed to work on childcare quality plan for Mono County, consisting of IMACA, Cerro Coso Community College, MUSD, MCOE, Child Care Providers, and a local kindergarten teacher.
- f. Ms DesBaillets thanks MCOE for the CA State Preschool application submission (to augment funding for preschool in Bridgeport and Benton, and possibly provide funding in Mammoth).

Ms Tergesen reports the ESL class through MCOE Adult Ed has begun.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.