

**FIRST 5 SISKIYOU CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
Behavioral Health Department
2060 Campus Dr., Yreka
Wednesday, June 1, 2011**

The Special meeting was called to order by Chair Walters at 8:07 am.

Commissioners Present: Chair Walters, Vice Chair Perlman, Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Noda

Commissioners Absent:

Also Present: Executive Director Karen Pautz and Administrative Services Coordinator Cheryl Sanchez

Public: None present

MINUTES APPROVAL:

1. **Approval of minutes for the March 23, 2011 Commission Meeting.** Minutes were previously distributed.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Vice Chair Perlman to approve the minutes for the March 23, 2011 Commission as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of preliminary budget for FY 2011-2012.** The Budget Advisory Group met and approved a preliminary budget for FY 2011-2012. Since the budget was developed there have been some potential recommendations for changes through MHSA funding that would impact the Resource Centers. ED Pautz proposed that no commitments be made to the Resource Centers and if MHSA funds for FRCs are drastically changed that the budget be re-evaluated after the outcome of the MHSA funding is determined. The Commission needs to make sure funds are there to specifically benefit families with children 0-5 years old. Approximately 1100 individuals benefit from MHSA services and most do not have children under 5. It is very difficult for the Resource Centers to keep their doors open at \$37,000/year. Historically, when First 5 was the only source of revenue the Centers did not have buildings. If drastic cuts are made they now would have to look at a different structure. ED Pautz said the proposal is to approach the budget as presented with the understanding that depending on the outcome we could sustain and continue to work together to support community level services with blended resources. There was a discussion about the importance of supporting the FRC system which works and is cost effective.

Regarding the CARES budget, \$10,000 is allocated as a match, however there might be a need to increase this to \$12-\$13,000 or more due to changes at the State level for participant stipends. We could move some travel monies to cover since we don't typically use all of those funds. We won't know for sure until August or September.

The CSAC insurance in the past has been paid every three years. However the policy was renewed this year for two years payable at \$1,000 each year in July. This resulted in a decrease to the insurance line item.

Commissioner Noda said the issue is coming up with stakeholders at the Board of Supervisors to discuss development of a plan to support sustainability for the Resource Centers independent of either MHSA or First 5. He stated he believed the strategy was to help them become sustainable over the long term in spite of reductions in MHSA or First 5. He asked if we were doing anything to actively work with the Resource Centers on sustainability. ED Pautz explained that all FRCs have completed the statewide sustainability program for FRCs; she also reminded the Commissioners about the progress of the FRCs and how far they have come in the past six years. Part of sustainability is looking beyond the financial. Each Center staffs 1.5 FTE. The community donates about \$60,000 for as much time as was invoiced in MHSA system. Commissioner Noda said he would like to see a strategy where the support came from the community to sustain the Centers. ED Pautz replied that with many diversified funding sources they are able to do more group based activities. It is evident grants for parenting classes were obtained because of the Resource Centers and we continue to have public/private partnerships -the key is for agencies to work together, with the understanding that it can't be a burden on any one funding source, and move forward. The reason the Commission has been successful is because it has included everyone as part of its success. In the early stages of development funds were distributed randomly with one Center getting \$80,000 and another only \$5,000. All the Resource Centers came to the table and all were involved in the solution. ED Pautz also said if we as a county value the important role of the FRCs in low cost/high impact community level service delivery then as new opportunities come about we should find ways to support the system and see ourselves as a key partner in sustaining this model. Commissioner Bennett added there are a certain number of programs that work and we should continue to raise support for those programs, and FRCs work. The communities are just beginning to see the value of the Resource Centers. Now is the time to focus on fund raising, what the Resource Centers do and ways to reach service groups and promote. The Ford Family Foundation is interested in the Resource Centers and understands how valuable the parenting grants are to them. She feels that contributions in some way by First 5 to the sustainability of the Resource Center is easier in the long run.

ED Pautz suggested putting more emphasis on communication and having roundtable discussion. Even if it is uncomfortable it would be better to discuss more in hard times. She indicated that partners should come together and work towards solutions that have the least impact on community members.

Action: It was moved by Vice Chair Perlman and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the preliminary budget as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

2. **Approval of Letter of Support for Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program.** Far Northern is applying for a grant and would like to work through the Resource Centers and First 5 to bring awareness about lead poisonings.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Noda and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Letter of Support for Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program. Motion was approved unanimously.

3. **Approval of Letter of Support for Public Health Accreditation Preparation.** The letter was submitted by ED Pautz with approval of the Chair prior to the meeting.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Noda and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the letter of Support for Public Health Accreditation Preparation. Motion was approved unanimously.

4. **Approval of contract extension thru August, 2011 – ED and Admin:** Since there are many uncertainties at this point in time, ED Pautz previously discussed with Chair Walters extending the contracts for the Executive Director and Administrative Service Coordinator positions through August 2011.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Noda and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to extend the contracts with Shasta Training and Consulting for services of the Executive Director and Administrative Services Coordinator through August 30, 2011. Motion was approved unanimously.

5. **Approval of contract extension thru August 2011 – Resource Centers:** ED Pautz also spoke to Chair Walters regarding the extension of the present contracts with the Resource Centers through August 2011 to provide time to resolve funding issues.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Noda to extend the current contracts with the Resource Centers through August 30, 2011. Motion was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

1. The regular Commission meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2011. All Commissioners present confirmed their ability to attend.
2. The Sheriff's office submitted a letter of interest to the Board of Supervisors to fill one of the vacancies on the Commission.
3. ED Pautz heard from Sally McFall who indicated that she has not been able to be involved, but we need to assume she will not be participating on the Commission.
4. ED Pautz requested to recommend Ingelore Weinberg, a previous applicant, for a seat on the Commission. The Commissioners were in agreement.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Kermith Walters, Commission Chair

Attest: _____
Cheryl E. Sanchez, Recording Secretary