

I. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Giraudo called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm.

Present: Suzanne Giraudo, Sylvia Deporto, Zea Malawa, Mary Hansell, E'leva, Gibson at 12:11 pm

Absent:

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

III. Discussion of the First 5 San Francisco bylaws

Staff presented recommended updates to the First 5 San Francisco Commission bylaws. Recommendations changed references to Preschool for All related bylaws, meeting dates and Civic Engagement Committee.

Staff reported the Civic Engagement Committee has not met for some time and was intended to advise the implementation of the first Commission and its strategic plan.

Commissioners discussed:

- The ongoing need to collect community input to advise First 5 San Francisco on its initiatives and activities.
- Interest in finding ways to structure Commission and committee meetings to be more encouraging of community input and the role of grantees in providing input
- Ways to provide community information on First 5 San Francisco activities to encourage quality input
- Downsides of being overly prescriptive in bylaws on how input is collected

Commissioners directed staff to propose language that would support collecting community input by using Special Committees.

There was no public comment.

IV. Discussion of the Family Resource Center Services Initiative grant recommendation

Staff presented a summary of the Family Resource Center Services Initiative procurement process – reporting that 32 applications were submitted and 25 grants awarded. A powerpoint presentation summarized initiative wide performance measures. Staff discussed upcoming planning efforts to enhance differential response services, services to families expecting or with a baby, engaging priority populations and defining and enhancing quality services.

Staff discussed the funding of the initiative and how other departments leverage additional services to the FRC essential service by adding funds to FRC grants and First 5's own addition of Parent Action and Early Literacy grants.

Commissioners discussed:

- Importance of engaging and child friendly environments at FRCs, particularly those located in public housing units
- The need to address pre-literacy development as part of playgroup activities and how partners like Tandem can enhance this work.
- Examining how FRC service framework may need adaptation to appeal to priority population members
- Creating higher awareness of FRC work and activities among potential referral partners and collaborators through marketing efforts

Commissioners suggested creating categories of FRCs aligned to the different services intensities in the initiative.

V. Program Committee Updates

No update was presented.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

The Executive Director discussed:

Review of the First 5 San Francisco budget at the Board of Supervisors

State budget is restoring some child care slots lost in the recession.

July 12 is First 5 California meet your legislator day

Ways to build awareness of early childhood issues among elected officials

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:52 pm.