

I. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Merz called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm.

Present: Suzanne Giraud, Ingrid Mezquita, Linda Asato, Sylvia Deporto, E'Leva Gibson, Zea Malawa, and Lynn Merz

Katy Tang arrives at 4:43 PM

Maria Su arrives at 4:46 PM

Absent: Mary Hansell

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

III. Discussion and possible action to approve the September 7, 2016 meeting minutes

A motion to approve the September 7, 2016 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Asato and seconded by Commissioner Malawa.

The motion carried unanimously and was approved at 5:05 pm.

There was no public comment.

IV. Discussion of Preparation of Notice of Funds Availability for Family Resource Center Services.

Staff presented Notice of Funds Availability for Family Resource Centers Services. The following were presented:

- Announcement of the new Family Resource Centers funding round.
- There are three community meetings Scheduled:
 - Wednesday, October 5, 2016 First 5 1390 Marker Street, 4:30 – 6:30PM
 - Tuesday, October 18th, 2016 Visitation Valley Library, 4:30 -6:30PM
 - Thursday, October 20 ,2016 Bernal Heights Library, 4:30 – 6:30 PM
 - Community comments will be collected to inform the NOFA.
- Review of the past results and accomplishments of Notice of Funding Availability for Family Resource Centers
- Summary of the key components of the initiative.
 - Family and parent centered
 - Value of connection and community
 - Focus on child development, school readiness and school success and supporting parents in their key role.
- Refined the service approach for the next phase of the initiative.
 - Focus on 0-8 age range to reinforce a stronger focus on school readiness at kindergarten and grade level reading by grade 3.
 - Lessen the focus on the teen years and will encourage stronger engagement in the first 18 months of life.
 - Work with funded partners to identify and develop key partnerships to address the needs of families across the entire age range and needs of families.

- Increased focus on pregnant women, birth-to-18 month olds, families living in public housing, and African American families.
- FRC initiative investment in quality of service delivery will be supported in training and technical assistance to funded partners.
- Proposed allocations:
 - Continue to fund target neighborhoods with higher number of low income families and significant numbers of child welfare referrals.
 - Continue to focus on specific priority populations and connections to preschool, SFUSD, clinics, and partner with families experiencing or susceptible to higher risk factors and school readiness outcomes.
 - Family Recourse centers focused on Special Populations will provide family access to providers with specific knowledge and experience.
 - Intentional focus on HOPE SF families
- Next Steps: Drafting the Notice of Funding Availability for Family Resource Centers (NOFA), Release of the NOFA, Bidders Conference, Proposal Due, and Review of Proposals, Grant Negotiations, and Grant Approvals.

Public Comment:

- Juno Duenas, Support For Families
Subject of children with disabilities. Building relationships long term, help negotiate services which change as children get older. Systems keep changing. Baby massage, Mommy & Me helpful for early parent support, Professional development: in-house training, Concern towards 0-8: Where is the other funding for older ages? New languages- Vietnamese and Russian

- Vanessa Bohm, CARECEN (Chicano/Latino FRS/Mission FRC)
1) Parenting Issues- We are seeing a very large and increasing number of program participants that are facing reunification challenges as newly arrived immigrants negotiate relationships with parents and family members they may not have seen in many, many years. FRCs are unique, equipped to provide the culturally competent and relevant services to support reunification issues 2) The population we served has changed in the sense that there has been a significant increase in the migration of immigrants to SF and the extreme poverty they are experiencing. They need access to affordable housing, healthy, nutritious food, and help negotiating systems and institutions. Many more families are experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, trauma, isolation, etc.--> FRCs could benefit from more resources. 3) FRC staff need salaries and benefits that promote organization retention. Staff are having extremely difficult time surviving in SF Bay Area which is a factor in pushing staff with experience out of their jobs.

- Erica Pappas, Safe Street Escape
Subject of population change, gentrification, & displacement. Safe Start works in partnerships & aims to be in the community to increase access & support

Kenneth Kim, Glide Foundation- FYCC
Growing number of refugees & Muslim families in Tenderloin, Diversity requires increased language access & culturally sensitive approaches, Good to see support for workforce development, but would like to see opportunities for peer support, Continued issue of housing.

Liz Kirby, SOMA
Intergenerational trauma- how to address this throughout FRCI?, Domestic Violence

Kristin Keller, Compass Family Services
Parenting issues- meeting physiological needs inhibiting parents' ability to engage in early intervention/prevention services. Can we incorporate more awareness of housing insecurity and trauma for initiative?

Jaime Aragón, Services Coordination Manager

Data about Latinos in SF is misleading (immigrants are not reflected in census data). Get rid of two categories of Neighborhood & Population based- Funding should be based on merit of organization or organization outcomes of serving the communities. For example, Good Samaritan FRC does not duplicate services with Instituto De La Raza

V. Committee Reports.

a. Program Committee report

- Discussion of today's PowerPoint presentation of the Notice of Funds Availability for Family Resource Centers Services.

b. Fiscal Committee Report

- There was no Fiscal Committee.

c. Executive Director's Report

- Thank you to the community and the community input.
- Please send any comments, questions and input to First 5 staff.
- Strategic Plan Impact Area: Child Health Developmental Screening using Ages and Stages Questionnaire is currently happening in: City funded early care and education centers, FRCs, child welfare case, Children's Council Resource & Referral, DPH health clinics, SF General, Nurse Family Partnerships home visiting programs.
- Challenges include: Screenings are not happening at recommended periodicity; Vision, approach/model, service expectation, protocols are not standardized.

Next Steps:

- Continue assessing the landscape and sharing information across organizations.
- Next Program Committee will include discussion on "Access to Developmental Supports and Services".

There was no further discussion.

There was no public comment.

d. Chairwoman's Report

- There was no Chairwoman report.

There was no public comment.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.