

1. Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions by Wendy Dickens, Executive Director

The Evaluation Committee meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m.

In attendance:

Evaluation Committee:

Judie Smith
Jennifer Baker
Cindy Vogt
Donnell Ewert
Susanna Sibilsky
Eric Adams
Robin Schurig

Staff:

Wendy Dickens	Executive Director
Elizabeth Poole	Associate Director
Doug Woodworth	Data & Evaluation Coordinator
Tristen Grantham	Administrative Assistant
Jackie Scott	Hub Program Coordinator
Hilary Bingham	QRIS Program Coordinator

2. Public Comment Period

Members of the public are entitled under the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq) to address the Commission on any matter within the Commission’s subject matter jurisdiction. The Act prohibits the Commission from taking action or discussing the item unless it is already on the agenda.

3. Consider Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2017

Action Item

Moved/Seconded: Smith/Sibilsky

Ayes: Smith, Baker, Ewert, Sibilsky
Motion: Approved

Nays: None

Abstain: Vogt

4. Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot Validation Update

Woodworth stated that there has been no action taken to validate the KRS app since the March committee meeting. Dickens mentioned that Reach Higher Shasta is considering helping with some of the costs associated with the app validation. Vogt asked Dickens if there would be movement of the validation by the next Commission meeting, Dickens mentioned that Reach Higher Shasta is in the process of budgeting their funding so when that process is complete and if they are willing to fund the app, F5S will be moving forward with West Ed. Vogt inquired about the urgency of the validation, Dickens mentioned the validation would not occur before the start of the school but hopes to get it started within the year. There is a KRS app training scheduled for August 7th for teachers to retrain and become familiar with the program.

5. Learning Conversation Update

Poole updated the committee regarding grantee reporting and stated that grantees are beginning to submit reports as funding cycle has changed. The reports are now due in January and June and grantees will get an evaluation phone check-in during the Fall. The new schedule seems to be working well for the grantees and F5S as more conversations are taking place. Many grantees are currently wrapping up their programs and reporting data. Dickens reminded committee to watch their email to be a part of the Learning Conversations.

6. Help Me Grow – Evaluation Expectations

Poole presented Help Me Grow National and State resource material regarding evaluation and data. She will be attending a HMG California meeting later in the month and is currently gathering information

and resources around data and evaluation. HMG California will be updating their resource material to be aligned with HMG National.

Smith asked if the July 1st “soft launch” is happening. Poole mentioned the soft launch is not happening right now but that RFA’s are being put together to identify providers for the case coordination service. The current plan is to hold first collaborative breakfast meeting in September to introduce HMG to providers and come September/October identify the service provider and their interface with 2-1-1 or another phone service. Poole mentioned that the RFA’s have taken longer to solidify the requirements and activities of the providers. HMG Shasta wants to stay aligned with other county models.

Dickens talked about the best way to get HMG information into the community and how families will feel safe using the system. The RFA will include different methods of communication, i.e. texting.

HMG serves the 0-8 population, F5S will be funding 0-5 portion of the program but also looking to the community to leverage funds and resources for the 6-8 age group.

Smith referred to the previous meeting minutes and inquired about the progress of obtaining a financier and other funding sources. Poole talked about potential grant opportunities with Mercy, which is similar to how other counties have leveraged funding through medical providers.

Ewert asked about the impact on kids by having HMG in the community and how that can be measured. Dickens mentioned the desire to help the unreached and provided preventative opportunities for success would most likely be measured in longitudinal data. Ewert mentioned that measuring data would be something for the group to ponder and perhaps measuring the number of families in case management.

Poole will consider other counties’ outcomes and measurements at the HMG California meeting. Ewert talked about finding a way to measure the impact on kids before and after the implementation of HMG to make sure there will be actual changes within the community.

Dickens talked about the desire to see partnerships strengthen with HMG. Ewert asked Sibilsky if Partnership Health Plan can detect referrals through data for HMG. Sibilsky replied that the new care coordination database could possibly provide information about HMG.

7. QRIS IMPACT & QRIS Hub Update

First 5 Shasta has a grant through First 5 California called IMPACT which is operated through the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). The North State collaborative is made up of 7 counties in which Shasta is the lead county. The consortium meets regularly to discuss and implement quality and improvement within early childhood care/education system. Bingham introduced the annual reporting outcomes and the new database called Pinwheel to capture the reported data. This web based database for QRIS to be fully implemented in September. Bingham introduced the scope of work for QRIS which measures over 5 years and adapted to each county’s needs. The consortium may measure data in addition to state requirements and recommend changes to the state. Survey Monkey is used by the consortium to collect regional data.

Ewert inquired about the research showing parents thoughtfulness about quality care vs. cost. He wanted to know if childcare providers are aware of the outcomes of the research and if they are making business decisions based on that knowledge. Poole talked about recent research that came out describing quality being seen differently through both child care providers and parents. Dickens stated that QRIS is a part of a bigger communication plan to help teach parents what quality means and how it impacts their children. Ewert inquired about publishing the quality of child care providers, Bingham replied that publishing ratings is required for all sites participating in QRIS. Vogt asked if there is any

financial assistance given to the childcare providers, Bingham stated that QRIS funding is to provide supplies and materials, mentor/coaching and educational attainment.

Woodworth spoke to a parent survey that went out in September 2016 that had over 500 responses, with many parents filling out narrative. There were reoccurring statements that spoke to the high cost and limited availability of child care providers regarding hours of operation. Several parents stated they wanted a “nurturing environment,” “play-based environment” and “kindergarten ready” but did not define the statements.

The Hub is a support for the 9-county regions to provide training and technical assistance to the providers. Most of the funding comes from First 5 California as well as some funding from the California Department of Education. The regions have access to Teachstone software to provide quality interactions within the classroom. Scott introduced the scope of work and welcomed evaluation and feedback. Hub is implementing a database through Strengthening Families called the Mosaic Network, which provides self-assessment, trainings that are customized to the needs of each county, as well as “trainer of trainer” trainings. The Mosaic database is available to all participating QRIS sites. The Hub also collects data through focused conversations with groups and Survey Monkey.

Scott hosts a database of sites participating in Environmental Reading Scale (ERS) and Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) tools, which are key indicators of quality through the QRIS matrix. Information on trainer of trainers, certifications and recertification dates, interrater reliability, is gathered and each county has access to this information for assessment purposes.

Dickens added that the Mosaic database will also be presented to the Strengthening Families regarding data gathering. Mosaic is also compatible with Pinwheel which will be beneficial for data collecting and sharing.

8. Implementation Science Discussion

A book group with members from SCOE, Shasta College and F5S regarding the science of implementing new processes, programs and how to best implement changes within organizations and communities. Improvement and Implementation Science have similar concepts. Those in the book club reflect and discuss their own programs using concepts from the book. Study guides are sent out prior to meeting to help the discussion. Dickens welcomed members to come and sit in on the book club, if interested.

9. First 5 Shasta Strategic Plan Development

F5S is heading into strategic plan development and will be releasing an RFA within the next couple of months for a strategic plan facilitator. Dickens would like to leverage the committee for feedback and be a part of focused conversations around outcomes of the strategic plan. Dickens asked group to recommend stakeholders that F5S should reach out to and be involved with, the group recommended:

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| Grantees | ECE providers |
| School districts | Family Child Care representatives |
| Medical providers - Pediatricians | Youth pastors |
| Dental providers- Shasta Community, Hill Country | Life Center |
| Behavior Health providers | Rancheria |
| | ECE instructors at Shasta College |
| | HHS faculty |
| <i>Parents groups:</i> | Marriage and Family Therapists |
| Redding Moms & Tots | Far Northern Region Center |
| Parent Partners | Rowell Family Empowerment Center |
| | Foster parents- Options/RFA team |

Outreach to parents through:

QRIS participants

SCOE

North State Parent advertisement

Parks

Church Nurseries

Teachers

English Learner Coordinators

One Safe Place

Family oriented businesses:

Children's entertainment

Children's clothing & shoe stores

Children's dance

Bookstores- Barnes & Noble

Kids Unlimited

Library

KIXE

Sports Recreation

Dickens will keep committee updated on the release of RFA and goals for the strategic plan.

Meeting adjourned – 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tristen Grantham

Administrative Assistant

Next Evaluation Committee Meeting:

Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm; First 5 Shasta