

Location of Meeting: First 5 Shasta, 393 Park Marina Circle, Redding, CA 96001

Topic: First 5 Shasta Commission Meeting

Time: February 27, 2023, 2:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

1. Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions by Brian Cole, Chair.

Cole called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m. and welcomed Tim Garman and Michael Vovakes to the Commission.

Commission

Joe Ayer
Kathy Barry
Brian Cole
Tim Garman
Miguel Rodriguez
Cindy Vogt

Staff

Wendy Dickens
Elizabeth Poole
Nicole Brainerd
Tristen Grantham

Public

Jeanne Veich
Jennifer O'Donnell
Aaron Price

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. Members of the public may speak for up to three minutes on any matter concerning the Commission, with the exception of items related to pending judicial, administrative litigation, or personnel matters. The Act prohibits the Commission from taking action or discussing the item unless it is already on the agenda.

Commissioner Recusal Reminder

All Commissioners are reminded to recuse themselves from voting on any agenda item that has a real or perceived conflict of interest.

3. Consent Agenda

Action Item

Items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. They will be acted upon at one time without discussion. Any commission member or interested person may request removal of an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion later on the agenda. Consider the approval of the following items:

- a. Minutes from December 12, 2022 Commission Meeting
- b. Minutes from January 17, 2023 Special Commission Meeting
- c. First 5 Shasta Financial Report FY 2022-23 (July-January) Budget to Actual

Motion to approve consent agenda:

Motion/Seconded: Ayer/Barry

Ayes: Ayer, Barry, Cole, Rodriguez, Vogt

Abstention: Garman

Nays: None

Motion: Approved

4. Contracting with First 5 Modoc

Action Item

Dickens mentioned that due to revenue decline, there is restructuring happening throughout First 5's. First 5 Modoc can no longer financially support themselves under their current county structure. First 5 Shasta (F5S) currently provides data and evaluation services, materials, etc. to

First 5 Modoc regarding Quality Counts North State. Nicole Hinton, the Executive Director of First 5 Modoc (F5M) approached Dickens about providing some fiscal, data, and administrative technical support to F5M and contracting F5S for these services with an administrative fee. F5S is currently reviewing the details and will approach the attorney to construct an MOU. Dickens requested the backing of the Commission to move forward with the contract with F5M.

Ayer asked Dickens if there would be costs. Dickens replied that we would be gaining revenue in which we would leverage the time that staff is already investing in supporting F5M. There will be some upfront costs that we will be charged to First 5 Modoc. Garman asked if serving Modoc would be taking time away from services in Shasta County. Dickens replied that we don't provide direct service to Shasta County, but it would be taking some staff time. Dickens also reminded the commission that there is a need to leverage funds as decreased revenue is on the horizon. Barry asked if F5M informed their own county of this potential change. Dickens replied that she met with their commission about a month ago and answered some questions. Dickens also did a similar presentation for the First 5 Trinity commission. Ayer asked if we anticipate First 5 Modoc changing directions with the Executive Director. Dickens stated that they have a small county augmentation which would not apply through F5S. Dickens also noted that Nicole Hinton is a powerhouse in her community and supports her county well. Ayer agreed that lending our expertise to F5M is a good idea.

Motion to explore an MOU with First 5 Modoc:

Motion/Seconded: Ayer/Garman

Ayes: Ayer, Barry, Cole, Garman, Rodriguez, Vogt

Nays: None

Motion: Approved

5. 2019–2024 Strategic Plan Review with Glen Price Group

Dickens introduced Jennifer O'Donnell and Aaron Price from the Glen Price Group (GPG). GPG helped develop First 5 Shasta's 2019–2024 Strategic Plan and has agreed to extend the strategic plan for two years as recommended by the Commission. O'Donnell reviewed the timeline for services in revising the strategic plan and led the commissioners in a discussion around opportunities and challenges for First 5 Shasta. GPG will continue to have input sessions and conversations with staff, partners, and commissioner members to help refine the strategic plan.

6. Reports

a. Admin Ad Hoc

There have been applicants for the Commission open seat, there are dates scheduled for interviews. There are seven applications so far to review.

b. Evaluation & Advisory Committee

The Evaluation and Advisory Committee met on February 8th. During that meeting the group discussed Individualized Educations Plans (IEPs) which are now available at the new SCOE ECS building.

c. Executive Director

Dickens stated that the Week of the Young Child (WOYC) is near and paper dolls will start to be displayed soon. The WOYC proclamations are coming up at the Board of Supervisors and the Rancheria. April 4th is the City of Shasta Lake proclamation. March 21st is the proclamation at City of Anderson and City of Redding. Dickens has been attending some proclamations for Strengthening Families to reignite hope and resilience in the community. The Next Stop

Kindergarten guides have been updated, specifically around what parents can do around the start of school year. The kindergarten guides will be reprinted and dispersed to schools. F5S is continuing to look for ways to leverage dollars as funding decrease is anticipated. The home visiting regional grant is in the application period, Butte County will be taking the lead for that grant as home visiting looks different in Shasta County. The LAUNCH Parent Partner Program will need to be reworked as the contract process has become increasingly difficult, F5S is looking at partnering with different organizations within the community. Dickens noted that issues with the homeless around the building have increased and we are still receiving bids for the fence work that needs to be done. Dickens will be on a panel at the Neonatal Abstinence conference on Friday, March 3rd.

d. Commission

Tim Garman introduced himself and spoke about his background. Garman is thankful to be on the Commission and specifically requested to be on the F5S Commission. Cole gave an update about the Crisis Intervention Response Team and has expanded within the Redding Police Department. Rodriguez is working with Shasta Regional Medical Center on crisis stabilization unit and is having conversations with Mercy Medical Center about the unit as well.

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tristen Grantham