

Location of Meeting: 393 Park Marina Circle, Redding, CA 96001
Topic: First 5 Shasta Evaluation and Advisory Committee Meeting
Time: May 21, 2026, 9:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
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1. Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions by Amber Condrey, Data & Evaluation Coordinator.

Committee

Gordon Chatham
Brian Cole
April Jurisich
Kathy Berry
Daniel Walker
AJ Anderson

Staff

Wendy Dickens
Liz Poole
Amber Condrey
Megan Johnson

Public

Michele Grupe
Eleanor Lee
Jordan Heberlein

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 appearing elsewhere on this agenda or 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.

Recusal Reminder

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

3. Consider Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2026 Committee Meeting

Action Item

Motion to approve minutes: Kathy Berry
Motion/Seconded: April Jurisich
Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion: Approved

4. Partner Updates

Michele Grupe from Partnership Healthplan announced she will be hosting a smart lunch next week at First 5 Shasta to discuss benefits and programs, including the Growing Together program and transportation benefits. April Jurisich from WIC shared updates to WIC food benefits, including the removal of juice as a default option and new plant-based milk options and also shared flyers about new Farmer’s Market benefits. Brian Cole with Redding Police Department provided updates on the City of Reading, noting budgetary challenges and uncertainty around upcoming elections and leadership changes, though he mentioned the recent rodeo was successful. Gordon Chatam shared about Head Start’s high performance in classroom scoring assessments, with scores well above the required thresholds in emotional support, classroom organization, and instructional support domains. A.J. Anderson with Redding School District provided an update on the district’s ELOP summer school program, explaining that they are hosting it at all eight campuses this year to implement attendance recovery, allowing students to recover up to 10 days of absences. F5S mentioned an upcoming Local Planning Coordinating Council (LPC) meeting where they will hear from the director of early childhood services about oral health services. Daniel

Walker with Public Health shared information about a new support tool created to help healthcare providers support individuals with perinatal substance use, which is currently being pilot tested.

5. Program Spotlight – The Father Effect

Jordan Heberlein from Shasta County Office of Education provided a presentation on the recent Father Effect: Moments That Matter program. Jordan shared about how the event came to be and the importance of sparking a movement locally to engage fathers as well as service providers in how to best incorporate dads into programs. Discussion included the importance of putting Shasta County on a positive map through father-inclusive practices and shared personal experiences from recent events. Jordan emphasized the significance of male role models in child development and highlighted the impact of recent initiatives on both fathers and mothers. The discussion included feedback from service providers about the effectiveness of these efforts and suggestions for expanding the reach of father-inclusive programs, including potential presentations at larger platforms like town halls focused on positive childhood experiences as well as a desire to host this event annually.

6. Program Spotlight - Week of the Young Child

Megan Johnson from First 5 Shasta provided a presentation on the Week of the Young Child celebration, which First 5 Shasta has been organizing for approximately 25 years. The discussion detailed the recent Week of the Young Child events, including a new art display created by TK and K students from Enterprise Elementary School District, which was displayed at the Shasta County Arts Council. The meeting also covered grant funding results, with \$9,526 awarded to 22 projects ranging from \$100 to \$700, distributing 1,460 books and serving more participants than the previous year, though the funding amount remained relatively stable. Also highlighted was the State of Early Childhood where local awards were given out as well as information about First 5 Shasta and programs that are funded locally to support children 0-5, their families, and service providers of that population.

7. First 5 Shasta Strategic Plan

Amber Condrey provided an update on First 5 Shasta's recent activities and strategic planning updates. The organization's new 5-year strategic plan was approved by the commission in April and will be implemented starting July 1st, with three main focus areas: maternal child and family health, thriving families, and early learning. New grant structures will be launched in July with dedicated project grant cycles, competitive review process, and a new community activity sponsorship program, there will be a webinar in June to help provide additional detail on the new grants available for FY 26/27. Amber shared that all grant application questions and final reporting questions have been reviewed and updated based on feedback from the last First 5 Evaluation Committee meeting and an annual report will be created to showcase outcomes from the Community Indicators of Progress, grant outcomes, and systems work.

Final discussion about the July meeting and whether participants will be available for a summer meeting, some members mentioned conflicts, Amber will send out a reminder a few weeks before the July meeting and the meeting may be canceled due to low availability.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

The next Meeting of the First 5 Shasta Evaluation & Advisory Committee, July 16, 2026 was CANCELED, September 17, 2026 is the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Submitted By, Amber Condrey, Data and Evaluation Coordinator