

Location of Meeting: Scheduled meeting held in person and via Zoom.

Topic: First 5 Shasta Evaluation & Advisory Committee Meeting

Time: April 12, 2023, 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

1. Call to Order 11:10 AM

Welcome and Introductions by Doug Woodworth, Data & Evaluation Coordinator

Committee Members

Kathy Barry (F5S
Commissioner)
Jennifer Snider
Ada Rappeport
Michael Burke
Nayan Jesrani (via Zoom)
Kevin O'Rourke (F5S
Commissioner)(via Zoom)

Staff

Wendy Dickens
Megan Johnson
Jackie Scott
Nicole Brainerd
Doug Woodworth

Public

Tracy Osterday (HHSA)
Anna Wedding (SHS)

2. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

3. Review/ Approve Minutes from 2/08/23 meeting.

Action Item

Motion to approve minutes from 2/08/23 Evaluation and Advisory Committee meeting.

Motion / Seconded: Berry/Dickens

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion: Approved

4. Week of the Young Child 2023:

Scott presented information on the Week of the Young Child (WYOC) 2023, April 1 thru 8, 2023. WOYC proclamations were received from the City of Redding, City of Anderson, City of Shasta Lake, Shasta County, and the Redding Rancheria Tribal Council. Five thousand WOYC event calendars were printed and distributed. First 5 Shasta issued seventeen WOYC grants. Not all grantee final reports have been received yet. These reports will tell how many people were served at the various events. In the coming weeks there will be a grantee debrief meeting to find out what went well and what can be improved for next year.

5. Practitioners Voice CA Fund (PVCA) Grant:

Scott spoke about the two-year grant from Practitioners Voice CA Fund (PVCA) in the amount of \$250,000. F5S will use the grant funds to host a leadership training series to help Early Childhood Education providers learn about the ECE legislative system at the Federal, State, and Local levels. Twenty spots are available for this training. As of 4/12/23, eighteen applications have been received from people wanting to participate in this grant.

6. Universal Pre-Kindergarten, Local Update:

Snider presented a detailed report on what the Shasta County Office of Education, Early Childhood Services (SCOE ECE) has been doing with Shasta County school districts to implement the California UPK/UTK program, what has happened during the past year and how the changes will affect childcare, preschools, and kindergartens in all of Shasta County by the 2025/26 school year.

SCOE/ECE will host a “UPK Mixed Delivery Kick Off Meeting” on May 24th. Rappeport presented on the progress of integrating the PK–3 continuum of UPK. These include ECE Workforce Capacity Development, Co–Teaching Strategies Workshop, and TK Teachers Community of Practice.

7. Preventing Perinatal Substance Exposures

Osterday presented Shasta HHSA/Public Health’s work on preventing Perinatal Substance Exposures and results of the community summit held March 3, 2023. She presented the “Areas of Concern” and “Strategies” developed by the summit participants. All of these ideas will be taken to the PSE Task Force. This Committee then discussed which strategies we would like to see the Task Force focus on. The biggest point of agreement is that any treatment/services much be client focused/client centered.

8. Help Me Grow Shasta: Update

Johnson presented that the next “Champions for Children” event will be Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 10 am to 2 pm at Turtle Bay Exploration Park. This event is an opportunity for community providers that serve children and families to show their wares and share information. To date, seventeen community partners have registered to have a booth at this event. Admission is free for children up to the age of 12, \$2.00 for everyone age 13 and older.

Johnson presented that for the second year, First 5 Shasta is distributing free, age–appropriate books to families participating in the WIC program. After a slow start, 54 books were mailed out in March, and more are going out in April.

Through April 4, 2023, First 5 Shasta has distributed a total of 6,725 books to 71 community partners. Whenever possible, materials about First 5 Shasta programs such as Help Me Grow or Champions for Children is included in the books being distributed.

9. Home Visiting Collaborative: Update

Dickens that future state funding for home visitation collaboration will require counties to coordinate in a model similar to QCC Regional Hubs. First 5 Shasta has proposed we form a larger multi–county collaborative that would include all northern California counties served by Partnership Health Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 pm.