

**Location of Meeting:** 393 Park Marina Circle, Redding, CA 96001  
**Topic:** First 5 Shasta Evaluation and Advisory Committee Meeting  
**Time:** September 19, 2024, 9:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86803555133?pwd=8liLvrpnwtYMYKHSaW6wpm4so9YqtK.1>

1. **Call to Order**  
Welcome and Introductions by Doug Woodworth, Data and Evaluation Coordinator

| <u>Committee</u> | <u>Staff</u>   | <u>Public</u>      |
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| Brian Cole       | Wendy Dickens  | Christina McCabe   |
| Kathy Barry      | Liz Poole      | Samantha Reinhardt |
| Kevin O’Rorke    | Megan Johnson  |                    |
| Tracie Neal      | Alexis Duffy   |                    |
| Brandy Isola     | Doug Woodworth |                    |
| Gordon Chatham   |                |                    |
| Amy Pendergast   |                |                    |
| Daniel Walker    |                |                    |
| Amber Middleton  |                |                    |

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 July 18, 2024, Committee Meeting** **Action Item**  
**Motion to approve minutes:**  
**Motion/Seconded:** Cole/Neal  
**Ayes:** All  
**Nayes:** None  
**Motion:** Approved

4. **Doulas Partner Credentialing Training Project:**  
Christina McCabe and Samantha Reinhardt of Doulas Partner presented information about a doulas credentialing program they will begin in October. Six members from underserved populations in Shasta County will be selected to participate in the training program. Formal training will consist of 18 hours, with 16 hours dedicated to the required topics and 2 hours focusing on multicultural competency and counseling techniques. This project is funded by a grant from First 5 Shasta. Members of the Committee asked many questions and suggested several long-term outcome measures to determine the success of this grant project.

5. **Shasta Community Health Center Presentation:**

Amber Middleton – Senior Director of HOPE Program at Shasta Community Health Center (SCHC), presented information about the HOPE program and all of the work SCHC is doing to provide a wide array of services to homeless people in Shasta County.

6. **Quality Counts– QCNS, ECE, LPC, UPK updates:**

Alexis Duffy, QCNS Program Coordinator presented updates on the multitude of changes coming in the world of Early Childhood Education including reductions in funding, changes to TK and UKP teacher credentialing requirements, and the challenges facing parents and existing preschool (ECE) providers.

7. **Help Me Grow & First 5 Institute Update:** Megan Johnson

Megan Johnson gave an update on the Champions for Children event coordinated by HMG Shasta and SCOE FACES on September 7, 2024, at Turtle Bay Exploration Park. She also provided information about the “Shasta Reads” event coming up on October 24. So far, there are 114 school, pre-school, and library sites registered to participate, and she has received 53 requests for “Celebrity Readers”. She distributed a QR code for anyone wanting to volunteer to be a celebrity reader. She discussed trainings presented by the First 5 Institute and presented a schedule of classes open to the public between now and February 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

The next Evaluation Committee meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM, Thursday November 21, 2024.

Submitted By,  
Doug Woodworth