

Scheduled meeting held in person and via Zoom.

Topic: First 5 Shasta Evaluation & Advisory Committee Meeting

Time: February 8, 2023, 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

1. Call to Order 11:04 AM

Welcome and Introductions by Doug Woodworth, Data & Evaluation Coordinator

**Evaluation Committee Members:**

Kathy Barry (F5S Commissioner)  
Miguel Rodriguez (F5S Commissioner)  
Amy Pendergast  
Beverly Charsha  
Michael Burke  
Bailey Cogger  
Susan Wilson  
Jennifer Snider  
Ada Rappeport  
Nayan Jesrani

**First 5 Shasta Staff:**

Wendy Dickens  
Liz Poole  
Megan Johnson  
Alexis Duffy  
Nicole Brainerd  
Doug Woodworth

**Audience**

None

A quorum was present.

2. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

3. Review/ Approve Minutes from 10/12/22 meeting.

**Action Item**

Motion to approve minutes from 10/12/22 Evaluation and Advisory Committee meeting.

**Motion / Seconded:** Wilson/Johnson

**Ayes:** All

**Nays:** None

**Motion:** Approved

4. Review Brown Act and First 5 Shasta Strategic Plan

Woodworth welcomed new and returning Committee members, then provided a brief overview of the Brown Act, the First 5 Shasta Strategic Plan, and the mission of the Evaluation & Advisory Committee.

5. Week of the Young Child 2023:

Woodworth presented information on the Week of the Young Child 2023, which will take place April 1 through 8, 2023. The calendar of Events is under review. When finished, the calendar will be available to the public in paper format and electronically via QR code.

Brainerd reported that seventeen grants have been funded for this year, an increase from fifteen during the past two years.

Dickens stated that the increase is due to the community recovering from the COVID pandemic and that agencies previously funded have achieved a level of sustainability so that First 5 Shasta no longer needs to fund those WOYC activities and has expanded to fund others.

6. Practitioners Voice CA Fund (PVCA) Grant:

Woodworth presented that First 5 Shasta has received a two-year grant from Practitioners Voice CA Fund (PVCA) in the amount of \$250,000 effective December 1, 2022. F5S plans to use the grant funds to host a leadership training series to help providers learn about the Early Childhood Education legislative system at the Federal, State, and Local levels. Proposed requirements and incentives were discussed along with possible ways to recruit applicants to participate in the training.

**7. Equity, Inclusion, Diversity:**

Snider presented a detailed report on what the Shasta County Office of Education, Early Childhood Services (SCOE ECE) has been doing with the Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program (IEEEP). SCOE/ECE has been increasing the availability and accessibility of high-quality early learning and care environments for children with disabilities through physical expansion of their education and services facilities in the “Early Education & Observation Center” on Hilltop Drive. They are using grant funding to provide “Adaptive Equipment”, “Focused Investments” in facilities improvement for ECE providers, and professional development for ECE providers in Shasta County.

Duffy presented the types and quantity of “Anti-Bias and Diversity” Professional Development training that has been provided to participants of QCNS and QCC Region 2 Hub since 2021. Fifteen training sessions have been provided for more than 400 attendees.

**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. HMG Shasta presented a “Connection Café” on December 7, 2022, and the next one is tentatively scheduled for March 1, 2023, from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Johnson announced that the HMG Shasta website, which has been under construction for months, is completed. She showed postcards and fliers that are used for outreach to the public and to health care professionals to inform them about HMG Shasta.

Woodworth presented that HMG Shasta will complete and submit a “Fidelity Assessment” to HMG National Center by March 1, 2023. Information submitted will cover calendar year 2022. Then HMG Shasta will submit a “Mini Assessment” by August 1, 2023.

**9. Home Visiting Collaborative: Update**

Poole shared that the public outreach & marketing materials for Home Visitation, including electronic/social media and radio ads that have been in work for several months will be out in the next few weeks. First 5 California has released a new RFP for Home Visitation. Future funding will require counties to coordinate in a model similar to QCC Regional Hubs. First 5 Shasta has met with the other counties in Region 2 and it is “tentatively” decided that First 5 Butte County will take the lead on fiscal and administrative requirements of the region for Home Visitation.

**10. Neonatal Substance-Exposed infants: Update**

Pendergast presented that Shasta County HHSA/Public Health is continuing their work to reduce and prevent neonatal substance-exposed infants and the “Shasta Perinatal Substance Exposures Summit” will be on Friday, March 3, 2023. Currently the summit is full but there will be a “video” option to watch the presentation. Information fliers for the summit were distributed to meeting attendees.

**11. Universal Pre-Kindergarten/Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UPK/UTK):**

Rappeport presented information on 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 over the next three years. UPK handouts and Power Point presentation were provided to each meeting attendee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 pm.

**Next Evaluation Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, April December 12, 2023, (11:00 AM to 1:00 PM) The meeting will be in person in the First 5 Shasta office at 393 Park Marina Circle, Redding.