

Scheduled meeting held in person and Zoom.

Topic: First 5 Shasta Evaluation & Advisory Committee Meeting

Time: August 10, 2022, 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

1. Call to Order 11:10 AM

Welcome and Introductions by Doug Woodworth, Data & Evaluation Coordinator

Evaluation Committee Members:

Gordon Chatham
Amy Pendergast
Beverly Charsha
Cindy Dodds
Jennifer Snider
Tracie Neal
Bailey Cogger
Daniel Walker
Nayan Jesrani
Susan Wilson

First 5 Shasta Staff:

Wendy Dickens
Liz Poole
Megan Johnson
Nicole Brainerd
Doug Woodworth

Audience

Gordon DeWitt
Eric Friend

2. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

3. Review/ Approve Minutes from 4/13/22 meeting.

Action Item

Motion to approve minutes from 4/13/22 Evaluation and Advisory Committee meeting.

Motion / Seconded: Neal/Pendergast

Ayes: All

Nayes: None

Motion: Approved

4. Help Me Grow Shasta:

M. Johnson presented summary and participant feedback from the Champions for Children event June 25th at Turtle Bay exploration Park. Presented about “Help Me Grow Storytime” at the Redding Library happening July through December, and the Help Me Grow (HMG) Connection Café scheduled for August 31, 2022. The Connection Cafe will be an “in-person” event. Johnson presented on the upcoming merger of the HMG Community Collaborative and the Shasta Home Visitation Collaborative.

5. Shasta Home Visitation Collaborative:

Poole presented on what the Home Visitation Collaborative (HVC), has accomplished during the past year, the contract extension, and the upcoming merger with the HMG Community Collaborative.

Johnson requested that if Committee members have a person that would be a good fit with the combined collaboratives, that they send those names to her.

Poole presented that the HVC has some funding available for training. The first training that will be presented will be “Nurturing Father”, November 2 thru 4. Sign up for the training will happen through the First 5 Institute and will be made public as soon as contracts are completed.

6. Regional K-16 Education Collaborative Grant:

Woodworth gave a brief overview of North State Together, Reach High Shasta, and the “Regional K-16 Education Collaborative Grant”. He then introduced Gordon DeWitt, the coordinator of Reach Higher Shasta. DeWitt presented a brief history of Reach Higher Shasta (RHS), what the collaborative has accomplished, current initiatives, plans, and how to invest the funds from the K-16 grant for the greatest impact.

7. Cradle to Career:

DeWitt and Dickens discussed how RHS is keeping early childhood development, and programs for 0 to 5, and 0 to 8 children a priority in Shasta County.

8. Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot Drop-In Session:

Woodworth presented that the Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot (KRS) is still alive and being handled by North State Together (NST). NST is conducting online, drop-in sessions for anyone with questions about KRS at: <https://northstatetogether.org/event/kindergarten-readiness-snapshot-krs-drop-in-session/>. Snider presented that SCOE is providing mentor coaches to go into kindergarten classroom to complete the KRS screenings, so the kindergarten teachers don't have to spend many hours of their teaching time to complete the screenings.

9. CDPH - ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES DATA REPORT: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2013-2019.

Woodworth presented results from the CDPH - ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES DATA REPORT. Shasta County statistics on reported ACEs in adults continue to be double the state average. Committee members discussed options on dealing with this high level of ACEs in our community.

Neal asked about the Launch program and if it was having success in providing support to families.

Friend informed the Committee that Launch Parent Partners provide evidence-based services like Triple-P and SAFE Care and can provide transportation and numerous other supports to parents and families participating in the program. He suggested that being able to fund more parent partners would increase the amount of support provided to parents and families in need.

Friend discussed the success Pathways to Hope has had using "Parent Cafes" to reach out to the community and connect with families that need additional support.

Wilson commented that we need to train more people to present to the public about ACEs, what they are and how they affect people to change the culture of ACEs in Shasta County.

Snider wondered if there are resources available to conduct a mass public education campaign about ACEs. She also expressed the idea of expanding home visiting programs to be able to reach every family in Shasta County even if for only one visit per family. And suggested that we revisit the ACEs programs that we did prior to COVID and build on them.

Chatham stated that the Head Start Home Visiting program has 75 openings and difficulty in accessing new parents.

Snider asked about the possibility of creating a pilot program between the Shasta Home Visiting Collaborative and Mercy Maternity to allow home visitors to connect with new parents in the maternity ward and build a relationship early.

Dickens stated that suggestions from this committee will be taken to the Shasta Strengthening Families Collaborative for consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:12 pm.

Next Evaluation Committee Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2022, (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.