

1. Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions by Cindy Vogt, Chairperson

The meeting was called to order @: 2:37 pm

In attendance:

Commission

Andrew Deckert
Cindy Vogt
Judie Smith
Donnell Ewert
Erin Salazar (2:40 pm)
Joe Ayer (3:14 pm)

Staff

Wendy Dickens
Rita Panike

Audience

Theresa Rickard-Tibbett

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. The Act prohibits the Commission from taking action or discussing the item unless it is already on the agenda.

3. Consider Approval of Minutes from June 12, 2017 Commission Meeting

Action Item

Motion to approve the Minutes from June 12, 2017 Commission Meeting:

Motion/Seconded: Smith/Deckert

Ayes: Smith, Vogt, Deckert

Nays: None Abstention: Ewert Motion: Approved

4. First 5 Shasta Grantmaking:

a. Focused Investment Funding

i. *Consider No Cost Extension for Mercy Maternity Center*

Action Item

Dickens stated that First 5 Shasta had previously awarded a \$30,000 Focused Investment to Mercy Maternity Center for the period July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017. These funds have been used to enhance current patient education options through the use of personal technology, improve access to and utilization of childbirth preparation resources, and increase patient knowledge regarding actions that they can take to ensure a healthy pregnancy. Due to an unanticipated cost saving on the educational materials, Mercy Maternity Center did not spend all of the awarded funds and could continue this program for an additional year should the Focused Investment be extended.

Deckert asked if any evaluation had taken place of this Focused Investment. Dickens stated that First 5 Shasta had 3 years of evaluation for this Focused Investment and that although she did not have the data in front of her that the online education courses have been well received, with survey respondents reporting that the format allowed them to complete classes that they otherwise would not have.

Deckert also asked if the participants were using this program in lieu of childbirth classes. Dickens stated that although conventional childbirth classes were still being offered, this program offered an alternative for clients who cannot attend a conventional prepared childbirth class due to bed rest, scheduling conflicts, time constraints or barriers to access such as access to a vehicle/transportation.

Motion to approve a one-year extension no cost extension for Mercy Maternity Center Focused Investment:

Motion/Seconded: Deckert/Salazar

Ayes: Deckert, Vogt, Smith, Ewert, Salazar

Nays: None

Motion: Approved

5. First 5 Shasta Commission Membership

Panike stated that the terms for Commission seats #2 (currently held by Andrew Deckert) and Commission seat #3 (currently held by Donnell Ewert) will end on December 31, 2017. As stated in the Shasta Children and Families Commission County Ordinance, seat #2 shall be the County Health Officer or his/her designee and seat #3 shall be the Director of the County Health and Human Services Agency or his/her designee.

Andrew Deckert stated that he would remain on the Commission however Donnell Ewert stated he will be leaving at the end of his term and will be recommending Dianna Wagner to the Shasta County Board of Supervisors for appointment.

6. Reports

- a. **Admin Committee** – Vogt stated that the Admin Committee recently presented the Executive Director with her Annual Performance Evaluation and will give a full report to the Commission in the closed session.
- b. **Evaluation Committee** – Vogt stated that the Evaluation Committee discussed the validation of the KRS app and that Reach Higher Shasta had made a commitment to contribute funds toward that effort that would cover approximately 50% of the cost of validation.
- c. **Executive Director** – Dickens stated that development of the Help Me Grow RFA's was ongoing. First 5 Shasta will be releasing those RFA's into the community in the coming months. These RFA's will be for service providers in the areas of case management and a HMG call center. The dates for the 2018 First 5 California Child Health, Education, and Care Summit. The dates are April 8-10 and the summit will be held in Glendale this year. First 5 Shasta's Golf Tournament took place August 12-14 and was very successful this year. Kids Kingdom reopened last week and was well attended by the community. Dickens encouraged everyone to stop by if they haven't already and see the updated playground.
- d. **Commission** – Deckert stated that he had 4 things to share with the Commission. He first shared that he had recently viewed a chart that was an analysis of neo-natal abstinence syndrome by county in California which is a condition newborn babies can develop when they are born addicted to opioids as a result of the mothers use of Heroin, Methadone, etc. Not every mother who uses has a baby born with this condition. Shasta County has the highest rate of neo-natal abstinence syndrome of the 58 counties in California. Deckert stated that he hadn't had enough time to learn more about this study yet but that the research was ongoing. The second thing that Deckert shared is that Public Health Agencies have seen an outbreak that is almost an epidemic of syphilis. Normally 0-2 cases are reported per year and based on what has been reported for the first half of 2017, we are on target to see 33 cases this year. In addition, the first congenital case has been reported. Congenital syphilis is completely preventable if the mother is treated with penicillin during pregnancy. The current standard of care is for every expectant mother to have a blood test during the first trimester to check for syphilis as well as many other conditions. California is recommending that providers re-test for this during the third trimester and some providers are now doing this. Deckert stated that in order to prevent spreading this the expectant mother must complete a course of 3 penicillin injections (spaced 1 week apart) at least 1 month prior to giving birth which means that those mothers who receive no prenatal care or don't receive care until the last month of pregnancy are at risk. Deckert's third item to report was that immunization rate at kindergarten and

7th grade have gone up significantly, resulting in percentages in the low 90's of completely immunized children. The final thing that Deckert reported on was in regards to ACES Champions training. The ACES Champions are now giving talks throughout the community and it is helping to raise awareness. The trainers have formed a learning community to continue their efforts.

Meeting adjourned @ 3:45 p.m.

7. Adjournment to Closed Session:

Adjournment to Closed Session during this meeting to review the following item:

- a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (G.C. 54957)
Title: Executive Director

No reportable action taken.

Closed session adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Panike
Administrative & Fiscal Analyst

UPCOMING SCFC MEETINGS AND EVENTS

First 5 Shasta Evaluation Committee Meeting: September 6, 2017 -11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

First 5 Shasta Administrative Committee: September 11, 2017 – 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

First 5 Shasta Commission Meeting: October 9, 2017 – 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.