OPEN SESSION CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Staples called the meeting to order at 3:30pm

Commissioners Present – Melinda Staples, Homer Rice, Gary Bradford, Sally Sokoloski
Excused- Jim Arnold, Tony Gordon, Francisco Reveles
Staff Present: Ericka Summers, Robin Timoszyk
Guest Presenter: Christina Branom of Applied Survey Research
Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Staples

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Item 1: Consent Agenda
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2019 REGULAR MEETING
Motion to Approve made by Commissioner Rice
Second: Commissioner Bradford
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Bradford, Rice, Sokoloski, and Staples

Item 2: Presentation
Presentation from Applied Survey Research – Annual Evaluation Report
In preparation for the public hearing, the Commission received a presentation from our evaluator.

Evaluator Branom reviewed the annual evaluation report with the Commission. Outlined the strategic framework, goals, and outcomes of the First 5 programs over the course of the 2018/2019 year. Branom reviewed programs quarterly results, including demographics of the families served. Branom reviewed data related to what services families have utilized over the last year, including how many have received hear, vision, and developmental screening and dental visits.

Motion to Approve made by Commissioner Bradford
Second: Commissioner Sokoloski
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Bradford, Rice, Sokoloski, and Staples

Item 3 Public Hearing/Action
Pursuant to Health and Safety Code §130140 – Annual Local Evaluation Report Review -

Questions related to who is making referrals and who is completing the surveys. Branom briefly discussed the referral process. No other public input.
Motion to Approve made by Commissioner Bradford  
Second: Commissioner Sokoloski  
Vote: 4/0  
Ayes: Bradford, Rice, Sokoloski, and Staples

**Item 4 Discussion/Action**
**MG20 – 102 Application – Mindful Youth Adventures with Sumiko Sprague**
The Commission reviewed the recommended application and considered granting funding. The Commission asked questions related to the grant and how the program will serve the community. Sprague discussed her program and answered the Commission’s questions.  
Brief discussion surrounding the current budget. The Commission decided to hear mini grant application 121 prior to making a decision.  
After hearing application 121, the Commission agreed to reduce the budget for both applications by 14% of the funds requested.

Motion to Approve, with a reduction of 14% made by Commissioner Rice  
Second: Commissioner Bradford  
Vote: 4/0  
Ayes: Bradford, Rice, Sokoloski, and Staples

**Item 5 Discussion/Action**
**MG20 – 121 Application – Rise Up – Youth Performing Arts Program**
The Commission reviewed the recommended application and consider granting funding. Julian Barkley-Brinson, Executive Director of Rise Up, reviewed his program and answered the Commission’s questions.  
Discussion around the current budget and how the Commission may fund both mini grant application 102 and 121.

The Commission agreed to reduce the budget for both applications by 14% of the funds requested.

Motion to Approve, with a reduction of 14% made by Commissioner Rice  
Second: Commissioner Bradford  
Vote: 4/0  
Ayes: Bradford, Rice, Sokoloski, and Staples

**Item 6: Discussion/Action**
Approve Commission Meeting Schedule for 2020
Brief discussion around changing the December meeting date. No changes were made. Commission directed staff to prepare revised schedule to minimize schedule conflicts with the December meeting.

Motion to Approve 2020 schedule as presented made by Commissioner Bradford
Second: Commissioner Sokoloski
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Bradford, Rice, Sokoloski, and Staples

**Item 7: Discussion/Action**
**Pursuant to County Ordinance- Article VI, Section 2, Appoint Chair and Vice Chair** - The Commission shall annually elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson (prior to each calendar year) who shall serve for a term of one year.

This item was tabled

**Item 8: Discussion**
**Monthly Activity Report**
The Commission received information on committees, operational and program activities and an Executive Director special report. ED Summers reviewed the activities of November and December.

- **Budget** - July disbursements have been posted by First 5 California but not yet received to the County. July Allocations total: **$49,979.63**. Estimates for Quarter 1, including July, August, and September, have been released. Projections are **23% lower** than last year at this same time.

- The First 5 Association as well as First 5 CA continue to have daily check-ins and conversations with CDTFA. The Commission is giving until the end of the year to get answers and then will start in engaging in an action plan that may include engaging legislators, auditing and discussions with Prop 99 and 56 administrators.

- ED Summers was recently elected to the First 5 Policy and Advocacy Committee as Representative for the Sacramento Region as well as the Vice Chair of the Children’s Wellness and Child Abuse Prevention Council.

- Rural Family Engagement Collaborative: Recently Joined the Rural Family Engagement Collaborative - a statewide team of First 5 administrators and ED’s discussing potential strategies and best practices to reach rural communities. Monthly teleconferences and Quarterly meetings.

- Staff provided an update on the search for additional office space in anticipation of expansion of funding and staff. A site has been identified and preliminary steps have been taken to determine viability. Multiple discussions with County administrators, partners, local contractors, owner and property management have taken place since summer 2019.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:13PM**