

MEETING MINUTES SAN FRANCISCO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

DATE: Wednesday, February 1, 2023

TIME: 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

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1. Call to order

The commission meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm

2. Roll call

Present: Zea Malawa, Aline Armstrong, Lynn Merz, Linda Asato, Maria Su, Ingrid Mezquita, Joan Miller, Myrna Melgar, Cesnae Crawford

Absent: Michael Lambert

3. Roll call for the Early Childhood Community Oversight and Advisory Committee (COAC)

Present: Meredith Dodson, Gina Fromer (Chair), Pamela Geisler, Monique Guidry, Cindy Lopez-Chastain, Patricia Sullivan, Monica Walters

4. Approval of Resolution Making Finding to Allow Teleconference Meetings for San Francisco Children and Families Commission under California Government Code Section 54953 (e) until following 30-day review, having considered the circumstances of the state of emergency and the local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

There was no further discussion.

There was no public comment.

The motion to approve Resolution Making Finding to allow teleconference Meeting of San Francisco Children and Families Commission under California Government Code Section 54953 (3) until following 30-days review.

Having considered the circumstance of the state emergency and the local official continuing to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing was made by Supervisor Melgar and second by commissioner Asato, the motion was carried unanimously and was approved unanimously at 4:36 pm.

5. General public comment:

There was no further discussion

There was no public comment

6. Approval of the Consent Calendar

The Fiscal Committee of the Commission considers the Consent Calendar items on this agenda at its regular meeting on the third Wednesday of each month. The Fiscal Committee Consent Calendar consists of two sections. The first section is for items that will be considered for approval. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Fiscal Committee so requests. The second section consists of items that will be for discussion and approval.

Consent Calendar items that have been recommended for approval by the Fiscal Committee will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

a. Discussion and possible action to approve December 7, 2022, Commission meeting minutes (Action Item) [Commissioners provided with the following: minutes]

There was no further discussion.

There was no public comment.

The motion to approve December 7, 2022, Commission meeting minutes (Action Item) was made by commissioner Asato and second by commissioner Miller, the motion was carried unanimously and was approved unanimously at 4:49 pm.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve a professional service contract up to \$240,000 to Optimas Services, Inc. to provide consultation, claim preparation, audit documentation, and other services to support the County-based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (CMAA) program participation from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025 (Action Item) [Commissioners provided with the following: coversheet and contract summary]

- Federal matching funds available through the Medi-Cal program for Medi-Cal Administrative activities – outreach for Medi-Cal enrollment, application assistance, care coordination, and program planning/development for these activities.

- Federal funds of 50 cents to \$1 local eligible funds spent.
- DEC staff partnered with the Family Support Alliance, Casey Family Programs, Optimas, and DPH to initiate MAA with agencies participating in the FRC Initiative.
- Claims have not been developed for all participating agencies from April 2021 through March 22, but to date, \$147K in claims are projected.
- For solely funded activities to support MAA, Optimas has proposed a budget of \$120,000/year. \$240,000 for two years. This item seeks approval of \$240k for a two-year period.

There was no further discussion.

There was no public comment.

Action to approve a professional service contract up to \$240,000 to Optimas Services, Inc. to provide consultation, claim preparation, audit documentation, and other services to support the County-based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (CMAA) program participation from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025, was made by commissioner Malawa and second by commissioner Asato, the motion was carried unanimously and approved unanimously at 5:08 pm.

8. Department of Early Childhood draft spending plan for the fiscal year 2023-24 and 2024-25 (Discussion only) [Commissioners provided with the following: draft budget]

- **FY23 – A landmark year for kids:** Establishing the Department of Early Childhood, combining the offices of OECE and First 5.
- Completed the department’s first strategic plan.
- Conducted Kindergarten readiness survey with SFUSD.
- Programmed 252.3M in Baby Prop C Funds
- Increased early learning subsidies and raised family income eligibility from 85% SMI to 110% AMI
- Expansion of ECE Facilities, \$60M in Baby Prop C Funds
- Launched workforce compensation initiative providing salary increases for 1,197 educators and stipends to 1,348 teachers.
- **Preschool Subsidy waitlist eliminated:** Current enrollment is 8,000 children, 85% are preschool aged with families earning below 100% of the state median income.
- Expanded eligibility for early care and education subsidy support from 100% SMI to 110% AMI.
- 34% year-over-year increase in the children and families served through early learning subsidies (ELS FY23 YTD)

- **DEC Capacity Expansion:** +5 ECE new centers built with +219 City funded slots.
- **Child wellbeing- First Steps to Universal Screening:** Sparkler lets families digitally record their child's screening results.
- **3,029** San Francisco children received developmental screening citywide, and **797** Children were screened on a sparkler and actively used the learning activities in their preferred home language.

DEC Funding Sources

- Prop C
- Prop 10
- Public Education Enrichment Fund
- San Francisco General Fund
- State and Federal Grants
- Interdepartmental Agreements

Fiscal Outlook Summary

- DEC's primary revenue source, Baby Prop C, is Under pressure from sluggish returns to the office, with a bearish outlook for commercial rents in FY24 and FY25
- The CA dept of finance has projected a year-over-year decline for Prop 10.
- Baby Prop C faces downward pressure in coming years; potential stress on the overall DEC budget as commercial rents are a lagging indicator of a business downturn.

Budget Timeline

- January 18, 2023, first 5 commission fiscal committee – Public Budgeting meeting #1
- February 1, 2023, First 5 Commission/ DEC COAC – Public Budget Meeting #2
- February 15, 2023, Child Care Planning & Advisory Committee
- February 21, 2023, Department Budget Submission Due
- June 1, 2023, Mayor Proposes a balanced budget to BOS.
- June TBD, Budget & Appropriations Committee Hearing
- July, Budget considered by BOS (adopted by July 28, 2023)

(Discussion Item only)

9. Children and Families Commission updates

- The California Childcare Resource & Referral network reissued its childcare portfolio using updated R&R and Census data.

10. Early Childhood Community Oversight and Advisory Committee updates

(No Update)

11. Executive Director Announcement

- Appreciation to Tracy Fong and Brenda Taylor for their development of the DEC spending plan, financial forecasts, and systems in place.
- We are hiring at DEC; please check out our website!

12. Adjournment

The commission meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.