

# San Francisco Children and Families Commission

Wednesday, March 6, 2024



San Francisco Department of  
**Early Childhood**

# AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. General public comment
4. Agenda Item public comment
5. Discussion and possible action to approve the January 10, 2024 meeting minutes (Action item) [Commissioners provided with the following: draft minutes]
6. Update on Child Family Well-being Division's Request for Grant Applications and Corresponding June Contract Approvals (Discussion item)
7. Discussion and possible action to waive the presentation and 10-day notice rule of order as required by Commission by-laws to be able to approve Bylaws and Policy and Procedure Updates. (Action item)
8. Discussion and possible action to approve updated Bylaws (Action item) [Commissioners provided with the following: updated Bylaws]
9. Discussion and possible action to approve Policy and Procedure Guide (Action item) [Commissioners provided with the following: Policy and Procedure Guide]
10. Discussion and possible action to approve Policy and Procedure Manual section updates (Action item) [Commissioners provided with the following: updated Policy and Procedure sections]
11. Commissioner updates
12. Executive Director updates
13. Adjourn



## 2. Roll Call



### **3. General public comment**



## 4. Agenda item public comment



**5. Discussion and possible action to approve the January 10, 2024 meeting minutes (Action item)**



**6. Update on Child Family Well-being Division's Request for Grant Applications and Corresponding June Contract Approvals (Discussion item)**



# Child and Family Well-being Division Solicitation Update



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# Predictors of Kindergarten Readiness

(From 2007, 2009, and 2015 Assessments)

Research shows that being ready for kindergarten is a key educational benchmark that leads to continued success in future years.

All children need the support of family, community, and systems to be ready for kindergarten.

These three solicitations address almost all the factors associated with increased school readiness.





**San Francisco Family Resource Center Initiative:** For over a decade, FRCs have demonstrated ability to build community and social connections; increase families’ engagement in schools and communities; enhance parenting capacity and confidence; support parent/child nurturing and bonding; and link families to resources and services in times of crisis.

**Entities will apply as either neighborhood-based or city-wide population and will respond to Four Service Categories:**

- **Responsive Relationships:** Family members learn from one another and have nurturing, supportive relationships inside and outside family resource centers. Services reduce social isolation and increase social supports.
- **Parent Self-Efficacy:** Parents understand developmental milestones, believe they can influence their child’s development, and use practices that promote milestone achievement. Services promote understanding of child development as well as supporting parental resilience.
- **School Readiness and Success:** Children enter kindergarten with the cognitive, social/emotional, and physical skills that support school success. Services include understanding about the social-emotional competence of children.
- **Stress Mitigation:** Parents/caregivers have the information, resources, and connections to peers and professionals to successfully raise their children in San Francisco. Services connect families to concrete supports in times of need.



**Early Intervention and Specialized Services System of Care RFP** is intended to form a consolidated Early Intervention service system from complementary parts that were more siloed in previous grant-making and to enhance service components for children with moderate to high risk for developmental delays.

**Entities will apply in one or multiple Service Component Areas:**

- **Children with Special Health Care Needs and Early Intervention Family Resource Center** (one provider)
- **Centralized Access Point** (one provider)
- **Developmental Play Groups** (multiple providers)
- **Care Coordination** (multiple providers)





**Mental Health Consultation Initiative:** services are focused on improving the capacities, skills and understanding of adults of themselves and thereby impacting children's social-emotional needs and development.

All entities will respond to three categories of services:

- **Mental Health Consultation**
- **Early Intervention & Mental Health Treatment**
- **Systems Work**



- **Family Resource Center Initiative:** \$17.8 million anticipated to fund 25 grants
- **Family Resource Center Initiative Proposals Received:** 35 proposals representing 24 neighborhoods and 11 city-wide populations
- **Early Intervention and Specialized Services System of Care:** \$2.7 million anticipated to fund 9-11 grants
- **Early Intervention and Specialized Services System of Care Proposals Received:** 18 proposals received
- **Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Initiative:** \$5million anticipated to fund 4-6 grants
- **Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation LOI's Received:** 4 anticipated applicants





# Anticipating Contract Approvals

- Numbers: Approximately 40 contracts
- Approval Timeline: April/May contract negotiations; May/June Commission Approval
- Contract Approval Materials: Lists of agencies and funding amounts accompanied by initiative descriptions, logic models, and performance metrics
- New Contract Launch: July 1st



**7. Discussion and possible action to waive the presentation and 10-day notice rule of order as required by Commission by-laws to be able to approve Bylaws and Policy and Procedure Updates.  
(Action item)**





- The Children and Families Commission Bylaws require a 10-Day period between the presentation of Rules of Order amendments and the commission's vote.
- DEC staff recommends waiving this wait period for today's meeting.

**8. Discussion and possible  
action to approve updated  
Bylaws (Action item)  
[Commissioners provided  
with the following: updated  
Bylaws]**





# Amendments to Bylaws Include:

- Changing annual officer elections to June
- Updating meeting time and place to reflect DEC merger
- Altering committee work to ad hoc
- Ending fiscal and program committees for the time being

**9. Discussion and possible action to approve Policy and Procedure Guide (Action item)  
[Commissioners provided with the following: Policy and Procedure Guide]**



# Policy and Procedure Guide

- Summarizes Policy and Procedure for Children and Families Commission
- Meant to be both an onboarding and ongoing resource for Commissioners
- Discusses both citywide and DEC specific expectations for the commission

**10. Discussion and possible action to approve Policy and Procedure Manual section updates (Action item)**  
**[Commissioners provided with the following: updated Policy and Procedure sections]**



# Policy and Procedure Manual

- Different from the Policy and Procedure Guide, the Manual is a 300+ page document which includes all relevant city and state legislation, Department of Early Childhood policy and Children and Families Commission Rules of Order

# Policy and Procedure Manual

Amendments include:

- Revising language for the inclusion of the Department of Early Childhood
- Including the most recent SF Admin Code Chapter 86 amendments
- Eliminating the fiscal committee's role as a perennial financial decision-making body



# 11. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

## 12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES



# March 2024 Executive Director's Report

DEC reinforced Mayor Breed's Children and Family Recovery Plan strategies. At a press conference held at the Good Samaritan, Mayor Breed and Supervisor Melgar uplifted DEC's impact on young children, families, and the system of care, highlighting the importance of the city's investments in child, family, and ECE workforce support.



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**Press Conference: Update on Mayor Breed's Children and Family Recovery Plan**



# Adjourn



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