

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:27 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:** Lynn Merz, Joan Miller, Linda Asato, Maria Su, E'Leva Hughes Gibson, Theresa Zighera, and Zea Malawa

Aline Armstrong arrived at 5:15 pm

**3. General public comment**

There was no general public comment.

**4. First public meeting on FY2021-2022 and FY2022-2023 budget**

Staff provided information on the first public meeting budget. The following highlights were shown:

- City/County requires each department to hold two separate public meetings around their budget submissions.
- City projecting a deficit over next two years due to employee wage increase, the citywide cost for COVID (no Federal Funding relief), and slower revenue growth.
- Department projections are early, and numbers will change.
- General Fund departments are mandated to reduce their budgets by 7.5 percent and with a 2.5 contingency plan.
- Departments are required to prioritize sustainability of core services and programs.
- The Mayor is emphasizing recovery and equity.
- 2019 State Prop 10 projections received to date indicate declining revenue. There have not been any updates or changes.
- New to the budget is anticipated revenue due to ACES Aware grant applications and new Medi-Cal billing project for Family Resource Center Initiative. The administrative cost is slightly up for COLA and additional staffing.
- Office of Early Care and Education (OECE) and First 5 beginning joint budget and future planning with Mayor's Budget Office.

Commissioners commented on the following:

- Clarity about draw-down of sustainability funds in context of increased revenue from outside sources.
- Apparent reduction of evaluation costs and plan for evaluation and accountability work to be maintained through combined OECE and First 5 resources, cost-share of Regional HUB evaluation staff, and external consultants.
- Child Development expenditures reduced and Family Support expenditures increased in direct response to the revenue projections in those areas.
- Moving forward Commission recommends monitoring Sustainability Fund draw-down.

Discussion item only.

There was no public comment.

## 5. Update and overview of anticipated funding streams and contracting of January 2021 through June 2021

Staff presented on revenue developments in Fall 2020 that have Fiscal and contracting implications for the next 6 months and upcoming budget cycle.

The following highlights were shown:

- In partnership with DCYF, HSA, FRC Alliance, Our Children Our Families, DPH, and external consultant, and funded by Casey Foundation, SF FRC's are exploring strategies for drawing down Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (CMAA) funding.
- CMAA claiming and funding is distinct in that it will focus on the administrative side of MediCal and not the clinical. There is no cap on the dollars.
- Revenue projections for CMAA claiming by FRCs is projected to be between \$2 and 4 million, with 90% going back to FRC.
- \$3 million in one-time Prop F Funds recently released by Board of Supervisors for Family Resource Centers.
- San Francisco partners applied for a \$3million ACES AWARE grant that if funded would likely lead to additional implementation dollars. First 5 and First 5 funded programs were written into the grant application.

Commission commented on the following

- CMAA revenue is a net gain for FRCs in that the work is already being provided, but often not funded, and the claiming process is overall manageable with regard to administrative burden, especially in comparison to clinical draw-down. Also, liability issues for CMAA revenue draw-down are less than the clinical draw-down.
- Administrative burden and expected role of First 5 staff in overseeing CMAA claiming.
- Commissioners request clarity around expenditure timeline for Prop F one-time funds; staff will follow-up with information from OECE.

Discussion item only.

Public Comment: Gina Fromer, Children Council, cautions that direct services MediCal claiming is very burdensome, complex, and thus has little return on investment if Commission and FRCs were to go down that path; but CMAA claiming within FRCs seems to be an excellent fit.

## 6. 2021 Communications Update

Staff provided background information on 2021 Communications. The following highlights were shown:

- Update on new components to the SF First 5 website that are now live.
- Updated dashboards with 2019-20 data.
- Compiled a First 5 dashboard of COVID -19 response efforts for children, families, and providers between March and August 2020.
- Racial Equity Resolution will also go live in early 2021 and roll out on all social media platforms.

Discussion item only.

There was no public comment.

## **7. Committee Update**

- Policy and Planning Ad Hoc committee had two presentations:
  - Discussion on values that should ground Strategic Planning facilitated by VIVA
  - San Francisco Unified School District's Early Education Department presented on approach, principles, and practices for distance learning within the early childhood sector.

## **8. Commissioner Update**

- Commissioner Malawa has published a journal in the American Academy of Pediatrics that provides a framework for centering racism as a root cause approach to systems change. It is available for free download.
- Multiple Commissioners are working to ensure that childcare workers and FRC staff are defined as essential workers per state guidelines and included in COVID-19 early vaccination tiers along with other essential frontline workers after health care providers and those 75+.

## **9. Interim Executive Director Update**

- First 5 has moved out of 1390 Fox Plaza and is currently without physical office space while renovations are being completed at 1650 Mission Street, a new shared office space with OECE. Relocation to new space is expected in April or May 2021 when renovations are complete.
- Theresa Zighera will be out on Medical Leave for one-two weeks at the end of January.

## **10. Adjourn**

- January 6, 2021 full commission meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.