



California Children and Families Commission Emergency Meeting

March 10, 2021

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 – Opening Remarks

Vice Chair Munger called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Nadine Burke Harris
Molly Munger
Monica Fitzgerald
Mayra Alvarez
Shana Hazan
Jackie Majors
Elsa Jimenez

Ex Officio Member Present: Kris Perry

Announcements:

Vice Chair Munger opened the meeting in the Chair's absence, and thanked Commissioners for coming together to discuss continuing the investment in distributing emergency supplies to local childcare providers who are prioritizing services for children of essential workers. She noted First 5 California (F5CA) has partnered with SupplyBank.org in procuring and delivering essential supplies in every county across California. She emphasized the need for the supplies is immediate, and thus an emergency meeting was called.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

- **Lani Schiff-Ross**, Executive Director of First 5 San Joaquin – Ms. Schiff-Ross thanked the Commission, as well as SupplyBank.org, for the assistance her Commission and community has received in the past year to combat the pandemic.

Action Item 3 – COVID-19 and Emergency Situation

Chair Burke Harris joined the meeting and turned the presentation to Camille Maben, Executive Director, to introduce the item. Ms. Maben provided background information on what constitutes an emergency meeting in the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act.

MOTION/ACTION: Commissioner Hazan moved to find that the requirements for an emergency situation, as defined by the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act, have been met, and the emergency meeting may proceed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alvarez.

VOTE: The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Action Item 4 – Continued Distribution of Emergency Supplies During COVID-19 Outbreak

Simon Marquez, Manager, presented to the Commission on the previous investments in emergency supplies to childcare providers and the community at large, and the work F5CA has accomplished with SupplyBank.org. He noted that before the contract with SupplyBank expired, a survey was disseminated to county commissions to gauge interest in another supply program, and overwhelmingly, respondents believe there is a continuous need for personal protective equipment and other emergency supplies in their community. Mr. Marquez discussed the financial impact of this program, noting the commitment would be funded through the Unallocated account in the amount up to \$2 million between fiscal years 2020–21 and 2021–22. He mentioned the Federal Emergency Management Agency may reimburse F5CA for funds spent on the emergency supplies program.

DISCUSSION: Commissioners had questions that centered around the idea of equity. They wanted confirmation that the emergency supplies were going to those who are truly in need, and in particular with this round of funding, families in need. F5CA staff emphasized that at the time the funding for emergency supplies was approved, the goal was to get supplies out to essential workers/providers as fast as possible. Commissioners urged F5CA to take the time to consider putting an equity lens on this round of funding to ensure supplies go to those who need it most, and that using the Healthy Places Index (HPI) is an excellent way to find communities who are struggling.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MOTION/ACTION: Chair Burke Harris moved to approve up to \$2 million from the Unallocated account through the Summer of 2021 to continue providing local communities with necessary supplies to combat the outbreak of COVID-19 using an equity allocation in proportion to disease burden in counties by quartile utilizing the HPI, with the condition that staff will provide data on families and providers who are receiving supplies through the program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munger.

VOTE: The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Action Item 11 – Adjournment

MOTION/ACTION: Commissioner Munger moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hazan.

VOTE: The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Chair Burke Harris adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.