



MINUTES
March 3, 2005

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Imperial County Children and Families First Commission (ICCFCC) was held on March 3, 2005 at the Public Health Department Conference Room, located at 935 Broadway in El Centro. Mr. Semmes, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

James Semmes
Sue Tally
Margaret Baker
Karla Sigmond
Robin Hodgkin
Veronica Guerrero

Staff:

Julio Rodriguez
Bea Duran

Guests:

Francisca Gomez, Intern
Cheryl Anderson

Absent:

Rebecca Green
Supervisor Joe Maruca

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mrs. Baker and it was seconded by Mrs. Sigmond to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2005 Commission Meeting as presented; all in favor, motion carried.

IV. Chairperson Report None.

V. Administrative Report

1. Monthly Financial Report, January 2005: A summary of the monthly Financial Report for the month ending January 31, 2005 was provided by the Director. A motion to approve the financial monthly report for the month ending January 31, 2005 as presented was made by Mrs. Hodgkin and seconded by Mrs. Tally; with all in favor, motion carried.
2. Proposition 10 Revenue Projections: As follow-up to a request and included in the packet for the Commission were projection models estimated for Proposition 10; it was noted that annual tax revenues have been projected using various models and have been adjusted to account for estimated backfill monies paid out to Proposition 99. Projections for 2006-2008 figures included the projected decline in tobacco consumption; an augment to Imperial County figures due to the increase in birth rates; SMIF interest payments; and a one-time bankruptcy settlement payment. Further discussion continued regarding annual revenues; members expressed their concern for funding decreases from the state. It was recommended that Commissioners will review the policy on funding grants (1 or 2 year commitment) for the upcoming RFP cycle.

3. Health Access For All Children (RFF Application): The RFF Application was included in the packet to the Commission. The aim is to increase the number of children 0-5 that have access to health insurance; the program will provide assistance with the insurance premium payments that would increase participation; a four-to-one match requirement (four Commission dollars for every State First 5 dollar) is needed. There are three filing dates for submission of the RFF throughout 2005 and 2006. Due to the concern of the 4 to 1 match, the Commission is recommending not to apply at this time.
4. Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards (CARES): Another RFF which the State First 5 will be posting soon is in reference to the CARES project and it was discussed by the Commission. The purpose of the CARES Project is to enhance the professional development of the existent childcare workforce through educational/professional development opportunities for the purpose of being able to support Preschool for All. The match requirement for the CARES Project RFF is 2 to 1. Commission members will explore this RFF once more information is made available.
5. Mini-Grant Application Deadline and Award: The mini-grant deadline for the first round of funding will be March 17, 2005. Direction was given to staff to provide a breakdown (summary and recommendation) of each mini-grant that is received; Director is being asked to recommend the top 5 applications (depending on number submitted); and forward all applications submitted for consideration. Those applications that are not selected will be forwarded to the next cycle; up to \$60,000 will be awarded during this cycle; a motion to this effect was made by Mrs. Hodgkin and seconded by Mrs. Sigmond with all in favor.
6. 2004-2005 Second Quarter Performance Reports: Included in the packet were copies of the second quarter progress reports reflecting progress for the first year of activities for thirteen projects funded through the 2004-2006 RFP cycle. Preliminary data and reports indicate that 40,242 contacts have been made through this quarter; 358 community strengthening events have been made reaching an estimated 98,816 people in the county; 38 events for provider capacity building purposes have been achieved; and efforts on initiated systems change has begun. Commissioners present moved to table the 2nd quarter reports for further discussion of the progress of individual projects with other Commissioners not present during the review.

VI. Public Comment None was noted.

VII. Closed Session

The Chairperson closed the regular session of the meeting and entered into closed session to conduct informal Commission applicant interviews. The Commission will forward their recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors requesting that Barbara Deol be appointed to the Commission membership.

VIII. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Commission will be held April 7, 2005 at 1:15 p.m. Mr. Semmes adjourned the meeting at 2:09 pm.