



**MINUTES
FIRST 5 RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Advisory Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 23, 2024
11:00 AM**

Advisory Committee Present: Malinda Margiotta, Jiles Smith, Antonia Eli Mast, Takashi Wada, Agam Patel, and Saovaros Diehl-Hope

Advisory Committee Absent: Kari Middleton-Hendrix

Advisory Committee Vacancy: Districts I, II, V

Administrative Staff Present: Tammi Graham, Executive Director; Yvonne Suarez, Assistant Director; Charna Widby, Deputy Director; Lynn Stephens, Executive Assistant IV; Sean Pravica, Senior Public Information Specialist; Michelle Rodriguez, Public Information Specialist; Martina Guevara Commission Coordinator; Carol Abella, Regional Manager; Larissa Wills, Regional Manager; Victor Lopez, Business Process Analyst II

Legal Counsel: Kristine Bell-Valdez, Supervising Deputy County Counsel

A. Call to Order – Malinda Margiotta, Advisory Committee Chair

1. Pledge of Allegiance - Advisory Member Patel
2. Roll Call - Lynn Stephens, Executive Assistant IV

B. Public Comments (for items not listed on the agenda) – Malinda Margiotta, Chair
None.

C. Commission and Advisory Committee Business – Malinda Margiotta, Chair

1. Oath of Office for Advisory Committee Member Saovaros Diehl-Hope - Breanna Smith, Clerk of the Board Executive Assistant; Kristine Bell-Valdez, Supervising Deputy County Counsel

Ms. Smith administered the Oath of Office to Advisory Member Diehl-Hope.

2. Director Updates - Tammi Graham, Executive Director; Yvonne Suarez, Assistant Director; Charna Widby, Deputy Director; Michael Knight, Deputy Director

Ms. Graham presented department updates. She congratulated Ms. Suarez on her graduation from CSAC Credentialed California County Senior Executive Journey, Ms. Widby on her Executive Leader Learning Journey, Ms. Campos, Ms. Delany, Mr. Van Eenennaam, Mr. Lopez, and Ms. Wang on their Supervising Leadership Journey, and Ms. Klopka on her Professional Assistants Academy Graduations.

Ms. Graham was appointed to the Local Planning Council by the Board of Supervisors and nominated as Co-Chair.

Ms. Graham provided a summary and timeline for the wage enhancement project, which was just completed, and highlighted over 3,000 early educators who received 1 – 4 payments of ARPA money for wage enhancement; Ms. Graham commended the F5 team who worked on this project.

On September 5th, Ms. Wills participated as a panelist with First 5 San Bernardino and Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) staff at the Inland Empire Vibrant Health Forum.

Ms. Graham provided a summary of the Reach Out and Read program, including a brief description of its objectives. She highlighted the 53 Inland Empire sites located in Riverside County and 83,947 well-child visits completed.

3. Public Information Updates - Sean Pravica, Senior Public Information Specialist, and Michelle Rodriguez, Public Information Specialist

Mr. Pravica and Ms. Rodriguez highlighted the First 5 events, including Heat Advisory PSA Billboards displayed in each Supervisorial District, the Pumpkins in the Park event at Mead Valley Family Resource Center, and drowning prevention swim lesson success stories. They also presented a video in which parents were interviewed while their child was taking the swim lessons.

4. Advisory Committee Comments - Malinda Margiotta, Chair

Ms. Graham replied to Advisory Member Smith's question about the location of swim lessons. Lessons are held at licensed instructors' pools or pools donated for use. Mr. Smith offered to explore the use of his private pool for swim lessons as an option.

Advisory member Mast commended the reading program for well visits that provide books. Chair Margiotta emphasized that books are her favorite thing to give to children.

Advisory Member Hope provided background on her profession and highlighted five of her parents who signed up for Childcare. Advisory Member Hope has 16 doctors in her family, and she is sharing the reading program with them.

D. Consent – Malinda Margiotta, Chair

1. Approve First 5 Riverside County Advisory Committee Draft Meeting Minutes - May 8, 2024 Meeting

*Advisory Member Wada moved to approve consent item as presented. Advisory Member Smith second the motion. Absent: Middleton-Hendrix. Abstain: Diehl-Hope. **Motion Carried.***

E. Presentations/Information – Malinda, Margiotta, Chair

1. HealthySteps Presentation - Sarah Nolan, Program Manager, Rady Children's Hospital

Ms. Nolan provided an overview of the HealthySteps program. Ms. Nolan replied to Advisory Member Smith's question, noting that the HealthySteps program doesn't cost the client anything and may serve clients outside Riverside County. Ms. Nolan replied to Chair Margiotta's question, noting that Rady locations funded by First 5 are in Murietta, Temecula, and Hemet, and there are an additional 4-5 sites funded by First 5 investments with Riverside University Healthy Systems (RUHS). Advisory Member Wada noted that IEHP is partnering with First 5 to expand to additional sites within Riverside County. Ms. Graham added additional success stories on a warm handoff from a HealthySteps

Specialist to Jurupa Valley Family Resource Center staff, stating that through the handoff to partner agencies, they were able to provide support to the family in need.

2. Champion for Children Nomination Process Overview - Sean Pravica, Senior Public Information Specialist

Mr. Pravica provided an overview of the Champions for Children nominated since 2020 and the nomination process for 2025.

3. **Information Only** - First 5 Riverside County Advisory Committee 2025 Meeting Schedule - **Receive and File**

F. Future Agenda Items:

1. First 5 Riverside County Updates

G. Adjournment: Adjournment to the next Regular Meeting of the Advisory Committee of First 5 Riverside County Children and Families Commission to be held on January 22, 2025, beginning at 11:50 a.m. at:
Riverside County Children and Families Commission Office
585 Technology Court - Conference Room A
Riverside, CA 92507

Meeting Minutes Recorded by Lynn M. Stephens, Executive Assistant IV.