

First 5 Trinity County – Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 22, 2024: 10:00– 12:00 p.m. – Health & Human Services

Commission Attendees: Liz Hamilton, Sheri White, Trent Tuthill, Fabio Robles, Connie Smith, Elizabeth Henson, Marcie Cudziol, Joleen Edwards,

Executive Director: Cathy Tillman

Excused: N/A

Guest: N/A

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order/Introductions		The meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Commissioner Hamilton, Chair Quorum was established Introductions were made
2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters		None
3. Welcome and Introduction of new Executive Director, Cathy Tillman	Cathy Tillman was introduced as the new Executive Director of First 5, Trinity. Ms. Tillman shared her excitement to be part of this team and her education and experience in the early childhood field and with program development and management and grant administration.	None
4. Welcome and Introduction of new Commission member, Elizabeth Henson	Elizabeth Henson was introduced as the newest Commission Member. Ms. Henson works with Tribal TANF as a site supervisor in Region 1 (which includes Trinity County); with 20 different partner tribes; the Native Wellness Coalition; and the Humboldt Area Foundation.	None

<p>5. Consent Agenda</p> <p>a. Minutes from October 23, 2023</p> <p>b. Minutes from November 28, 2023</p>	<p>Commissioner Hamilton reviewed the minutes of previous meetings.</p>	<p>a. Commissioner Smith approved Commissioner White second Unanimous by Commission present</p> <p>b. Commissioner Smith approved Commissioner White second Unanimous by Commission present</p>
<p>6. Business Updates:</p> <p>a. Statement of Economic Interest (700) Forms</p> <p>b. SPCFA Budget Updates</p>	<p>a. Commissioner Hamilton reminded the Commission of the need to turn in the 700 forms they received via email with the agenda for this meeting. She asked they be turned into Cathy Tillman electronically or via hard copy so they may be filed for the annual audit.</p> <p>b. State requested budget adjustment was submitted in December for our current 3-year allocation. It's important billing is submitted in a timely manner as the window with the State closes for billing and we're unable to bill past the closing date. Questions were asked regarding the next round of funding and who it will be open to; this will be determined by the new Strategic Plan that begins July 1.</p>	<p>a. Cathy Tillman will collect the 700 forms from each Commissioner and file them for the annual audit.</p> <p>b. Grantees will submit invoices in a timely manner monthly or at the end of each grant quarter.</p>
<p>7. Discussion and possible action: Setting Priorities for Executive Director</p>	<p>Discussed priority areas for Executive Director including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and submitting the new 3-year Strategic Plan & Budget. • Becoming familiar with CalAim/home visiting; developing a Home Visiting Assessment and drafting next steps based on what we have currently and the budget in terms of home-visiting. • Increasing outreach in more remote areas of Trinity (beyond just Weaverville, Hayfork and Lewiston); 	<p>Information only</p>

	<p>with a special focus on working with the schools as a hub. Need for a greater presence in Upper and North County, including Coffee Creek, Trinity Center and more outreach to homeschooling families/co-ops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a social media presence • Maintaining a newsletter/some sort of regular means of communication and information sharing- preference for continual update of communication rather than just periodic • Providing First 5 Orientation to Commission at March 2024 meeting • Establishing regular, on-going meetings with Commission Chair, Commissioners and other partner organizations <p>Commissioner Robles discussed CYBHI and SCOE and Tehama County Early Intervention going into homes; the struggle with Universal ROI and the need to breakdown silos between home-visiting programs and mentioned Anna Carson has also been doing a needs assessment. Commission also discussed the idea of Community Health Workers conducting home-visiting under First 5.</p>	
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<p>8. Commissioner Reports</p>	<p>Jill Cox, Supervisor – no report</p> <p>Trent Tuthill, CAO: Just adopted 5-year strategic plan; would like to look at examples of each other’s strategic plans.</p> <p>Marcie Cudziol, Public Health Branch Director: Working on finishing up 5-year strategic plan and working on Accreditation. Local oral health program brought interns in Hayfork. Treatment events and mobile perinatal hospital packets for home visitation referrals.</p> <p>Liz Hamilton, HHS Director: Social Services in the process of Medi-Cal re-determinations since June (from a 9-month cycle to a 14-month cycle). Eligibility Staff is fully staffed currently. There are new criteria for general neglect (less items qualify; more referrals to resources) – Child Welfare staff will be reaching out to discuss new criteria and referrals, providing a new mandated reporting training (currently staff social workers are going through the training). This training will be especially important to schools referring/seeing more complex cases of neglect.</p> <p>Sheri White, HRN Executive Director: Tonight is the annual Point-in-Time count and tomorrow are the Resource Fairs at the Vet’s Hall in Weaverville and HRN Office in Hayfork. The 9th annual Children’s Festival will be held May 18, 2024. On June 22, 2024 there will be training regarding trauma and young children.</p> <p>Fabio Robles, Superintendent: grant for large mental health program is sunsetting and they are in the process of looking for ways to sustain programing; funding okay until July</p>	<p>Information only</p>
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	<p>2025. Implementing new software (Aegix) for communication during crisis incidents – in collaboration with schools/Sheriff’s Office (Southern Trinity 3-year contract). Will be mapping all areas of Trinity County and will be working with school readiness and preschool programs.; spoke of the “I Love you Guys” Standard Response Protocol; they are developing an web-based app with Cal OES funding/grants to help with programs –Fabio mentioned on Wednesday from 4-5:30 there will be a Safe Schools Collaborative meeting.</p> <p>Connie Smith, Director, Trinity County Behavioral Health: Down to one clinician for the whole county. Looking at private clinical support from Redding. Been recruiting for four years. Currently seeing 2 times the typical number of clients for substance abuse services but none for child mental health services; post pandemic increase in people seeking substance abuse services; could be driven by increase in funding for residential treatment. CIT training is coming soon via funding from the opioid settlement funding.</p> <p>Joleen Edwards, Kinder Kids Montessori: Construction continues – hoping to open the new Infant/Toddler program in February, after licensing visit is complete. They will have a slow start with infants first, then ages 18-months and up. PITC training will take place for staff on 0-3 curriculum. They have a contract with the State for funding for subsidies – should be in place by March. Planning on hosting monthly open houses to connect parents to other parents. Calendar will follow typical school calendar plus will have a summer program. Will host more parent evenings with the topics driven by parent/family interest.</p>	
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	<p>They'd like to be part of what goes on in the Community. Hoping to open by February 5th.</p> <p>Elizabeth Henson, California Tribal TANF in Weaverville, has been working with outreach and community partners; Farmers' Market has been good with engagement. Planning on engaging more with schools and community events/meetings. They saw a sharp decline last summer but has been steadily picking pack up recently – believe being out in the community, face-to-face has helped. Received a 10% grant increase. They follow the Federal scale for income guidelines but really don't discard many applications. There has to be at least 1 verified tribal child within the family to be eligible and as long as there is just one child, the other children in the family will also be deemed eligible for services. They can provide assistance with obtaining tribal verification and eligibility. When in doubt, still refer families for determination.</p>	
<p>9. Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.</p>	<p>Next regular meeting March 25, 2024 at 10am at Health & Human Services – Madrone Conference Room.</p>