

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION
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EVALUATION COMMITTEE

ACTION SUMMARY

Monday, July 17, 2023 – 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Members: Steve Wirtz (Chair), David Gordon (Vice Chair), Olivia Kasirye
Advisory Committee Member(s): Robin Blanks, Tony Smith
Staff: Julie Gallelo, Carmen Garcia-Gomez
Attendance: In-person: S. Wirtz, T. Smith, D. Gordon, R. Blanks
Zoom: Dr. Olivia Kasirye
Consultant: Applied Survey Research



1. Call to order and Roll Call
Action: Meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM.
2. Public Comments on Off-Agenda Items
Action: None.
3. Approve Draft Action Summary of January 27, 2023
Action: Blanks/Wirtz; D. Gordon abstain
4. Approve Draft Action Summary of May 15, 2023
Action: Blanks/Wirtz; D. Gordon abstain

Staff to verify member attendance.

Updated:

D. Gordon and S. Wirtz, in person
R. Blanks, T. Smith, Dr. Olivia Kasirye via Zoom

5. Staff Update
Action: None.

Commission staff provided an updated on the following items:

Persimmony Trainings/support: Staff continues to hold monthly trainings as well as **monthly "office hours" meeting to provide support to Persimmony Users.**

Referral Portal: Five trainings have been held as we prepared to launch this new functionality. Staff continue to work with Persimmony to improve the features.

Discussion: An additional update included the follow-up Family Information Forms (FIF) being sent out using Persimmony to 6,000 individuals. Staff shared that School Readiness follow-up and SELs participants with over 20% response for both follow-ups. Staff explained the process used for identifying the 6,000 FIF follow-ups.

Staff shared the challenges with clients having multiple FIFs in the system.

S. Wirtz asked whether users are participating in trainings and what the challenges may be for attending the trainings.

Jordan Katti, suggested that data entry staff should review client files **prior to entering the data; that's a potential fix on the data entry side but** not for the parent.

The Committee would like to see a process put in place so that parents are not being asked to complete multiple forms of the FIF.

6. General Evaluation Update – Applied Survey Research
Action: None.

S. Wirtz asked that the SOS Report is shared with the Evaluation Committee.

7. Approve: Birth and Beyond Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
Action: Wirtz/Blanks; Dr. Olivia Kasirye abstained

Discussion: ASR presented the B&B Annual Reports for FY 2021-22.

D. Gordon suggested including a map of the county identifying where the FRCs are located.

J. Gallelo, mentioned that Commissioner Erik Fernandez y Garcia suggested a zip code finder on the B&B website, the user enters the zip code and it takes them to the nearest FRC. CAPC is working on developing the feature on their website.

There was additional discussion regarding the profile of the participants and length of engagement. Stephanie Biegler shared that there is additional research being done to further look at this issue. J. Gallelo asked that CAPC looks at other factors such as staff turnover of the home visitors, the home visitors being reflective of the families being served, etc.

S. Wirtz, that the recommendation reflects the overall issue, participant retention beyond 8 hours, in addition to 16+ hours and the recruitment and retention.

S. Wirtz asked if the CHEERS check-in is an adequate tool to use on a child older than 3 months. Rachael Harrington shared that the CHEERS check-in can be administered through the duration of the program participation. S. Wirtz asked ASR to verify that the tool is age adjusted. Rachael Harrington offered additional information on the appropriateness of the tool and implemented as the program suggests.

J. Gallelo suggested adding language to explain the implementation year and how it impacts the number of participants served.

8. Receive and Provide Input: Potential Indicators for the 2024 Implementation Plan

The potential indicators will be revised once all contracts are put in place. The RBAs will be updated with indicators and methodologies to evaluate.

9. Committee Member Comments

a. Miscellaneous

S. Wirtz shared that Smile California is doing a campaign to raise awareness on dental health.

b. Future Agenda Items/Presentations

Adjourned: 2:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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