

**First 5 Commission of San Diego
TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302-03
San Diego, CA 92101**

Members Present

Carol Skiljan
Patricia Sinay
Martha Trevisan
Jack Luomanen
Lindsey Wade
Jim Farley
Karma Bass

Members Excused

Robert Yarris
Phillip Ziring
Mark Foreman

Staff Present

Barbara Jiménez
David Smith
Grace Young
Lynn Eldred
Martin Cherry
Lauren Chin
Randall Marks
Suzanna Lee
Nancy Page

Minutes for February 8, 2010

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Skiljan called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm.

2. Opportunity for Public Comments

Comments were received from Gerrie Fenton of Home Start and Annamarie Martinez of Welcome Home Baby; both commented positively on the current At-Risk Home Visitation services provided by their agencies.

3. Approval of Minutes of November 23, 2009

ON MOTION OF TPAC member Patricia Sinay, seconded by TPAC member Jack Luomanen, TPAC approved the minutes of November 23, 2009 meeting as presented.

AYES: Skiljan, Sinay, Trevisan, Wade, Farley, Bass

ABSENT: Yarris, Ziring, Foreman

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

4. Appointment of TPAC Vice-Chair

TPAC Operating Rules and Procedures state that the Chair of the Advisory Committee shall appoint a Vice Chair from among the Advisory Committee members annually at the first meeting of the TPAC Chair's term of office.

Chairwoman Skiljan appointed Karma Bass to serve as Vice-Chair of the TPAC.

5. County of San Diego Public Health Nursing

Linda Lake, Chief, Public Health Nursing gave an overview of the home visitation services provided through the County of San Diego's Public Health Nursing Program, including those provided by generalist public health nurses, and through the Healthy Infant Program for drug-exposed babies, and the Nurse-Family Partnership, which serves low-income first time moms.

6. Targeted At-Risk Home Visitation

Over the next several meetings, TPAC will review and discuss information about at-risk populations, current services and gaps and evidence-based home visitation models, for the purpose of developing recommendations for the Commission's Targeted At-Risk Home Visitation strategy. This will include recommended target population(s), outcomes to be achieved, and evidence-based model(s) to be implemented.

First 5 Student Worker Suzanna Lee presented an overview of local data on birth outcomes, prenatal care, and births to teens. Ms. Lee provided information on a number of indicators for San Diego County in comparison to the state, and by County Health And Human Services Agency (HHSA) and ethnicity. Her report identified the most vulnerable areas for birth outcomes as Central, South and East Regions, and most vulnerable populations as African American and Hispanic women, and those with lower income, and less education completed.

Staff member Chin presented an overview of selected home visitation programs currently serving families in San Diego County, including those currently funded by First 5, and those funded by other entities. The information presented included target populations, geographic areas served, and program model.

Questions and comments received from TPAC included the following:

- Is there research that supports focusing on first-time parents?
- Access to prenatal care is high; does it make sense to look at post partum depression as another indicator? Do moms having 2nd or 3rd babies have higher rates of depression?
- How does San Diego's prenatal care rate compare with Healthy People 2010 objectives?
- For programs on the chart, indicate amount of funding and caseloads; separate out First 5 funds from other funds.
- To what extent are these services provided to military families?
- Add leveraging information to chart.
- For First 5 funded programs include names of contractors; in other cases list names of funders as well as entities providing services.
- What is the timeline for the project development?
- Is there intent to address coordination of services across different programs?
- What is in the 211 database for these types of services?
- Add to chart the goals of each program and how the goals are measured.
- Would be helpful to get information and focused discussion questions in advance of meeting.

Staff members Chin, Eldred, and Young, and Executive Director Jimenez addressed these questions and comments. Staff will research and provide additional information as needed in preparation for the next TPAC meeting.

7. TPAC Member Appointment to Finance Committee

The Commission's Finance Committee Membership Policy states that "An Individual from the First 5 Commission Technical and Professional Advisory Committee (TPAC) and appointed by the Commission" shall be a voting member of the Finance Committee. Staff member Cherry presented an overview of the Finance Committee roles and responsibilities seeking to identify a TPAC member interested in serving a two-year term on the committee. Jim Farley was nominated, but declined because of the time commitment. Staff member Chin stated that TPAC member Bob Yarris had expressed an interest by e-mail. Chairwoman Skiljan stated that TPAC members had some time to think about the issue, but also expressed that staff would like to take a recommendation forward to the Commission at their next meeting for approval.

8. Future Agenda Items

- **Targeted At-Risk Home Visiting**

9. Adjournment

Chairwoman Skiljan adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.