

**First 5 Commission of San Diego
TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway, Tower 8
San Diego, CA 92101**

Members Present		Members Excused	Staff Present
Carol Skiljan	Jack Luomanen	Michael Carr	David Smith
Gene Nathan	Phillip Ziring	Fran Butler-Cohen	Lynn Eldred
Kristen Gist	Linda Scarpa		Lauren Chin
Debbie Macdonald	Mark Forman		Heidi Plummer
Ruth Newton	Annamarie Martinez		
Patricia Sinay	Judith Shaplin		
Lindsey Wade	Ron Plotkin		

Minutes for June 15, 2009

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Skiljan called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

2. Opportunity for Public Comments

There were no public comments received on non-agenda items.

3. Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2009

ON MOTION OF TPAC member Skiljan, seconded by TPAC member Macdonald, TPAC approved the minutes of May 18, 2009 meeting, with the following change on Page 2 Item 5: Add the following text to the end of first bullet under comments: "The Childcare Planning Council will work with First 5 staff to recommend an alternative question on the CHIS survey."

4. Strategic Planning – Progress Report

Carolyn Verheyen of MIG, Inc, gave a presentation on the current status of the Strategic Planning effort. The Strategic Plan Progress Report outlines the steps taken to date toward drafting the new plan, and provides draft elements of the plan.

Public Comments:

Mary Bussen, Clinical Supervisor for the Welcome Home Baby Program read letters of support from Carol Jakowski, Lead Social Worker in ICU, Scripps La Jolla NICU, and Jenny Baker, Program Coordinator of the Lactation program for UCSD Extension, La Jolla, also in support of newborn home visiting Cindy Linder, pediatric registered nurse and regional coordinator for HDS North Inland, spoke in support of newborn home visiting and read a letter from Byron Chao, Pediatrician, Neighborhood Healthcare who wrote in favor of a universal approach to healthcare including newborn home visiting.

5. Strategic Plan Draft Objectives

TPAC reviewed and provided comments on the draft objectives which have been revised to reflect their input and the planning team's input.

Summary of TPAC's Discussion:

Staff responded to questions about the strategic planning process and the draft objectives. TPAC members presented differing views regarding the overarching objective. Some felt the objective is too focused on school readiness and questioned how this would be measured. Others felt that the success of First 5 needs to be measured beyond age five; the success of First 5 should be measured through long-term, longitudinal data.

6. Strategic Plan Recommendations – Emerging Critical Needs

Members Recused:

Annamarie Martinez, Linda Scarpa, Kristin Gist, Judith Shaplin, Ruth Newton, Debbie Macdonald, Ron Plotkin

The Commission requested input from TPAC and the planning team regarding whether the new strategic plan should include a strategy to address emerging critical needs. TPAC was not able to provide a recommendation due to the lack of a quorum.

7. Strategic Plan Recommendations – Healthcare Access

The Commission requested TPAC’s input regarding what components of its current Healthcare Access should be retained in light of the potential elimination of the Healthy Families program and the need to enroll more children in Medi-Cal.

Public Comments:

Silvia Alcantar of Vista Community Clinic, spoke in support of retaining Healthcare Access

Summary of TPAC’s Comments:

- Insurance is important but does not guarantee access to care.
- Healthcare access is an important gateway to reaching at risk families and connecting them with other services.
- This is a period of great change for healthcare, with the potential for federal healthcare reform. First 5 could play a role in providing children access to any new federally mandated coverage.
- Healthcare reform is coming this year. First 5 should not dismantle the healthcare access infrastructure at a time when more children may access services. Efforts should be maintained for now; the Commission can make changes later if necessary.
- Healthcare access could be considered an emerging need.
- First 5 should also use its other tools such as strategic influence. The state insurance system has problems and First 5 can help advocate for reform.

8. Strategic Plan Recommendations – Home Visiting**Members recused:**

Kristen Gist, Gene Nathan, Annamarie Martinez, Judith Chaplin, Debbie Macdonald, Linda Scarpa

At its June 3, 2009 meeting, the Commission directed staff to consult TPAC and the Strategic Planning Team regarding a more targeted and intensive approach to home visiting for inclusion in the new strategic plan.

Public Comments:

Donna Kirch, mother of a 7 month-old daughter, spoke in support of the Welcome Home Baby program.

Hallie Thompson, parent, spoke in support of newborn home visiting.

Silvia Alcantar, Vista Community Clinic, spoke in support of newborn home visiting.

Summary of TPAC’s Discussion:

TPAC had no consensus regarding this recommendation. Some members did not support a universal home visiting strategy; some supported a universal newborn home visiting strategy for first time mothers; and others discussed expanding the project to serving “second time” mothers as well.

9. Future Agenda Items

- **Review of Strategic Plan approved by the Commission**
- **Discussion of intersection of First 5 programs with other programs, such as Public Health**

10. Adjournment

Chairwoman Skiljan adjourned the meeting at 4:07 pm.