

FIRST 5 FRESNO COUNTY

ADMINISTERED BY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION OF FRESNO COUNTY

DATE: Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Lighthouse for Children

2405 Tulare Street

TIME: 11:30 a.m. – Regular Meeting

Fresno, CA 93721

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AGENDA

ITEM	SUBJECT	PRESENTER
1.	CALL TO ORDER	Chair Pacheco
2.	RECOGNITION CEREMONY: 2024 CHILD-FRIENDLY BUSINESS AWARDS	Chair Pacheco
3.	POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST Any Commission Member who has potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter.	Chair Pacheco
4. Action Pg. 1	CONSENT AGENDA – ITEMS 4a-4b See attached Consent Agenda. Overview: These matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Commission, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on any Consent Item.	Chair Pacheco F. González, E.D.
5. Action Pg. 10	AGREEMENT WITH BLACK WELLNESS AND PROSPERITY CENTER FOR PERINATAL GROUP CARE SERVICES FOCUSED ON OPTIMAL MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH OUTCOMES Supporting documents	F. González, E.D. H. Norman, Staff
6. Action Pg. 12	AGREEMENT WITH VALLEY CHILDREN’S HEALTHCARE AS A PARTNER IN THE LAUNCH OF HELP ME GROW CENTRAL VALLEY Supporting documents	F. González, E.D. H. Norman, Staff
7. Information	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT	F. González, E.D.
8. Information	PUBLIC COMMENT Limit two minutes per speaker. Public Comment is also taken on individual agenda items throughout the meeting at the conclusion of each agenda item.	Chair Pacheco
9. Information	ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION SHARING	Chair Pacheco
10. Information	ADJOURNMENT	Chair Pacheco
<u>NOTE:</u>	NEXT REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 30, 2024	2405 Tulare St. Fresno, CA 93721

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CONSENT AGENDA

(Any Commissioner may pull any Consent Item for discussion or separate vote.)

ITEM	SUBJECT	PRESENTER
4a. Action Pg. 2	MINUTES FROM JUNE 24, 2024 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING	F. González, E.D.
4b. Action Pg. 4	BIENNIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE Supporting Documents	F. González, E.D. K. Price, Legal Counsel

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4a

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the June 24, 2024, Commission Meeting Minutes.

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

June 24, 2024 – 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Brian Pacheco, Kari Gilbert, Hugo Morales, Susan Holt, Dr. Marcia Sablan

ABSENT: Sabrina Beavers

STAFF: Fabiola González, Cindy Jurado Hernandez, Ashley Hensley, Alix Hillis, Luis Magallanes, Hannah Norman, Lupita Ramírez, Liliana Salcedo, Alex Treas, Ken Price (Legal Counsel)

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 2. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Any Commission Member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter.

None heard.

3. CONSENT AGENDA – ITEM 3a-3c

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion by: Gilbert Second by: Holt

Ayes: Holt, Sablan, Gilbert, Pacheco

Noes: None heard.

4. 2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET AND LONG-RANGE FINANCIAL PLAN

Public Comment: None heard

Motion: by: Gilbert Second: Sablan

Ayes: Pacheco, Gilbert, Sablan, Holt

Noes: None heard

5. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES POLICY UPDATE

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION SHARING

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion by: Gilbert Second by: Sablan

Ayes: Pacheco, Gilbert, Sablan, Holt

Noes: None heard.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 4b

TO: Children & Families Commission of Fresno County

FROM: Fabiola González, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Biennial Conflict of Interest Code

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Commission's Conflict of Interest Code.

BACKGROUND:

Under the Political Reform Act, all public agencies are required to adopt a conflict of interest code (the "COI Code") consistent with Fair Political Practices Commission regulations. The COI Code designates positions required to file Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700) and assigns disclosure categories specifying the types of interests to be reported. The Form 700 is a public document intended to alert public officials and members of the public to the types of financial interests that may potentially create financial conflicts of interests.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Commission's Code, is required to be reviewed bi-annually. Staff and Legal Counsel reviewed the Code and concluded no updates are necessary to the current COI Code.

Upon approval, staff will forward the COI Code for approval to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, which by statute is the Code-reviewing body for all agencies located within Fresno County.

CONCLUSION:

After the Commission adopts the Conflict of Interest Code, submit the Code to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors for approval. If the County requests modifications, staff would bring the COI Code back to the Commission for further consideration. Approval of the Code will ensure that the Commission is compliant with the Fair Political Practices Commission regulations.

CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION OF FRESNO COUNTY

The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict-of-interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code of Regs. Section 18730) that contains the terms of a standard conflict-of-interest code and may be incorporated by reference in an agency's code. After public notice and hearing, the standard code may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendices designating positions and establishing disclosure requirements shall constitute the conflict-of-interest code of the **Children & Families Commission of Fresno County ("Commission")**.

The Form 700s for designated positions, other than **the members of the Commission ("Commission Members")** and the **Commission's Executive Director ("Executive Director")**, shall be filed with the Commission. The Commission Members and Executive Director are to file their original Form 700s directly with the Clerk of the Board for the Fresno County Board of Supervisors using the electronic filing system. If the Form 700s are not filed electronically, the paper Form 700 and waiver shall be filed with the Commission and, upon receipt of these paper Form 700s with waivers, the Commission shall make and retain a copy and forward the original to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

The Commission shall retain a copy of all electronically filed Form 700s, a copy of all paper Form 700s with waivers, and the original Form 700s of designated positions not required to file electronically. The Commission shall make the Form 700s available for public review, inspection, and reproduction. (Gov. Code section 81008.)

The provisions of all Conflict of Interest Codes and amendments thereto previously adopted by the Commission are hereby superseded.

APPENDIX A
PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO MANAGE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS

It has been determined that positions listed below manage public investments and will file a statement of economic interests pursuant to Government Code Section 87200. These positions are listed for informational purposes only:

- Commission Members
- Executive Director
- Chief Financial/Business Officer
- Consultants involved in the investment of public funds

An individual holding one of the above-listed positions may contact the Fair Political Practices Commission for assistance or written advice regarding their filing obligations if they believe that their position has been categorized incorrectly. The Fair Political Practices Commission makes the final determination whether a position is covered by Government Code Section 87200.

APPENDIX B
DESIGNATED POSITIONS

Designated Positions

Disclosure Categories

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| • Deputy Director | 1 |
| • Director | 1 |
| • Manager | 1 |
| • Specialist | 1 |
| • Legal Counsel | 1 |
| • Directors of Lighthouse for Children | 1 |
| • Consultants* | 1 |

* Consultants shall be included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the disclosure requirements in this code subject to the following limitation:

The Executive Director may determine in writing that a particular consultant, although a “designated position,” is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to comply fully with the disclosure requirements in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant’s duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The Executive Director’s determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this conflict-of-interest code. (Gov. Code Sec. 81008.)

APPENDIX C DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

Individuals holding designated positions must report their interests according to their assigned disclosure category(ies).

Disclosure Category 1

Interests in real property located within the jurisdiction or within two miles of the boundaries of the jurisdiction or within two miles of any land owned or used by the agency; and investments and business positions in business entities, and income, including loans, gifts, and travel payments, from all sources.

Disclosure Category 2

Interests in real property located within the jurisdiction or within two miles of the boundaries of the jurisdiction or within two miles of any land owned or used by the agency.

Disclosure Category 3

Investments and business positions in business entities, and income, including loans, gifts, and travel payments, from sources, that provide services, supplies, materials, machinery, or equipment of the type utilized by the agency.

Disclosure Category 4

Investments and business positions in business entities, and income, including loans, gifts, and travel payments, from sources, that provide services, supplies, materials, machinery, or equipment of the type utilized by the designated position's division or department.

Disclosure Category 5

Investments and business positions in business entities, and income, including loans, gifts, and travel payments, from sources, that filed a claim against the agency during the previous two years, or have a claim pending.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

TO: Children & Families Commission of Fresno County

FROM: Fabiola González, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Agreement with Black Wellness and Prosperity Center for Perinatal Group Care Services focused on Optimal Maternal and Child Health Outcomes

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve an agreement with Black Wellness and Prosperity Center to enhance their non-clinical group care services and implement Glow! Group Prenatal Care, both prioritizing optimal maternal and child health outcomes for Black birthing people and their babies in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 for two years, with the option to renew for an additional year based on performance and availability of funds.

BACKGROUND:

On August 15, 2024, this item was approved for full Commission consideration by the Finance and Program Review Committee.

In 2015 First 5 Fresno County commissioned a needs assessment to better understand the issues behind the appallingly high rates of infant mortality in Fresno County's African American Community. Based on recommendations from the needs assessment, the Commission invested in multiple strategies including piloting the Glow! Group Prenatal Care and Support Program which, for the last five years, was implemented as part of a national study comparing individual and group prenatal care models. Participating in the study opened a door to deepen the research behind, and advocacy for reimagining prenatal care, and at the same time the study's randomized enrollment process limited Glow!'s ability to focus on African American patients. As the research study concludes, Glow! has entered a new phase and opportunity to ensure group care is informed by and accessible to Black birthing people.

Around the same time as the study launched, BLACK Wellness & Prosperity Center (BWPC) was founded to improve the health, well-being, and prosperity in the Black community. BWPC is unapologetically dedicated to the Black community, with the goal of improving Black maternal and infant health outcomes in the Central Valley. Their vision is three-fold: 1) no Black woman will die from a preventable childbirth related death, 2) no Black woman will deliver a preventable premature birth, and 3) no Black baby will die from a preventable cause. Among multiple unique initiatives and programs, BWPC is building their on-site capacity to provide clinical prenatal care and birthing services.

BWPC has spent the last year facilitating group care cohorts in partnership with the County of Fresno

Department of Public Health's Black Infant Health (BIH) program. This type of group care builds connection between birthing and parenting individuals while providing tangible supports to reduce stress and improve the overall safety and wellbeing of each family. Earlier this summer, funding concluded for the expansion of BIH at BWPC, and Commission staff began conversations with BWPC to explore potential options to continue these critical services while also partnering to enhance and ultimately implement the Glow! model to effectively prioritize and support Black birthing participants.

Procurement: The Commission's procurement policy allows the Commission to select a vendor via sole source if, among other things, the vendor's capabilities and experiences are so unique that no other vendor may comparably meet the Commission's needs. BWPC's direct experience with group care, capacity and vision to implement clinical care for birthing individuals, and their sole focus on improving Black maternal and child health outcomes in the Central Valley all provide a unique ability to further the local impact of group support and group prenatal care.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The proposed recommendation aligns directly with one of our core investments - African American Infant Mortality Prevention and with the recommendations within the Commission's African American Infant Mortality Needs Assessment to tackle the high rates of infant mortality among our African American neighbors in Fresno County.

Short-term goal(s) and long-term outcomes: If approved, this two-year funding proposal would directly support Black birthing participants through group care inspired by the BIH model, while laying the foundation to ultimately launch Glow! Group Prenatal Care at BWPC in the second year. Staff will work with BWPC to finalize a scope of work and budget including, but not limited to the following key activities:

- 1) Implement approximately six non-clinical group care cohorts at BWPC in Year 1
- 2) Review and recommend enhancements to the Glow! model to better support Black birthing participants
- 3) Obtain certifications and infrastructure requirements, including additional funders, to implement Glow! at BWPC
- 4) Based on the progress made in Year 1, launch Glow! Group Prenatal Care cohorts at BWPC

The long-term goal is for BWPC to become an established Glow! implementation site, ultimately improving positive health outcomes in Fresno County's African American community.

Fiscal Impact: Funds for this agreement would be allocated from the Commission's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Approved Budget under the African American Infant Mortality Prevention - Strategic Plan Investment Area in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 for two years. Staff notes, BWPC is and will continue to actively seek additional non-Proposition 10 funding to support the infrastructure requirements needed to facilitate all aspects of Glow! at BWPC.

CONCLUSION:

The Commission's original commitment to group prenatal care is rooted in supporting healthy birth outcomes for African American families. Partnering with BWPC presents a unique opportunity to expand two types of group support - a BIH inspired model and Glow! Group Prenatal Care through a trusted community partner solely focused on improving infant and maternal health outcomes in the Black community.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

TO: Children & Families Commission of Fresno County

FROM: Fabiola González, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Agreement with Valley Children’s Healthcare as a partner in the launch of Help Me Grow Central Valley

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve an agreement with Valley Children’s Healthcare to serve as the organizing entity for the Help Me Grow Central Valley regional developmental screening and referrals effort, in an amount not to exceed, \$256,625 for two years, with the option to renew for an additional year based on performance and availability of funds.

BACKGROUND:

On August 15, 2024, this item was approved for full Commission consideration by the Finance and Program Review Committee.

Identifying developmental and behavioral concerns early and connecting families to appropriate services as soon as possible, can dramatically affect the trajectory of a child’s life. Unfortunately, across California, the majority of children do not receive the recommended number of developmental screenings by their third birthday. With this reality in mind, in 2022, regional stakeholders including Valley Children’s Healthcare, First 5s, and other community-based organizations began conversations regarding ways to improve developmental screening rates and early intervention services for young children across the Central Valley. These discussions led to a facilitated strategic planning process and Valley Children’s, First 5 Fresno, First 5 Kings, First 5 Madera and First 5 Merced pursuing the development of Help Me Grow Central Valley, with Valley Children’s serving as the organizing entity (i.e. administrative home).

Help Me Grow is a national, evidenced-based system model that promotes cross-sector collaboration to build efficient and effective early childhood systems that support the healthiest development of young children. Help Me Grow Central Valley will begin as a three-year pilot program, implemented at both a regional and county-level to ensure cross-county coordination and individualized care coordination through local early intervention partners. As the organizing entity, Valley Children’s Healthcare will be responsible for the core strategic and administrative functions of the initiative, including hiring staff and facilitating the design and implementation of the core components of the Help Me Grow model. A leadership team, including First 5 Fresno, will convene regularly to oversee the development and implementation of the strategic plan, track operational progress, and ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the work. **Figure 1** outlines three key outcomes for a regional Help Me Grow as defined in the strategic planning process.

Figure 1

Key Outcome	Description
Increase in Developmental Screenings	Increase use of formal developmental screenings for children 0-5 through an enhanced focus on child health provider outreach and working with local health plans
Local Care Coordination & Community Outreach	Preservation of local care coordination to ensure a tailored approach to addressing the needs of families with young children in the county they reside as well as localized outreach on where to go for help
Improved Productivity and Efficiencies	Improved economies of scale through shared costs for leadership operations, marketing and administration

For Fresno County, bridging to a regional Help Me Grow partnership builds on more than a decade of investment in local Help Me Grow system-building efforts. In the spirit of the national model, a successful regional Help Me Grow will depend on continued partnership and engagement with the network of local county partners providing system navigation and support to families with young children in each unique community. The First 5 Fresno County Commission is currently in contract with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools through December 2024 as the operator of the local Help Me Grow Fresno County Centralized Access Point. As work with local and regional Help Me Grow partners continues, recommendations for any local care coordination/county-level Help Me Grow investments will be brought to the Commission for approval, as applicable.

Procurement: The Commission’s procurement policy allows the Commission to select a vendor via sole source if, among other things, the vendor’s capabilities and experiences are so unique that no other vendor may comparably meet the Commission’s needs. Partnerships with child health providers are critical to the Help Me Grow model, and have been historically challenging to sustain and establish, locally and in other Help Me Grow initiatives across the state. As the only pediatric primary and specialty care network in Central California, Valley Children’s Healthcare is uniquely positioned to serve as the administrative home of Help Me Grow Central Valley – strengthening the connection between regional pediatric and community-based early intervention and family serving partners.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Help Me Grow aligns with the Help Me Grow Fresno County investment area of the Commission’s current Strategic Plan in support of a coordinated system of services and assistance available to families to support the healthiest development of young children.

Short-term goal(s) and long-term outcomes: A key next step for Help Me Grow Central Valley is to recruit a Program Coordinator, to be housed at Valley Children’s Healthcare, who will take the lead of all administrative aspects of this new initiative including establishing Help Me Grow Central Valley as a formal affiliate of the national Help Me Grow network. The long-term goal of a regional Help Me Grow partnership is to dramatically increase the number of children receiving the recommended number of developmental screenings and successful linkages to critical early intervention services during their first five years of life.

Fiscal Impact: First 5 Commissions across the state have long invested and advocated for developmental screenings for young children as well as for the adoption of proven early childhood

system coordination initiatives like Help Me Grow. As such, First 5s are uniquely positioned to provide time-limited funding to pilot and launch an innovative regional approach to Help Me Grow in the Central Valley. The proposed budget is designed to increase external funding over time, while simultaneously reducing the financial investment of each participating First 5's funding to prioritize sustainability beyond Proposition 10 funds. Funds for this agreement would be allocated from the Commission's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Approved Budget under the Help Me Grow Fresno County - Strategic Plan Investment Area in an amount not to exceed \$256,625 for two years with the option to renew (Year 3 in table below) based on performance and availability of funds. The table below shows a projected three-year budget for Help Me Grow in the Central Valley based on birth rate data per county.

Projected Budget Allocations (Based on County Birth Rate)						
	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
First 5 Fresno	\$129,650	50%	\$126,974	47%	\$123,828	44%
First 5 Merced, Madera and Kings	\$76,031	30%	\$74,462	28%	\$72,617	26%
Other Funds (Valley Children's and Other Sources)	\$51,420	20%	\$67,145	25%	\$84,191	30%
Total HMG Central Valley Project Budget	\$257,101		\$268,581		\$280,636	

CONCLUSION:

Establishing Valley Children's Healthcare as the administrative home of a regional Help Me Grow presents an unprecedented opportunity for the Central Valley to expand and sustain Help Me Grow as a community mainstay - supported by but not dependent upon First 5 Commissions. Partnering regionally maximizes local Commission and county investments by sharing operational costs and leveraging shared health plans, pediatric networks and regional center maps. As the largest of the four Counties, if the First 5 Fresno Commission decides not to contribute to the regional pilot, it is likely most if not all of the remaining counties will be unable to launch a regional partnership.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

TO: Children & Families Commission of Fresno County

FROM: Fabiola González, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

This report intends to keep the Commission informed of the Executive Director's local and statewide activities and involvement that further the vision and mission of the Commission and are in support of strengthening our early childhood systems of care.

Local and Statewide Involvement in Early Childhood Efforts

- On August 22, the First 5 Association of California, representing the 58 county commissions, presented a \$25 Million Stabilization Fund Proposal for consideration by the First 5 California Commission during their regular meeting held in San Diego. The proposal asked First 5 California to consider establishing this fund to help county commissions stabilize, reduce cuts in direct services and infrastructure, and plan for long-term sustainability and leveraging opportunities. Forty-one counties joined in to offer public comment or write letters in support of the proposal including our Commission Chair, Supervisor Pacheco and comments by Commissioner Hugo Morales. The First 5 Association and entire First 5 Network await the final response of the First 5 California Commission anticipated for their November Commission meeting.

Administrative Note

As stated in the Commission's Investment Policy, in the event a stock the Commission holds is downgraded below the minimum rating required at the time of purchase, "the investment advisor shall notify the Executive Director and/or designee and recommend a plan of action. The Executive Director and/or designee shall immediately notify the Commission Chair or Treasurer of both the downgrade and the investment advisor's recommendation."

On August 16, the S&P 500 downgraded the long-term rating on Intel Corporation from A- to BBB+. It is the recommendation of the Investment Advisor to continue to hold the security (the stock) at this time. Staff will follow the recommendation of the Investment Advisor.