



Early Childhood Evaluation Committee

Oct. 19, 2009

3:30-5:00pm

Meeting Location: 1700 S. El Camino Real, Suite 405, San Mateo, CA 94402

Committee Members F5SMC Commissioners: Harvey Kaplan, David Mineta (Chair)

Committee Members: Sarah Kinahan (4Cs), Jim Miller (Pre-3), Kristen Rouspil (SRI)

Staff: Jenifer Clark, Debby Armstrong

Minutes: Jenifer Clark

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	Item
1.	Agenda Review & Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">The group reviewed the agenda. No changes requested.
2.	Review and Approve Minutes of July and August 2009 Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were reviewed and approved by the group.
3.	Update on Evaluation Activities and Timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jenifer Clark reviewed the current status of the Comprehensive Evaluation implementation. Data collection is scheduled to begin this week. Pre-3 will be delaying implementation of the new data collection requirements. That program is in the process of aligning its internal data collection and sharing protocols, and will roll out the comprehensive evaluation reporting requirements along with its revised protocols on January 4, 2010. Programs funded under Watch Me Grow will roll into the Comprehensive Evaluation in Jan.2010, when their contracts renew, and the School Readiness Initiative will roll over in FY 10-11. The first two in-depth program evaluations (ECMH and Healthy Homes) are in the planning stages.
4.	Discussion: Potential Research Questions for the Youth Data Archive <ul style="list-style-type: none">The committee prioritized potential research questions to be explored through a partnership with the Gardner Center's Youth Data Archive, and recommended proceeding with an examination of school readiness/academic achievement of children served by F5SMC funds and the impact of F5SMC program participation in early identification and service receipt for children with special needs.
5.	Discussion: Proposed Elements of ECMH In-Depth Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none">The committee briefly reviewed the proposed in-depth evaluation plan for ECMH. This evaluation will examine several levels of the intervention, including the impact on ECE programs, teachers, children, and families.

6.	<p>Review Annual Report to First 5 California</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The group reviewed and discussed the F5SMC Annual Report to First 5 California, including numbers served and evaluation highlights. They were pleased to see that F5SMC funds served more individuals in FY 08-09 than in the previous year. They were also interested in examining the population served by F5SMC against the countywide population, and recommended that comparison data be included in the presentation to the full Commission.
7.	<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The group decided to cancel its November meeting, and instead to include any pressing ECEA agenda items in the December 2009 retreat.