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Children and Family Commission

MEETING MINUTES

January 29, 2026 - 10:30 AM

Success Square Conference Room 131 Walker Street, Orland CA 95963

Order of Business

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductions

Time: 10:38a.m.

Introductions:

- Phadie Irons – First 5 Vice-Chairperson
- Jody Meza – First 5 Commissioner
- Colleen Watkins – First 5 Commissioner
- Dr. Jared Garrison – First 5 Commissioner
- Monica Rossman - First 5 Commissioner
- Angela Brinkman – Executive Director
- Lisa Colvig-Niclai - Applied Survey Research
- Elizabeth Mower – Applied Survey Research

Item 2: Establish Quorum

Five members present

Item 3: Verification of Agenda Posting

The agenda was posted at Success Square, 131 Walker Street, Orland, CA 95963 and on the Glenn County First 5 website.

Item 4: Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes per person)

No public comment was heard.

Item 5: Approval of October 30, 2026 Minutes - Action

Motion: Jody Meza

Second: Monica Rossman

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Meza, Irons, Garrison, Rossman, Watkins

Noes: None

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Item 6: Administrative Committee - Phadie Irons, Chairperson

- A. Approval of Claims/Expenses - **Tabled**
- B. Membership Renewal – Bill Wathen’s membership – **Action**

Approval to renew membership of Commissioner Bill Wathen for another 3-year term

Motion: Colleen Watkins

Second: Dr. Jared Garrison

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Meza, Irons, Garrison, Rossman, Watkins

Noes: None

Item 7: Strategic Planning – Applied Survey Research - Lisa Colvig-Niclai and Elizabeth Mower

A. Focus Group to identify greatest needs and investments

The group engaged in a conversation to inform the strategic planning process. First 5 Glenn is partnering with Applied Survey Research, or ASR, in collecting data and information to develop the strategic plan. In addition to conducting a community survey and analyzing secondary data sources, ASR guided us through a discussion to identify priorities and potential strategies for our strategic plan. This was a working session, and input will directly shape the direction of First 5 Glenn moving forward.

Below are some notes from the discussion. Notes provided by ASR will be shared at the March Meeting.

Improve Family Support-Family Resiliency:

- **Family Literacy**
 - Partner with reading Pals and other existing programs
 - Connect families to those programs
- **Kit for New Parents**
 - Distributed at hospital (Butte County)
 - Add local information or DPIL information
 - Local distributor points including:
 - Nursing
 - Home Visiting programs
 - Nursing visits & pediatricians
- **Parent Education**
 - Host Parent Café’ and connect to other resources
 - Triple P
 - Ready 4 K-text program – enroll them at pediatricians
 - Home Visiting: Replicate the impact of the Village (one number to call)
 - Direct people to existing programs – Brochure already exists
 - NFP
 - Head Start
 - NVCSS- PAT
 - Capture referrals at pediatricians or NFP

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- Navigation/Access ideas:
 - Phone line?
 - HMG?
 - AI Chat?
 - 211?
 - R&R to help navigate
 - Increase marketing of the selected resource hub
- **Improve Child Development**
 - TK/K Readiness Screener – ASQ’s
 - Schools to administer ASQ and link children to services while registering for school (CYBHI school linkages)
 - Connect to services/supports: Need to identify these supports
 - ASR’s Pre-Kindergarten Observation Form (P-KOF)
 - Access to Child Care and so much more
 - R&R call line
 - Mixed delivery options for parents
- **Improve Child Health**
 - ACEs
 - Screenings, but must get connected to services
 - Health Education
 - Screen time education and alternatives
 - *****Developmental Screens
 - *Obtain ASQ-Online to increase access to screenings (ASQ + ASQ-SE)
 - Administer through home visiting programs
 - *****Access to special education / early interventions (social-emotional supports)
 - Regional center
 - Other local resources / social-emotional learning providers
 - Host at library / Storytime (bonding)
 - Explore early childhood mental health programs
 - Second step
 - Triple P (stepping stones)
 - Attachment Vitamins
 - *Oral Health
 - Encourage school districts to do KOHA prior to TK
 - Connect parents to existing screenings / services
 - *****Maternal Mental Health
 - Postpartum depression screenings
- **Improve Systems of Care**
 - **Outreach (marketing) to increase awareness of available programs/services
 - *****Develop a resource hub
 - Leverage the Resource & Referral; warm hand-offs needed
 - Utilize space set aside by the county

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Item 8: Executive Directors Report – Information

The Executive Directors Report was sent as an attachment with the Commission packet. Angela Brinkman shared highlights around the Imagination Library. Launch- November 2025, Kick off-December 2025, Enrollment- 267 children enrolled and 6 graduated.

Item 9: Commissioner Updates as related to 0-5 – Information

Commissioner Watkins – Willows Library is hiring a full time Children Librarian, interviews are scheduled.

Item 10: Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 @ 10:30a.m. Glenn County Farm Bureau

Item 11: Meeting Adjourned 12:28pm

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