



Memo

To: Commissioners, First 5 Ventura County
From: Petra Puls, Executive Director
Date: July 20, 2017
Re: Review and discussion of proposed process for determining strategies, investments and outcomes for FY 2019-21

Background

In June 2015, the Commission adopted its current FY 2015-20 Strategic Plan. FY 2016-2017 was the first implementation year and the Commission anticipates maintaining current strategies through FY 2018-19, the first three years of the 5-year plan, through annual tobacco tax revenues and use of its Sustainability Fund. With decreased financial resources available in years four and five, the plan outlines a shift in strategic investments towards advocacy, convening partner organizations, promoting quality standards, and capacity building efforts to support and build the overall early childhood system of services.

While the Commission's Strategic Plan identifies sample strategic investments for years four and five, more details on strategies, allocations, investments and outcomes for FY 2019-21 are yet to be determined. Historically, the Commission has approved funding allocations for the next fiscal year 6 months prior to the beginning of a funding year to provide funded partner with sufficient notice of any change in funding levels.

Attachment 1 proposes a process and timeline for developing FY 2019-21 funding recommendations that:

- Engages key stakeholders throughout the process
- Envisions multiple scenarios, inclusive of strategies and financial resources
- Relies on expertise of funded partners, First 5 Standing Committees, and Commissioners
- Finalizes recommendations for FY 2019-21 in January 2018, nearly 18 months prior to the beginning of year four to ensure sufficient notice for funded partners.

PROCESS AND TIMELINE FOR DEVELOPING FY 2019-21 RECOMMENDATIONS

Process Planning	Commission review of process July 20, 2017 F5 Staff + Commission
Stakeholder Analysis	Identification of key stakeholders for participation in the process, roles, and input methods. August 2017 F5 Staff
Scenario Research & Planning	Develop criteria, map out different scenarios, and determine levels of investments. November 2017 F5 Staff + Stakeholders + Commission
Community Consultation	Obtain input on proposed scenarios November/December 2017 F5 Standing Committees + F5 Funded Partners + Commission
Recommendation Development	Develop recommendation, inclusive of strategies, implementation model, funding, and next steps. December 2017 F5 Staff + Commission
Recommendation Approval	Commission approval of recommendations January 2018 Commission