

Date: July 27, 2024

Time: 9am – 3pm

Location: Joaquin Miller Community Center, 3594 Sanborn Dr, Oakland, CA 94602

Attendees:

- **Commissioners:**
 - Edgar Rodriguez-Ramirez
 - Jessica Jung (D-2)
 - Kareem Weaver
 - Kym Johnson (D-4)
 - Lange Luntao
 - Melanie Moore (D-2)
 - Priya Jagannathan
- **Staff:**
 - Jennifer Cabán
 - Nayeli Bernal
- **Other Participants:**
 - First 5 Alameda County:
 - Ayano Ogawa
 - Kristin Spanos
 - Laura Schroeder
 - Vanessa Cedeño
 - Oakland Promise:
 - Lauren Reed
 - Pete Haviland-Eduah
 - Sandra Ernst
 - Veena Pawloski
 - American Institutes of Research:
 - Gabriele Fain
 - Sembrando Lab:
 - Leah Graniela-Loving

Agenda items:

1. Breakfast and Welcome

2. Call to Order:

- The meeting officially began at 9:30am.
- No public comments.

3. Review of Agenda / Agreements / Icebreaker

- The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.
- Accountability Officer noted there were minor revisions required to the Early Education Fund presentation to align with Oakland Unified School District's policy on data reporting.
- The Commission reviewed group agreements for the day to ensure a productive and respectful meeting. The group also engaged in a brief icebreaker activity called

‘memory exchange’, sharing memories from early childhood and college years to inspire passion and commitment among the group that connects to the Oakland Children’s Initiative.

4. RBA Implementation Partner Presentation

- Results Based Accountability (RBA) presentations provided by Oakland Children’s Initiative Implementation Partners. This was an initial presentation data since the Initiative’s implementation on: How much? How Well? And is anyone better off?
 - **First 5 Alameda County** presented a data summary and key findings on the Early Education Fund, representing initial January – June 2023 data provided by Priority Partners City of Oakland Head Start and Oakland Unified School District. The report summarized data on the number of children enrolled in partner sites, location of free and subsidized slots, percentage of free and subsidized slots enrolled (uptake), and infrastructure improvements.
 - **Oakland Promise** presented on the College Access supports funding, which included a summary of RBA baseline data from January – June 2023 and preliminary results from fiscal year 2024, combining data from direct services provided and funded partners’ data. The summary included number of children served by college savings accounts, number of caregivers receiving financial coaching, number of children enrolled in early college scholarships, number of students awarded post-secondary scholarships, number of students and caregivers participating in college- and career-bound programming and reporting college-bound identities, and post-secondary enrollment, persistence, and completion rates.

5. **Evaluation Partner – American Institutes for Research**, the selected evaluation partner for the Oakland Children’s Initiative initial 2-year Evaluation, provided an overview of the goals for the evaluation; overall approach to the evaluation; research questions related to implementation, economic impact, and big picture; and specific approaches for evaluation. The Commission discussed priorities for the evaluation, including uplifting the narrative about the Initiative within the context of the Oakland early education and college access ecosystem, changes in policies and structure, collaboration and partnership, and successes and challenges.

6. Build Values Activity

- Sembrando Lab facilitated the group in a ‘building values’ activity to identify and leverage shared values and continue strategic planning work for the Commission.

7. Commission Business

- The Commission voted to meet on a monthly meeting cadence beginning August 22nd.
- Commissioners who have termed out are placed on holdover status to meet legislation requirements on minimum number of Commissioners. These Commissioners are Kareem Weaver, Lange Luntao, and Melanie Moore. Each are interested in continuing to serve in their respective roles and were asked to formally re-apply for the Commission.

- Request for Oversight Commission recruitment assistance. Commissioners agreed to help promote Commission vacancies within their respective communities and networks, targeting the roles that need to be represented.

8. Wrap-Up and Next Steps

- Potential Community Events for the Oakland Children’s Initiative that would require Commissioner representation. These include:
 - College Day - Potential partnership with OUSD and California State University (CSU) fair November 2024.
 - Week of the Young Child in Spring 2025 (April 5-11).
- The Commission will continue discussing the types and calendaring of Communications content to share.
- Commissioners provided reflections of the day.
- Meeting adjourned at 3pm.