Meeting of December 15, 2011

Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky elected Chairman

At its meeting of December 12, the First 5 LA Commission unanimously elected Third District County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky to a one year term as Chairman. Yaroslavsky last served as Chairman in 2007. Jonathan Fielding, Director of the County’s Department of Public Health, was unanimously elected to a second consecutive term as Vice Chairman.

Patricia Curry appointed ex-officio Commissioner

Patricia Curry, representing the Los Angeles County Commission for Children and Families, was appointed to fill the position of Commissioner Harriette Williams during her leave of absence. Commissioner Curry, an appointee of Fifth District Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, currently serves as Chairman of the Commission for Children and Families.

Authorized Items

The following items were authorized by the Commission:

- Extension of the Los Angeles County WIC/Dental Visit Collaborative Project for six months in an amount not to exceed $300,000
- Funding in the amount of $660,000 for an additional six months commencing January 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2012 for the United Way of Greater Los Angeles to Support The Children’s Council Work of the Neighborhood Action Councils (NACs) Countywide and particularly in the Best Start Communities, and assist First 5 LA’s Best Start Communities staff to increase and expand parent participation in the Best Start Communities’ planning process
- Authorization for First 5 LA staff to finalize execution of the contract renewal with the United Way of Greater Los Angeles to act as fiscal agent for The Children’s Council
Continued Items

The following items were continued for discussion at the January 2012 Commission meeting:

- Approval of the Healthy Kids Per Member Per Month (PMPM) rate increase from $72 to $117 effective October 1, 2011
- Revised records retention policy

The First 5 LA Board of Commissioners is comprised of 14 members (9 voting, 3 ex-officio, 2 alternates). The board includes members appointed by each of the Los Angeles County Supervisors, the L.A. County Departments of Public Health and Mental Health, and the L.A. County Office of Education. The Chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors also serves as Chairman of the First 5 LA Commission.

The 13-member Board also includes representatives from other children and families organizations throughout the county. The Board of Commissioners meets on the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm at the First 5 LA offices. All meetings are open to the public and agendas are posted here at least 72 hours in advance.