



Early Childhood Evaluation Advisory Subcommittee Meeting

March 16, 2026
3:30-4:30 p.m.

1700 S. El Camino Real
Miller Ream Room, 1st Floor
San Mateo, CA 94402

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F5SMC Commissioners: Colleen Chawla, Naveen Mahmood

Public Members: Heather Cleary, Peninsula Family Service; Carol Elliott, AbilityPath

EVALCORP Representatives: Sally Lee, Kristen Cunningham

Staff: Kitty Lopez, Michelle Blakely, Jenifer Clark

Minutes: Jenifer Clark

AGENDA

	Item	Presenter
1.	Agenda Review & Announcements	Clark/All
2.	Approval of the Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Meeting (Attachment 2)	Chawla
3.	Discussion: Collaborative Meeting Reporting Template	EVALCORP
4.	Update: Ongoing Evaluation Activities	EVALCORP/ Clark
5.	Next Steps	Clark
6.	Adjourn	Chair
Next Meeting Date(s): <i>May 11, 2026</i> <i>July 20, 2026</i>		

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Early Childhood Evaluation Advisory Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2026

- Commission Members Present: Colleen Chawla, Naveen Mahmoud
- Public Members Present: Heather Cleary, Peninsula Family Service (via Zoom)
- EVALCORP Representatives via Zoom: Sally Lee, Kristen Cunningham
- F5SMC Staff: Kitty Lopez, Michelle Blakely, Jenifer Clark

1. Agenda Review & Announcements:

The agenda was approved with no changes. Jenifer Clark announced that Commissioner Rathod has transferred to the Finance Subcommittee, so we will need to elect another Chair for this calendar year.

2. Election of Subcommittee Chair for Calendar Year 2026:

Commissioner Chawla graciously offered to serve as Subcommittee Chair for calendar year 2026 and was unanimously elected to the position.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the July 21, 2025 Meeting:

Minutes were approved with no changes.

4. Discussion: Partner Network Mapping Results:

Kristen Cunningham from EVALCORP presented results from the Network Mapping research project. With responses from 25 of 29 invited participants, we achieved a response rate of 86%. Responses generated a densely interconnected network, with 70.6% of possible relationships between organizations appearing on the map. The most common level of connection was “Networking,” with 42% of relationships falling into this category. Coordination and Collaboration were reported in 18% and 11% of relationships, respectively. The F5SMC Healthy Children domain reported the higher levels of coordination and collaboration, and the Resilient Families domain reported the greatest level of connectivity.

Reported benefits of collaboration included:

- Improved ability to coordinate care for shared clients
- Streamlined service offerings
- Learning about available community resources

Reported facilitators of collaboration included:

- Willingness and ability to share information
- Shared organizational mission/goals
- Informal relationships between individuals within agencies
- Formal processes or protocols for referrals or data sharing

Reported barriers to collaboration included:

- Limited staff time to dedicated to partnering
- Not willing or able to share information
- Lack of accountability among partners

Partner recommendations to F5SMC regarding ways to support strong partnerships within its sphere of influence included:

- Nurturing stronger connections through networking opportunities, shared data systems, and streamlined referral processes
- Strengthening capacity through cross-sector training, joint programming, and portfolio-based learning circles
- Addressing systemic barriers around power dynamics and equity by establishing formal partnership processes that ensure shared decision-making and include diverse voices from initial planning through implementation

The subcommittee discussed respondents' stated desire to participate at all levels of systems-improvement efforts targeted at supporting collaboration, from conception to implementation, in light of the result that staff have limited time to dedicate to these activities. It is not unusual for there to be a discrepancy between desire and ability to participate.

The group suggested that Brown Bag lunch presentations/conversations may be in line with the partners' suggestions for more networking opportunities. F5SMC has a number of cross-organizational and cross-sector capacity-building efforts currently underway, including Friday CAFÉs, a Community of Practice for family-serving professionals, and trainings on Early Childhood Mental Health and Trauma-Informed Organizations.

Next steps include presenting results to participants and asking for their thoughts about and interpretation of the information. When planning out new systems-building efforts, it is important to ask what partners would find supportive and what might feel overwhelming, especially in light of the feedback that staff are interested in this work but have limited time.

5. Update: Planned Evaluation Activities for 2026:

- Sally Lee of EVALCORP provided an update on Strategic Plan indicators which are under development. The EVALCORP team has been working to identify appropriate data sources that map on to the indicators in the 2025-30 Strategic Plan. Staff are also vetting the available data; we hope to present an initial set of indicators to the Commission sometime this Spring.
- EVALCORP and F5SMC are developing a Provider Survey for implementation towards the end of this fiscal year. This survey will be administered to service providers who participate in F5SMC-funded trainings or capacity-building activities.

The next meeting of the Early Childhood Evaluation Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held in person on March 16, 2026 from 3:30-4:30pm.