



**First 5 San Mateo County  
PROGRAM, OPERATIONS AND PLANNING (POP)  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, October 5, 2026  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**San Mateo County Office of Education  
101 Twin Dolphin Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Redwood City, CA 94065**

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Marco Chávez, Nkia Richardson,  
Bethany Fair (representing Jackie Speier)  
PUBLIC MEMBER: Harvey Kaplan, Liz Scully  
STAFF: Michelle Blakely, Emily Roberts, Myra Cruz

**AGENDA**

|                                               | <b>Item</b>                                                                                                                                | <b>Presenter</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1.                                            | Approval of the October 5, 2026 Program, Operations and Planning Committee Meeting Agenda                                                  | Richardson       |
| 2.                                            | Approval of the Minutes of the April 6, 2026, Program, Operations and Planning Committee Meeting<br>(Attachment 2)                         | Richardson       |
| 3.                                            | Program Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First 5 SMC FY 2025-26 Additional Revenue-Funded Efforts</li></ul> (Attachment 3) | Blakely/Roberts  |
| 4.                                            | Adjourn                                                                                                                                    | Richardson       |
| <b>Next Meeting Date:</b><br>December 7, 2026 |                                                                                                                                            |                  |

**First 5 San Mateo County (F5SMC)  
Program, Operations and Planning (POP)  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**April 6, 2026**

**San Mateo County Office of Education  
101 Twin Dolphin Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Redwood City, CA 94065**

Commissioners: Marco Chávez, Nkia Richardson, Ilhaam Husain (representing Jackie Speier) (absent)  
Public Member: Harvey Kaplan, Liz Scully (absent)  
Staff: Kitty Lopez, Michelle Blakely, Myra Cruz

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.

**1. Approval of the April 6, 2026 Program, Operations, and Planning Committee Meeting Agenda**

The Committee Members approved the agenda as presented.

**2. Elect Committee Chair**

Members discussed the chair role. Public Member Kaplan motioned to reelect Commissioner Richardson as the Committee Chair and seconded by Commissioner Chávez.

**3. Approval of the October 6, 2025 Program, Operations, and Planning Committee Meeting Minutes:**

MOTION: Public Member Kaplan / SECOND: Commissioner Richardson

**4. Program Updates:**

Michelle Blakely, F5SMC's Deputy Director, distributed a print and highlighted the following:

○ **F5SMC's Role on Child Care Support**

reviewed First 5's historical role in child care funding, noting that prior investments included support for child care access and workforce needs when additional funding was available. She also outlined current investments, which focus on professional development for early learning educators, coaching and classroom quality supports, inclusion services, early childhood mental health, child care facilities and infrastructure, and family and parent support initiatives. It was clarified that First 5 does not currently fund child care slots directly or provide direct wage funding, but continues to

support system quality, workforce development, and provider capacity. Blakely stated that additional information will be prepared for the full commission to clarify First 5's historical and current contributions to child care.

Blakely shared strategies for engaging families and addressing parent concerns, including work related to [Big Feelings](#), parent voice and advocacy, outreach through the Kits for New Parents, and possible parent education opportunities led by pediatricians. She noted the importance of strengthening family navigation and identifying better ways to elevate parent voice through funded partners and community-based efforts.

Blakely reviewed how program funding decisions are guided by the Commission's strategic plan, long-term financial planning, and procurement processes. Committee members were advised that most grants are structured as multi-year contracts, with possible extensions to support continuity of services

Blakely also reviewed ongoing investments in quality improvement and inclusion efforts, including supports for educators and providers through training, coaching, and technical assistance. These efforts are intended to strengthen the quality of children's experiences in early learning settings.

Discussion ensued.

- **Immigration**

Kitty Lopez, F5SMC's Executive Director shared that Staff reported that First 5 is exploring partnership opportunities with **Faith in Action** and legal service partners to provide **pro bono legal consultation sessions** for families connected to child care settings. The intent is to provide families with direct access to immigration-related legal information and support.

- **Child Care Blueprint**

Michelle Blakely previewed an upcoming presentation on the county's child care blueprint. Anticipated areas of First 5 involvement include:

- research and landscape analysis,
- identifying parent advocacy capacity,
- provider recognition and support,
- continuation of classroom quality and professional development efforts.

- **Managed Care / Health Partnership Update**

Kitty Lopez shared an update on development of a memorandum of understanding with managed care plans, , such as Kaiser and Health Plan of San Mateo, as required under state processes. The purpose is to improve alignment around health outcomes for children ages 0–5, including preventive care and developmental screenings.

- **Early Childhood Mental Health**

Michelle Blakely provided an update on early childhood mental health supports and noted continued need for developmental, behavioral, and social-emotional support for young children and families. Current partnerships discussed included agencies providing:

- consultation in preschool and family resource settings,
- parent-focused support,
- therapeutic and more intensive clinical services.

The Committee discussed the gap between identified need and available funding, and Blakely noted that funding requests exceeded available resources.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm.

**Date:** Monday, October 5, 2026  
**To:** F5SMC Program, Operations, and Planning Committee  
**From:** Michelle Blakely, Interim Executive Director  
**Re:** First 5 SMC FY 2025-26 Additional Revenue-Funded Efforts

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**BACKGROUND**

This agenda item is for information only. Committee members will receive a presentation from staff on the topic noted, along with a review and discussion of the attached slide deck covering the use of additional revenue from external sources in FY 2025-26. Committee members will discuss the impact of recent funding and opportunities and strategy for leveraging in the future.



# F5SMC FY 2025-26 Additional Revenue-Funded Efforts

Program, Operations, and Planning  
Committee Meeting

October 5, 2026

# What does the additional revenue we bring in offer us?

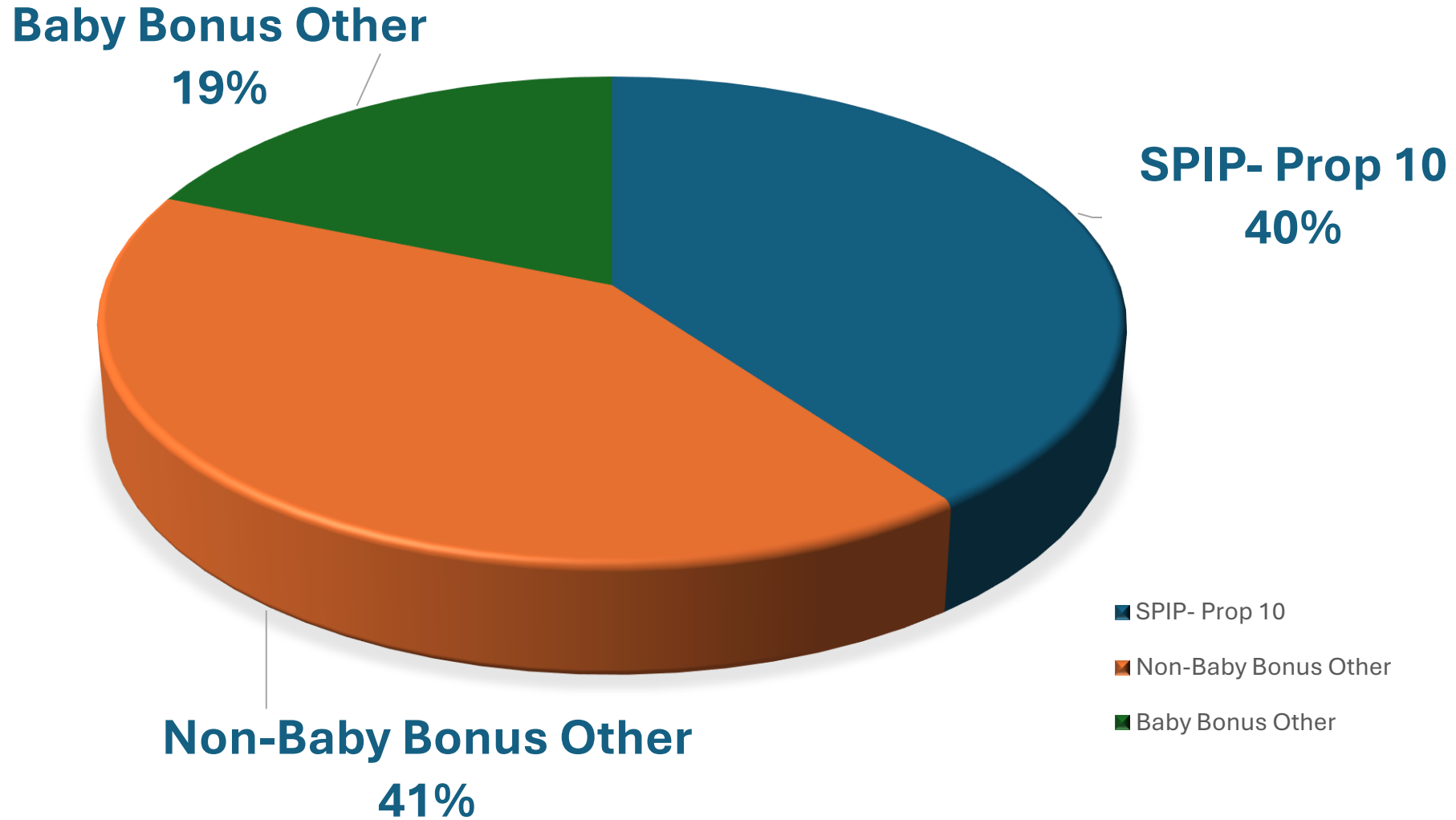
- Supports and extends our ability to address our Strategic Planning goals by augmenting or expanding our reach
- Funds aligned or strategic efforts or initiatives we would otherwise not be able to due to funding constraints
- Allows us to join in on regional and/or statewide efforts to share learnings or contribute to broader impact
- Offers opportunities to pilot new or innovative efforts
- Builds alliances and partnerships with others with overlap in their mission with that of F5SMC

# What is our value proposition to other funders?

- We allow other funders to easily and confidently invest in early childhood-focused efforts
- We provide other funders with clear data based on their goals and target populations
- We track indicators, conduct scans, and follow the research to be sure we are investing in high-need areas for young children, their providers, and their families
- We provide a systems-level approach to address needs and build community and connection

# FY 2025-26 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Attachment 3



# Additional Revenue Sources

# Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (DHCS)

- Funding Duration: March 4, 2024 – June 30, 2027
- Funding Amount: \$750,000
- Program Activities:
  - Train 50 behavioral health clinicians in Child-Parent Psychotherapy
  - Host Ripple Effect events to build Early Childhood Mental Health Champions
  - Build and facilitate an ECMH Network
- Impact:
  - Roughly 50 providers have completed CPP training (using this skill to treat children and parents with a trauma Hx)
  - Expanded awareness of trauma-informed approaches in the child- and family-serving provider community
  - Launch of a network to provide ongoing support to ECMH providers and to expand and support continued learning in this space

# Mental Health Services Act

Funding Duration: July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2026

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000 in 2025-26 (less in previous years)

- Program Activities:

- Trauma- & Resiliency-Informed Systems Initiative support for 3 public agencies
- Early Childhood Mental Health Grantee Sustainability Learning Community
- Reflective Supervision training cohort for child- and family-serving providers
- Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation for early care/education sites
- Co-funding for 5 ECMH direct service providers
- Immigration-Focus: Mailing of immigration enforcement materials for childcare providers; legal consultations for families of young children in Daly City

- Impact:

- Largest known multiagency TIO assessment data set of its kind
- Resource sharing and collective thinking across grantees in ECMH
- Expansion of service, impact, and collective for ECMH services in SMC to fund an additional year
- Tailored resources and training for F5SMC target populations to amplify existing efforts
- Ongoing partnership with BHRS

# Sequoia Healthcare District

- Funding Duration: July 1, 2020- June 30, 2028
- Funding Amount: \$690,900/ yr (FY 2025-26))
- Program Activities:
  - Supports Help Me Grow SMC with full-scale implementation of all HMG components and costs; a third of annual budget to cover SHD's catchment area
  - Trauma- & Resiliency-Informed Systems Initiative support for 3 public agencies
  - Friday Cafés to support family engagement provider wellness and connection
  - Early Childhood Mental Health enhancement within the HMG system
  - ECMH services embedded in HMG and EQ+IP grants
- Impact:
  - Implementation of HMG countywide + pilots in SHD district
  - Continuation of Friday Cafes for family engagement providers, which were only funded in part
  - Pilot and rollout of enhanced mental health referral hub and service delivery via HMG and ECE sites

# Peninsula Health Care District

- Funding Duration: January 1, 2020- December 31, 2027
- Funding Amount: \$60,000/ yr (for 2025 and 2026)
- Program Activities:
  - Supports Help Me Grow SMC with a portion of care coordination, outreach, data collection, and administrative costs to help offset costs in PHCD's catchment area
- Impact in PHCD:
  - Outreach efforts reached 563 families, 177 community providers, and 18 healthcare providers
  - 151 families contacted the HMG centralized access point for support
  - 79 children received developmental screening
  - 6 healthcare practices received consultations on specific cases

## F5CA IMPACT and IMPACT Hub

Core Funding for Quality Supports in Early Learning Settings and Family Child Care Home

Funding Duration: July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027 (TBD ) IMPACT

July 1 ,2025-June 30, 2028 IMPACT Hub

Funding Amount : \$ 523,00 IMPACT ; IMPACT Hub \$96,000

- **Program Activities:**

- The Lead agency San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) and subcontractor 4Cs( Child Care Coordinating Council support a combination of direct workforce services and data system enhancements including Quality Counts SMC and the San Mateo County Early Learning and Care Career Development Initiative Stipend Program
- IMPACT coaching and incentives efforts targets Family Child Care (FCC) home-based providers, early educators, and caregivers of children ages 0–5 in settings not funded by California state grants or contracts.

- **Impact:**

- This initiative prioritizes infants and toddlers, FCC providers, alternative early learning & care settings, multilingual learners, and children with special needs.
- In the past year, IMPACT incentives supported 68 FCC home-based programs, 19 center-based programs, and 296 early care and education providers.



**F5CA has funded  
quality supports  
since 2020**

# Baby Bonus Funders

- Chan Zuckerberg Initiative
- First 5 San Mateo County
- Health Plan of San Mateo
- Jackie Speier Foundation
- Peninsula Health Care District
- San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
- San Mateo County Health
- Sequoia Health Care District
- Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- Sobrato Philanthropies
- Stanford University
- Valhalla Foundation
- Anonymous donor

## For Discussion...

- Reflections
- Possible future opportunities: what might these look like and what is required to get there?
- Our impact when we move in partnership

