

## **FIRST FIVE YUBA COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **CODE OF ETHICS**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION**

The purpose of the First Five Yuba Commission (Commission) is to promote, support, and improve the early development of children from the prenatal stage to five years of age. This purpose shall be accomplished through the establishment, institution, and coordination of appropriate standards, resources, and integrated and comprehensive programs emphasizing community awareness, education, nurturing, childcare, social services, health care, and research.

#### **PURPOSE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The purpose of the First Five Yuba Commission Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) is to provide expert advise and consultation to the Commission, to assist the Commission in first, developing, and then, regularly updating, the County's Strategic Plan, to assist the Commission in implementing funded programs, and to generally provide ongoing input concerning the needs of children 0-5 years of age and their families from all parts of the county.

### **CODE OF ETHICS**

The Advisory Committee adopts this Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility (Code) to delineate the principles for ethics and conduct to which every Advisory Committee member should aspire. The Code expresses the commitment to increase the quality and efficiency of services and recognizes the Commission's responsibilities to the public, the county government, and to the children of future generations.

As an Advisory Committee member, I hereby agree to the following code of ethics:

- I agree to serve the public interest by contributing to the development of policy and programs to improve the systems serving children and families.
- I agree to support the goals of the California Children and Families Act.
- I agree to use the Commission's mission, vision and strategic plan as a guide in the decision-making process.
- I recognize the Advisory Committee's commitment to the diversity and value the partnerships and the contribution of all members of society.

- I agree to maintain a high standard of professional conduct and I agree to communicate with openness and respect with all Committee members and members of the public attending Commission and Advisory Committee meetings.
- I agree to attend and actively participate in meetings, subcommittees and activities sponsored by the Commission.
- I agree to use the consensus decision-making process and to support the Committee's ultimate decision, regardless of my opinions or positions.
- I agree to address concerns honestly, directly and quickly. I recognize that Advisory Committee members are expected to take responsibility to ask for what they need.
- I agree to avoid conflicts of interest. I recognize that a conflict of interest is defined as any material benefit, that any close family member or I may receive, from a public decision that I influence. If I suspect a conflict of interest, I will disclose the potential conflict to the Advisory Committee, as well as to the Commission staff, prior to any related decision taking effect.
- I recognize that the Commission empowers each Advisory Committee member to hold each other accountable for upholding this Code of Ethics.
- I agree to abide by the First Five Yuba Commission Bylaws as stated.

Signed:

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Name

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