		THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY						
DEPT:	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES	BOARD AGENDA # $B-17$						
-	Urgent Routine x	AGENDA DATE January 9, 2001						
CEO Coi	ncurs with Recommendation YES NO (Information Attached)	4/5 Vote Required YESNO_X_						
SUBJEC	T: AUTHORIZATION TO EXPAND SPECIALIZED FOR HIGH RISK CHILDREN BIRTH TO FIVE YEA							

STAFF

- **RECOMMEN-**1. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO EXPAND SPECIALIZED BEHAVIORAL DATIONS: HEALTH SERVICES TO HIGH RISK CHILDREN BIRTH TO FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND THEIR FAMILIES
 - AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY AND POSITION ALLOCATION 2. **RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE ALLOCATION IN BUDGET UNIT 1501 PER** THE STAFFING IMPACT SECTION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM
 - AUTHORIZE THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO 3. INCREASE BUDGET EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES ACCORDING TO THE ATTACHED **BUDGET JOURNAL FORM**

FISCAL

Expansion of services in the Children's System of Care will generate increased revenue IMPACT: of \$153,600 from Federal Medi-Cal and State Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment funds. Redirection of \$178,874 in revenue budgeted from existing resources will fully fund the increased cost of \$332,474.

BOARD ACTION	No.	2001-26
On motion of Supervisor Blom	, Seconded by Supervisor	Caruso
and approved by the following vote, Ayes: Supervisors:	Mayfield, Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Pa	
Noes: Supervisors:	None	
Excused or Absent: Supervisors:	None	
Abstaining: Supervisor:	None	
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2) Denied		
3) Approved as amended		
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ATTEST REAGAN Mark AUTHORIZATION TO EXPAND SPECIALIZED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR HIGH RISK CHILDREN BIRTH TO FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND THEIR FAMILIES Page 2

DISCUSSION: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services has been providing rapidly expanding services for children and their families for over eight years. The organization's Children's System of Care currently provides services to 1,698 children and families. However, despite efforts by Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and partner agencies, there continues to be long lasting, negative effects on children due to early trauma. This may include the mental illness of a parent or parents, drug and alcohol exposure or drug and alcohol addiction of a parent or parents, which often results in the lack of a positive bonding relationship. Research indicates that with the very young child, there is a window of opportunity to reduce the negative impact of these traumatic incidents. Significant, positive outcomes can be generated by working on the relationship between the parent figure and the child, and focusing on helping the adult provide an empathic and nurturing connection.

> The need for a larger investment in early childhood mental health is well documented as a neglected area with significant impact on our community. Additionally, in recent amendment to Children's System of Care legislation, services to children birth to five years of age and their families is noted as an area of mandated service should resources exist.

> The organization's Children's System of Care has developed programming to begin to meet State goals for young children and their families. Initially, staff and resources have been reassigned to initiate the Leaps and Bounds Program, which offers services to high risk children birth to five years of age and their families. The program offers multisystem, early intervention services to assist the parents or caretakers of high risk young children develop positive, nurturing relationships. Partner agencies include Health Services Agency, Office of Education, Valley Mountain Regional Center, Community Services Agency and school districts.

> Services of the Leaps and Bounds Program are intended to positively impact children traumatized by abuse, neglect, familial or in utero substance abuse, a parent with severe mental illness and other early childhood traumas. Services include traditional behavioral health services such as individual and group counseling, home visits, parent education, home-based services, case management and substance abuse treatment services. Additional services focus on building the positive bonding relationship between the parent and child. Additionally, a series of trainings to certify staff in infant and family therapy, a very specialized area of expertise, was developed.

> The organization proposes to expand the Leaps and Bounds Program and increase its capacity to serve children and their families. The

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DISCUSSION: (Continued)

program plans to implement Countywide services for high risk children birth to five years of age and their families. The proposal also includes research to expand services to high risk children and their families in the Southeast Asian community, collaboration with the University of San Francisco's South East Asian Clinic, full implementation of the multiagency referral process, a pilot project for severely mentally ill adults with at risk children birth to five years of age, and increased capacity to serve diverse at risk children and their families.

Additional expansion of the Leaps and Bounds Program would require additional funding from other resources, including funding from Proposition 10 for implementation. This would achieve full implementation of services to high risk children birth to five years of age and their families throughout the County, additional space acquisition, increased home-based parenting services and community wide promotion and prevention services.

Expansion of the Leaps and Bounds Program would result in the following outcomes:

- Parents of at risk children birth to five years of age will be able to access timely and appropriate mental health assessments
- Children served will experience a reduction in exposure to social and environmental risks
- An increased number of diverse families with young children will be served
- Parents receiving services will report an increase in satisfaction in their parenting relationship and confidence
- Time between identification of a traumatic event and service provision will be decreased
- Behavioral function of children birth to five years of age will be improved
- Community resources of trained mental health professionals able to serve young children and their families will be increased

POLICY ISSUES:

Expansion of services to families with significant risk factors and at risk children birth to five years of age supports the Board of Supervisors priorities of a safe and healthy community, multi-jurisdictional cooperation and investing resources in preventative services.

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STAFFING IMPACT:

This item would require amendment of the Salary and Position Allocation Resolution to add the following positions to the organization's allocation in Budget Unit 1501:

Two (2) Mental Health Clinician I/II's One (1) Behavioral Health Specialist I/II One (1) Administrative Clerk III

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