



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Children and Families Commission

BOARD AGENDA # B-8

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE October 28, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept the 2007-2008 Children and Families Commission's Report to the Community

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept the Children and Families Commission's Report to the Community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the County of Stanislaus associated with acceptance of the Commission's presentation. The Children and Families Commission has independent authority and responsibility for program operations and has independent fiduciary responsibility for fiscal operations. In the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the Commission budgeted more than \$12,200,000 to support programs that serve children 0 through age 5 and their families.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-745

On motion of Supervisor Monteith ; Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Monteith, and Vice-Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Grover, and Mayfield

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

In November of 1998, California voters approved Proposition 10, which added a 50 cents-per-pack tax on cigarette products to fund education, health, childcare, and other programs for expectant parents and children through age 5. Proposition 10 was designed to address the lack of public funding and support for early childhood development in the wake of a growing body of scientific evidence indicating that the emotional, physical, social, and developmental environments to which children are exposed have a profound impact on their ability to reach their greatest potential in school and to become productive members of society. In the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission received approximately \$6,900,000 from tobacco taxes to promote the development and well-being of children 0 through 5 in Stanislaus County. Using reserves and other sources of funding, the Commission budgeted more than \$12,200,000 in 2007-2008 to support programs aimed at providing services to children.

As required by the Proposition, on December 8, 1998 the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance establishing the Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission. Membership of this nine member Commission, which has a fiduciary responsibility for programmatic and fiscal operations that is separate and distinct from the Board of Supervisors, is made up of:

- One member of the Board of Supervisors (Dick Monteith)
- The County Health Officer (Dr. John Walker)
- Two County Department Heads (Denise Hunt, Mary Ann Lee)
- One representative of a local school district (Vicki Bauman)
- Four community representatives (David Cooper, Nelly Paredes-Walsborn, George Skol, and Dan Souza)

It is the Commission's vision that "all of Stanislaus County's children will thrive in supportive, safe, nurturing, and loving environments; are healthy, eager, and ready learners; and will become productive well-adjusted members of society." The Commission's mission is "promoting the development and well-being of children 0 through 5."

The Commission is implementing its vision and mission by working in four result areas:

- Improved family functioning
- Improved child development
- Improved health
- Improved systems of care

The following are some of the programs that were supported by the Children's and Families Commission in fiscal year 2007-2008:

Specialized Early Childcare Program

Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Provides intensive childcare consultations, early assessments, outpatient treatment interventions, and parent labs. Sierra Vista Child and Family Services is a sub-contractor.

DISCUSSION: (Continued)

CARES (Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards) Program
Child Development Training Consortium

CARES provides stipends and professional development opportunities to childcare providers.

■ **CARES Track I (Family, Friends, and Neighbors Training Project)**

Provides health and safety training and information on other county resources that encourage licensure and continued training for informal childcare providers.

■ **CARES Entry Track II**

Provides stipend reimbursements to qualified childcare workers who have not completed requirements for the Child Development Permit. Professional Growth Advising and Child Development Permit Advising are required and available to participants.

■ **CARES Permit Track III and IV**

Provides stipend reimbursements to qualified childcare workers who hold a Child Development Permit. Child Development Permit Advising and Professional Growth Advising are required and available to participants.

Healthy Cubs

Stanislaus County Health Services Agency

Provides health access to uninsured children who are members of families with incomes at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level who do not qualify for publicly sponsored programs such as Medi-Cal or Healthy Families.

Ride Immunization Registry Provider Assistance Project

Health Services Agency

The Regional Immunization Data Entry (RIDE) project provides data entry assistance and training to private pediatricians and family practice providers to enter immunization information on children 0 through 5 into the RIDE Immunization database.

211 - United Way

An easy to remember toll free number that connects residents with health and human services information and referrals. United Way of Stanislaus County runs the free program which links callers with the appropriate agency to get them the help they need. The hotline is a help line that improves access to healthcare and other important services.

School Readiness Programs

10 schools in 7 School Districts (Patterson, Newman - Crows Landing, Turlock, Waterford, Riverbank, Chatom, and Keyes)

Pre-kindergarten programs designed to improve the social, literacy, and motor development of children entering kindergarten.

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DISCUSSION: (Continued)

Family Resource Centers (FRC)

Multiple sites countywide operated by private non-profits, community-based organizations, and schools.

Provides services and family support programs for children and families including those at risk of abuse and neglect. Six FRCs are providing differential response (child protective) services to families under an agreement with Community Services Agency.

Annually, the Commission reports to the Board of Supervisors on progress made towards the goals embodied in Proposition 10 - "to facilitate the creation and implementation of an integrated, comprehensive, and collaborative system of information and services to enhance optimal early childhood development and to ensure that children are ready to enter school". The Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission, Denise Hunt and David Cooper, respectively, will present an informational report to the Board of Supervisors on the Commission's 2007-2008 activities.

POLICY ISSUE:

Approval of this agenda item addresses the Board of Supervisors' priorities of ensuring a safe community, a healthy community, effective partnerships, and efficient delivery of public services.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE
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