



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name:

Department No.:

For Agenda Of: May 18, 2010

Placement: Administrative

Estimated Time:

Continued Item: No

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required: Yes

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Joni Gray,

Supervisor, 4th

District

Contact Info:

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SUBJECT: Approval of Child Care Planning Council document

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Jerry Czuleger

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form:

Other Concurrence:

As to form:

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Priorities for Subsidized Child Development Program Funding, Santa Barbara County, to be submitted by the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council to the California Department of Education (Attachment A).

Summary Text:

Priorities for Subsidized Child Development Program Funding

Among the statutory mandates for the Child Care Planning Council is the obligation to determine priority areas for child care and development programs in the county. Education Code Section 8499.5(b)(6) requires Child Care Planning Councils to conduct periodic reviews of need for, and supply of, child care and development programs funded by the California Department of Education. The Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council reviews the Priorities every year and presents them to the Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools for approval if they are changed.

In February 2010, the Council reviewed current data by zip code and instructions for priority setting received from the California Department of Education, Child Development Division (CDD). Data reviewed included enrollment in state funded child development programs, enrollment in Head Start and estimates of need for subsidized care based on California Department of Public Health birth by year by

zip code data. Based on this data, total numbers of unmet need for subsidized care and percentage of unmet need were estimated for each zip code in the county. Following the instructions provided by CDD, priorities for funding for subsidized child development programs were assigned to zip codes. The Priorities for child development program funding approved by the Council on April 14, 2010 are identified in Attachment A.

The California Department of Education requires the approval of the County Priorities of an authorized representative of your Board and by the Superintendent of Schools. William J. Cirone, County Superintendent of Schools, has indicated his approval of the County Priorities by signing the County Priorities Report Form to be sent to the California Department of Education (see Attachment B.) The approval of the County Priorities by your Board, as signified by the signature of the Chair on the California Department of Education County Priorities Report Form, is now requested.

Background:

Santa Barbara County's original Child Care Planning Council ("the Council") was formed by the Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools in 1990 as a result of the 1990 Federal Omnibus Budget Act. The role of the Council was to develop a local plan and priorities for distribution of the new Federal Child Care Block Grant funds. For its first few years, financial support for the Council's activities was provided entirely through in-kind services donated by the County Office of Education and Council members. Since 1994 the Council has received annual grants from the California Department of Education. Funds provided to the Council are administered by the Santa Barbara County Education Office.

Since the inception of the Council, members have worked to coordinate and plan the delivery of child care services in Santa Barbara County, serve as liaison between the State Department of Education, Child Development Division and the local community, and provide support and training to the Early Childhood Education Community.

Pursuant to the Statutes of 1997, AB 1542, which established California's welfare reform program (CalWORKs), a local Child Care Planning Council must be established in each county (Education Code Chapter 2.3, Sections 8499.3 and 8499). On April 28, 1998, your Board (in conjunction with the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools, which has joint authority over the Council) amended the functions, governance, structure, membership and bylaws of the existing Council to conform to the requirements of welfare reform as defined by AB 1542.

Performance Measure:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 7: "A community that fosters the safety and well-being of families and children."

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None to County Government.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

Staffing Impacts:

None to County Government.

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

After approval and passage by the Board, please prepare the following documents for the Child Care Planning Council:

1. two (2) certified copies of the Minute Order
2. two (2) original signed "County Priorities Report Form"

Please call 964-4710 ext. 4473 when copies are ready.

Attachments:

- A. Priorities for Subsidized Child Development Program Funding, Santa Barbara County (Attachment A)
- B. Priorities for Subsidized Child Development Program Funding, Santa Barbara County Report Form (Attachment B)

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