



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: 4/05/2016
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 45 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: N/A

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Director, Department of Social Services on behalf
Director(s) of the Child Welfare Safety Net Task Force
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SUBJECT: Child Welfare Safety Net Task Force Report

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive and File the Child Welfare Safety Net Task Force Report to the Board of Supervisors.
- b) Determine under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3), finding that the execution of the Agreement is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order for the Board to receive a report with the findings and recommendations of the Child Welfare Safety Net Task Force.

Background:

On April 14, 2015 your board Approved and authorized the convening of a Child Welfare Safety Net Task Force for the purpose of assessing the overall system of public and community based child welfare services in Santa Barbara County that address the needs of children (and their families) who become, or are at risk of becoming, dependents of the court under Article 6, Section 300 of the Welfare and

Institutions Code. Each Supervisor subsequently appointed one member from his or her District with knowledge of child welfare, child development, and family systems issues to serve on the Task Force. The charter of the Task Force was to conduct a holistic assessment of the strengths, weaknesses and gaps of the Child Welfare System in Santa Barbara County and to produce a report by April 14, 2016 with findings and recommendations for the Board of Supervisors which:

1. Acknowledges what parts of the system are currently working well and why.
2. Identifies and makes recommendations regarding areas of the system that could be improved.
3. Identifies and makes recommendations regarding existing needs not currently addressed by the system and what could be done to fill those gaps.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Attachments:

Child Welfare Safety Net Task Force Report date 4/5/16
Child Welfare Safety Net Task Force Presentation

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