



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: 9/22/09
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If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Kathy Gallagher, Director, Department of Social Services
Director(s)
Contact Info: Katharina Zulliger, KIDS Network, 346-8222
**SUBJECT: Actions Related to State Mandates for Child Abuse Prevention Funds
(CAPIT/CBCAP/PSSF)**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Select_Other

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Execute a Notice of Intent as required by the California Department of Social Services which specifies that the County will contract with public or private non-profit agencies to provide child abuse and neglect prevention services;
- b) Adopt a Resolution to approve the Three-Year Plan for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention for the period of September 30, 2009 through October 1, 2012.

Summary Text: Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF), Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT) and Community-based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) are funding streams that are administered by the State Department of Social Services, Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP), and are available to the County for child abuse and neglect prevention. In order to access the funds, counties need to submit a coordinated three-year plan detailing how each funding source will be distributed and utilized. The plan requires approval by the Board of Supervisors and the State Office of Child Abuse Prevention. All funding streams included in the plan are administered locally by the Department of Social Services.

Background:

The last three year plan covering the period of July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008 was submitted to the Board on August 16, 2005. Recent changes on the state-level administration and instructions for planning (ACIN I-41-08, June 4, 2008) necessitated an extension of the existing three year plan through September 29, 2009 as counties are now required to follow the Child Welfare Services System Improvement Process timeline for child abuse and neglect prevention funds to allow for increased coordination. The Board of Supervisors authorized this extension on September 16, 2008, and approved a revised notice of intent designating the Department of Social Services as the administering agency on April 14, 2009.

The attached plan covers the period from **September 30, 2009 – October 1, 2012** for the funding sources detailed below. Counties are required to complete a local planning process in preparation for submitting a plan detailing how services to be funded address unmet needs in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The planning process must be multidisciplinary and must include consumers/parents and the local Child Abuse Prevention Council. The planning process must also include a recent needs assessment and must be coordinated with the System Improvement Process (SIP) conducted by child welfare.

A delay in the release of current year instructions by the State led to counties being instructed to revert to the planning guidelines released for the 2005-2008 period (ACIN I-25-05) to formulate their three year plans. These guidelines were followed in preparing the attached plan.

The plan addresses the following funding sources:

Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF)

These are federal funds that are passed through OCAP to counties. PSSF funds must be spent in the following program areas: Adoption Promotion and Support, Family Reunification, Family Preservation and Family Support. The KIDS Network has been serving as the required PSSF collaborative. With the exception of county-provided direct services, grants to community-based organizations must be awarded through a competitive bid process.

Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT)

These State funds are distributed to counties through OCAP. Target populations for CAPIT funds are children who are at high-risk, including children who are being served by the county welfare department for being abused and neglected. Projects funded through CAPIT funding should be selected through a competitive process.

Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention Funds (CBCAP)

OCAP passes through these federal funds through Counties. The purpose of this funding source is to support community-based efforts in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Only primary and secondary prevention activities are allowable under CBCAP funding.

For more information on each funding source, please refer to the attached OCAP produced fact sheets.

The Children’s Trust Fund (CTF) is an additional funding source for child abuse prevention, which is not included in the plan as OCAP does not exercise authority over the fund. State instructions encourage coordination and require a Board Resolution that indicates that a commission, board or council has been established to administer the County Children’s Trust. In Santa Barbara County, the Board designated the Human Services Commission as the Children’s Trust Fund commission in 1983; the resolution has been included in the plan as required. As the other funding streams, the Children’s Trust is administered by the Department of Social Services. It is funded from a portion of birth certificate fees for children born in Santa Barbara County, from fees for certain specialized license plates for vehicles registered in Santa Barbara County, and from small donations.

Performance Measure:

Please see Outcomes and Evaluation section of the attached three-year plan.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Sept. 30, 2009 to Oct. 1, 2012</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 117,995.00	\$ 353,985.00	
Federal	\$ 311,858.00	\$ 935,574.00	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 429,853.00	\$ 1,289,559.00	\$ -

Narrative:

The CBCAP and PSSF programs are entirely federally-funded programs subject to the annual federal budget process. For fiscal year 2008-09, the Santa Barbara County PSSF allocation from the California Department of Social Services was \$285,830. That same amount is projected to be received for fiscal year 2009-10. For fiscal year 2009-10 the Santa Barbara County CBCAP allocation from the California Department of Social Services is projected to be \$26,028.

The CAPIT program is funded entirely by State General Funds. For fiscal year 2009-10 the Santa Barbara County CAPIT allocation is projected to be \$117,995 subject to approval through the annual State Budget process. These allocations are based on the existing CDSS three-year plan for Barbara County and are projected to remain the same for the next three fiscal years (FY 2009-10 through FY 2011-12).

Program administrative costs are limited to ten (10) percent of the CAPIT and CBCAP allocations. Additionally, the CAPIT program requires a ten (10) percent cash or in-kind match which is applied to county subcontractors and other recipients. There is no fiscal impact on the County General Fund from any of these programs.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

N/A

N/A

Special Instructions:

Please return the original of the executed Notice of Intent and one copy of the Resolution, as well as one certified copy of the minute order to KIDS Network, Katharina Zulliger, 2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, Santa Maria, CA 93455.

Attachments:

1. Notice of Intent
2. Resolution
3. Three Year Plan for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
4. CDSS fact sheets for CAPIT/CBCAP/PSSF and CTF funds

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