

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rita Madden, Chair First 5 Children and Families Commission of Santa Barbara County

STAFF CONTACT: Pat Wheatley, Executive Director, First 5 Children and Families Commission x8085

SUBJECT: Appointment of Members to the First 5 of Santa Barbara Children & Families Commission

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Reappoint Director of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health James L. Broderick Ph.D., Health Officer Elliot Schulman M.D., and the Director of Social Services Kathy Gallagher, as regular "County Members" of the First 5 Santa Barbara Children and Families Commission from the term July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.
2. Reappoint Patti Stewart Deputy Chief from the Probation Department as alternate "County Member" of the First 5 Children and Families Commission for the term of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The Children and Families Commission is aligned with Strategic Goal No. 7, -A community that fosters the wellbeing of families and children.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The passage of Prop 10 has resulted in the largest scale investment in children under the age of 6 in our history. The 2004-2005 Annual Report is meant to share with you the information about our investments, who we are serving, partner agencies that are fulfilling our vision and how we are measuring the impact on Santa Barbara County Children. In 2004-2005, we continued to support collaborative approaches to delivering services to children and families.

In December 2005 the First 5 Commission adopted a new Strategic Plan for 2006-2011. This plan will serve as a guide to direct policy and funding in the next 6 years. The new plan has served as a platform for a three

year Request for Application (RFA) process which will fund targeted results identified by the Commission and community partners. The RFA process began in January 2006 with funding reviews taking place in March and early April and final recommendation for funding being made in May. Three year contracts will begin July 1, 2006.

We are fortunate to have so many individuals and organizations in our community dedicated to nurturing and supporting young children, and the people who care for them.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Funding of the First 5 Children and Families Commission must be directed to the comprehensive needs of children age 0-5 and their families.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

In 2005-2006 we invested over 4 million dollars in programs and initiatives that are improving children's health, increasing the quality of child care programs and strengthening families.

CC: Members of the First 5 Children and Families Commission of Santa Barbara County