

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Naomi Schwartz, Chair Children and Families Commission of Santa Barbara County

STAFF CONTACT: Pat Wheatley, Executive Director, Children and Families Commission
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SUBJECT: Children and Families Commission Draft Funding Recommendation Presentation

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing for joint meeting between the Board of Supervisors and the Children and Families Commission on the morning of May 15, 2001 to discuss the 2001 funding recommendations for Proposition 10.

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:

Through an extensive planning process, the Children and Families Commission's 2000-2003 Strategic Plan was developed. The Commission adopted the Strategic Plan on January 24, 2000. The Strategic Plan establishes priorities and an Allocation Plan for the spending of Santa Barbara County's Proposition 10 funds. The Allocation Plan for these funds is included in the Strategic Plan. Currently, fifty contracts are in place throughout the County with an allocation of \$5.3 million. The availability of these services is already making an impact on the lives of children 0-5 year of age and their families.

In January 2001 the Commission released two Requests for Proposals (RFP) for second round allocation of Proposition 10 funds. The first RFP was in the amount of \$5 million for Direct Services and Service Integration programs in support of identified strategic objectives. The second RFP was in the amount of \$400,000 for Community-Based Organizational Planning, Program Development and Capacity Building to enable the increase of access to services for all children 0-5 years of age in the County. Applications for

funding were received by the Commission on March 16th, 2001. Panels consisting of Commissioners and members of the Commission Advisory Board are currently reviewing the applications.

On April 30, 2001 the Commission will meet and vote on the panel's funding recommendations. Intent to Award notification will be posted on May 1, 2001.

The hearing with the Board of Supervisors and the Commission will offer an opportunity for members of the Board to review and comment on the funding recommendations.

On May 21, 2001 at the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room in Santa Barbara, the Commission will take a final vote on the funding recommendations. Contracts will begin July 2001.

Mandates and Service Levels:

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

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Staff estimates that Proposition 10 will provide approximately \$6.3 million dollars of new revenue from July 1, 2001– June 30, 2002. Presently \$11,413,733 has been deposited into the Santa Barbara County Children and Families Commission Trust Account.

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