

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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## Agenda Number:

**Prepared on:** 12/21/01  
**Department:** Social Services  
**Budget Unit:** 044  
**Agenda Date:** 1/15/02  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Charlene A. Chase  
Department of Social Services

**STAFF CONTACT:** Hedy Damery, 614-1990  
KIDS Network

**SUBJECT:** Child Care Planning Council, Membership Certification

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the current membership of the County of Santa Barbara's Child Care Planning Council, as shown on the attached "Certification Statement Regarding Composition of Local Planning Council Membership".

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 7. Strengthen the Safety and Well-Being of Children and Their Families to Ensure a Strong Future for our Community.

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

Santa Barbara County's original Child Care Planning Council ("the Council" or "CCPC") 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. Initially, financial support for Council activities was provided entirely through in-kind services by Council members; since 1994 the Council has received a grant from the State Department of Education. Funds provided to the Council are administered by the Santa Barbara County Education Office.

Since the inception of the CCPC, 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 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. The membership of the Council is prescribed by law, and must be comprised of 20% consumers (i.e., parents of children currently or formerly in child care), 20% child care providers or representatives, 20% public agency representatives, 20% representatives of community agencies that advocate for child care, and 20% discretionary appointees. However, when a previously existing Council is designated by the Superintendent of Schools and the Board to act as the local Child Care Planning Council, as occurred in Santa Barbara County, the membership may vary from these prescribed percentages so long as the Council "can achieve the representation set forth" in the statute [Education Code Section 8499.3(e)]. The Council continues to seek to achieve a balance in the five categories of membership defined by law, while also seeking to add members from under-represented populations in the county.

The California Department of Education requires that the County Education Office and the Board of Supervisors formally approve the membership of the CCPC. This approval is accomplished through signature by the County Superintendent of Schools and the Chair of the Board of Supervisors of a form entitled "Certification Statement Regarding Composition of LPC Membership" (See Attachment A: "Certification Statement"). The current membership of the Council, as approved by vote of the Council at its meeting of December 12, 2001, is shown on the attached Certification Statement. County Superintendent of Schools, William J. Cirone, has signed the Certification Statement giving his approval of the membership list. The signature of the Chair of the Board is now requested.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Local Child Care Planning Councils are mandated by Education Code Chapter 2.3, Sections 8499.3 and 8499. This action does not change County programs or service levels.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

None to County.

**Special Instructions:**

After approval and passage by the Board, please send one (1) certified copy of the Minute Order and one (1) original signed "Certification Statement" to KIDS Network, c/o DSS/Carmen Lane #208, Attention: Hedy Damery.

**Concurrence:**

County Counsel

**Attachments:**

Certification Statement